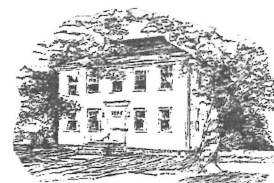


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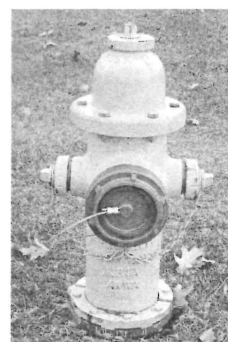
American Darling



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Storz Equipped

A Few Facts about Fire Hydrants

- A fire hydrant is a fire protection device that allows water to flow from the water main to the fire hose.
- The concept of underground fire hydrants dates back to the 1600s in Europe, and the first above ground hydrant in the USA was installed in Philadelphia in 1803.
- Hydrants are also known as fire plugs (referring to their stoppers) or Johnny pumps (because 19th century firemen were called Johnnies).
- The main body is the barrel; on top is the bonnet; and the discharges are on the side of the barrel. Valves control the water main's flow.
- Wooden outer encasements were used before cast iron ones were developed.
- Fire hoses are connected to the hydrant via either a threaded connection or a Storz couplet.
- Indian Hill has private, public, and public/private hydrants. Private ones are maintained by the owner, and public and public/private hydrants by the Water Works.
- The Madeira Indian Hill Joint Fire Department does regular maintenance on every hydrant twice a year, including cleaning gaskets and threads, lubricating, checking for water, and clearing foliage to ensure visibility. Village hydrants are yellow so that they can be easily seen. A color-coded band is attached to the hydrant to identify available water flow. In years past the top of the hydrant may have been painted to designate the flow.
- All hydrants in the Village were flow tested between 2002 and 2005.
- To maintain water quality, the Water Works flushes hydrants on a rotating schedule.
- By ordinance, any home constructed after 1979 must be within 500 feet of a hydrant.
- About 1500 fire hydrants are serviced by the Madeira Indian Hill Joint Fire Department.
- Some hydrants in the Village are 75 years old.

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