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Wastewater and Surface Water

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New Water Reclamation Facility Up and Running



District staff working with new equipment.

After a year-and-a-half of construction, the first phase of the Water Reclamation Facility Improvements Project is complete. Beginning on September 6th, the new facility was put into operation. By the end of the day, the old plant was taken out of service with all sewage flows going to the new plant. This is a major milestone for the District and for the community. The old plant began operations in 1962 and had served this community well for almost 50 years. Its

technology had become obsolete and the plant was unreliable which caused several bypasses of untreated sewage over recent years.

The new plant incorporates the latest in technology and reliability and is expected to serve the community for at least as long as the old plant did. In addition to removing traditional pollutants, the new plant will significantly reduce the amount of ammonia being discharged into the river and will achieve a very clean effluent which is expected to be of higher quality than required by our DEQ/EPA discharge permit.



One of four new aeration basins filling with wastewater for the first time.

In October, the contractor will begin the second phase of the project which will demolish the old plant and construct additional treatment facilities where the old plant stood. The second phase will conclude in the Spring of 2013, at which time the community will have one of the most capable facilities in the region. When the plant is complete we will hold a community open house to share with all of you this great investment you have made for the future of Oak Grove/Jennings Lodge/Oatfield Ridge residents. Your children and grandchildren will benefit from your foresight and your generous investment in the water environment and public health.



Construction Hotline:

Monday-Friday 8am to 5pm:
(503)786-7014

After Hours: (206)718-1826

Over the past few years the Oak Lodge Sanitary District has undertaken some large projects, including renovation of our wastewater treatment plant, and development of the Surface Water Management strategic plan. These are big projects for any agency, let alone a relatively small local utility.

One measurement of competency and achievement is recognition by professional organizations. The Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies has awarded Oak Lodge Sanitary District "Outstanding Member Agency of the Year", bestowing our district as the best clean water agency in Oregon. This is an award that can be accredited to our entire community. The support of ratepayers to fund projects and programs; the dozens of volunteers representing our district on various committees; the commitment of board members to be good stewards of this utility; the professionalism of staff in all that they do to keep us operationally sound and fiscally whole. It is the combination of these elements that make OLSD a truly outstanding agency. Congratulations to all!

William Wild
President, Board of Directors

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 6:00 pm, at the District administration office.

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

Board of Directors:

William Wild, President
Jim Martin, Vice President
Terry Gibson
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To find out more about Oak Lodge Sanitary District and its programs, visit the District's website at www.oaklodgesanitary.com or phone (503) 653-1653.

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Low Income Rate Relief Program Update

The Oak Lodge Sanitary District Board of Directors approved an expanded Low Income Rate Relief Policy at the August 9, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. The revised program now includes a discounted Surface Water Management fee in addition to the reduced sanitary sewer rate. District customers currently pay \$7.00 a month per dwelling unit for Surface Water Management. In accordance to Ordinance #1005, effective October 1, 2011, qualifying participants in the Low Income Rate Relief Program will receive a Surface Water Management fee equivalent to one half the established rate.

The District uses the Department of Housing and Urban Development's "Very Low Income" standard as the income requirement for the Low Income Rate Relief Program. The table below shows the FY2011 income limits:

Median Income	FY 2011 Income Limit Category	1 Person Household	2 Person Household	3 Person Household	4 Person Household	5 Person Household	6 Person Household	7 Person Household	8 Person Household
\$72,000	Very Low Income	\$25,200	\$28,800	\$32,400	\$36,000	\$38,900	\$41,800	\$44,650	\$47,550

For more information about the Low Income Rate Relief Program visit the District's website www.oaklodgesanitary.com or call 503-653-1653.

Know Your Watershed!



Everyone lives in a watershed. Do you know which watershed you live in? The Oak Lodge Sanitary District has six distinct watersheds that drain to the Willamette River. Each watershed is a precious natural resource.

In order to raise recognition of the District's watersheds, the District plans to erect signs along the road system identifying the basin. Designed by community members, these colorful signs will identify our riparian natural resources. They will bring attention to an asset to protect and enhance for the future of our community. The signs were designed by Hank Schmidt of Henry Schmidt Design. Mickey Weaver of Oak Grove did the wildlife illustrations.

Drug Take-Back Event

For years we were told to flush our old medications down the toilet. The intent was good. The results have not been. A rising issue in wastewater treatment is the level of pharmaceuticals that are being found in our water supply.

Oak Lodge Sanitary District is working with the Clackamas County Sheriff to host a Drug Take-Back Event on October 29, 2011. The goal of the event is to reduce the amount of unused pharmaceuticals in the water environment in addition to reducing the quantity of drugs available for theft or accidental poisoning. If flushed down the toilet or drain, unneeded or expired medications can contaminate water supplies because water reclamation facilities are not equipped to remove these substances.

The event will be held at the Public Safety Training Center, 12700 SE 82nd Avenue, Happy Valley. It's easy, just drive up and drop them off – no questions asked! This is a simple way to protect the environment and the community. Find more information at www.oaklodgesanitary.com

