

Re-Investing for Healthy Rivers



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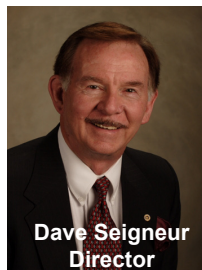
Wastewater and Surface Water

A Message from Board President Wild

Under state law, the Oak Lodge Sanitary District Board of Directors must elect a new President every January. Paul Savas filled the role of Board President from January 2005 until January of this year. He has led the Board and the District through some challenging times. This year, Paul nominated me to serve as President. I was honored to be nominated and elected. On behalf of the rest of the Board, I want to thank Paul for his commitment and dedication to the District. We look forward to his continued service on the Board. Jim Martin has been elected Vice President.

At the March Board meeting, Director David Seigneur submitted a letter resigning from the Board. Originally elected in 2005, Dave brought excellent perspectives and an ambitious agenda to the District. He was dedicated to bringing positive

change and building the confidence and trust of our ratepayers. His commitment in helping the District prepare for the future is greatly appreciated. His wisdom and dedication will be missed by us all. In his resignation letter, Dave stated that the goals he set for himself when he first was elected have all been met, and now he really is going to retire and carry out his travel plans. Happy trails, Dave!



Dave Seigneur
Director

The Board recently adopted a Strategic Plan. Over a year in the making, the development of the Plan was a cooperative effort between Staff, Management and the Board. It will serve as a "road map" to help us to stay focused on the goals and objectives we have set for the next five years. The plan will be kept updated, and will be reviewed regularly to measure progress.

The financial turmoil of the past couple of years affects many families in our community. Yet in this

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Upcoming Events

April 6th: Clackamas County Water Education Team's *Celebrate Water!* children's event. This event will be held at Clackamas Community College.

April 13th: Board of Directors Regular Meeting in the District Administration Building at 6:30pm.

April 22nd: Earth Day!

April 27th: Children's Clean Water Festival. This event will be held at PCC Sylvania Campus.

May 11th: Board of Directors Regular Meeting in the District Administration Building at 6:30pm.

* Please make sure to check the District's website for event and meeting updates as they are subject to change.

DISTRICT GOALS

- Produce clean water for the lowest possible customer rate.
- Meet all regulatory requirements.
- Implement wastewater plant improvements that are safe, efficient and easy to operate.
- Inform and involve customers and the public.
- Keep costs within project budgets.
- Be a good neighbor: minimize impacts of construction & operations.

With Director Seigneur's retirement from the Board, the District is looking for someone to fill his vacant Board seat. Serving on a local Board is a great way to give back to your community. The Board of Directors will interview interested candidates, one of whom will be appointed to a one-year term. That individual can then run for election in 2011 to fill the remaining two years of the four-year term. If you are interested in being considered, write to Board President William Wild at wwild@olsd.net or drop by the District office to fill out a Volunteer Application form. Applications are also available on the District's website at www.oaklodesanitary.com.

GET INVOLVED

District customers are invited to attend the regular monthly meetings of the Oak Lodge Sanitary District Board of Directors.

Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month, starting at 6:30 pm, at the District administration office.

Announcements and agendas are posted on-line at www.oaklodesanitary.com

Board of Directors:

Willam Wild, President
Jim Martin, Vice President
Paul Savas
Tom Foeller
David Seigneur

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difficult time, District ratepayers chose to make a significant re-investment in their wastewater treatment facility. The Board, District Management, and our engineering, construction and financial teams are all working diligently to minimize the cost of building and funding improvements to the plant. In the months ahead, we look forward to sharing updates on the progress we are making.

Now that the renovation of the treatment plant is moving forward, the Board is turning our focus to Surface Water Management issues. So far, we have received nearly 1,000 responses to our survey on this important issue. You can participate by logging on to our website and completing a survey. It only takes a couple of minutes, and your input will help shape the Watershed Strategic Plan currently being developed by Staff and our Surface Water Management Committee.

-William Wild, President

Spring into Action!

As we wish farewell to winter and prepare our gardens for spring it is important to remember that our actions impact the health of our watershed. A few small changes can make a big difference. Here are some easy tips to help protect our water environment:

1. Use mechanical methods to remove weeds rather than chemicals. Once weeds are removed, cornmeal can be added to the soil to act as a natural pre-emergent.
2. Compost kitchen scraps, grass clippings and yard debris and add it to your soil. Compost is rich in nutrients that plants need. Using compost minimizes the need for additional fertilizers.
3. Remove debris from drainage ways and catch basins. Compost grass clippings and yard debris or dispose of them in your yard debris bin provided by your garbage company. Never put clippings down the catch basin.

4. When selecting plants to include in your garden, choose native plants that are best suited for the conditions you have. These plants will require less water and fertilizer. Feel free to contact the District office to get more information about where to purchase native plants.
5. When planning a landscaping project, be sure to contact the District office. Staff will help you determine if you need an erosion control permit and can assist you in preparing an erosion control plan. Erosion increases turbidity and damages water quality. This can often be avoided with simple measures if you plan ahead.

These small steps make a big difference. Remember a healthy watershed begins with you!

Imagine my shame when I found out my owner flushes my litter...



Even flushable kitty litter should not be put down the drain. It is strain on the treatment system and can clog your drain and cause a back up in your home or your neighbors. What goes down the drain does not just disappear. Everyone needs to do their part to help maintain a healthy watershed. As we move forward with upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, it is important to protect the investment. Preventing unnecessary strain on the treatment system is just one way to help. Please dispose of your kitty litter in the trash.

