“National Drinking Water Week”

Water is our most important natural resource. Dennis Watts, Director of the City of Norfolk Water Division, said that this week, May 4 through May 10, is National Drinking Water Week and is a good time to review what the City is doing to make sure clean ample water is available to residents.

“A community depends on having quality water readily available for public health, fire protection and economic development,” Watts said. He added that the water division is completely self funded by water fees and does not rely on taxes for operation or capital improvement projects.

Current water projects in the City of Norfolk include:

Southwest Water Main

The City is currently working on installing a 24 inch water main southwest of the West Water Treatment Plant at South 49th Street four miles to near 14th and Monroe Avenue. Work began last fall on the $2.7 million project and should be completed by July 1. The new line will provide additional capacity and serve as a redundant line in the event that the existing 24” water line from the plant needs serviced.

Water line to Northwest Norfolk

With the addition of Tejas Tubular and other expected growth in northeast Norfolk, the City will be extending water service to the northeast industrial area. The water main is planned to be constructed in 2015.

Madison Avenue Pipes Replaced

A twelve inch water pipe along Madison Avenue from First Street to Seventh Street will soon be replaced.

“Since 1990 there have been four breaks in this line. The new line will cost nearly $600,000 and is planned to be replaced in 2015,” Watts said.