



GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE—*Jim Martin, Board Chair*

On April 5, the Board of Oak Lodge Water Services District announced the retirement of Dan Bradley as General Manager. Jim Martin, Board Chair, and the OLWSD Board of Directors thank Dan Bradley for his 14 years of dedicated service to the District and the ratepayers. Mr. Bradley has expressed that he will miss working with the employees of the District.

In response to the change in leadership, the Board has appointed Jason Rice to be the Acting General Manager of the District, and Kelly Stacey as the Acting Deputy General Manager.

DISTRICT UPDATE—*Jason Rice, Interim General Manager*

It's been a busy few months since the last newsletter. Not only are we advancing the consolidation as planned, but we are also bargaining a new Union Contract with staff, compiling a budget for the 2018 Fiscal Year (which will be monitored within in a completely new financial suite of software), working to expand the Water Building to house more staff, and keeping planned capital projects on schedule and within budget.

That being said, we appreciate you as customers for trusting us to get this right. This endeavor is important to all of us. The decisions we make today set the pace for efficiencies and rate savings for the next few years. I understand that some of you might not feel like this is all happening as fast as you would prefer, but let me reassure you, we have a hard working and engaged group of individuals focused on this.

As our Budget Team gets ready to finalize the numbers for the upcoming year please keep in mind that while savings due to the consolidation have already begun to be realized, we can't ignore our infrastructure. We have pipes that need to be replaced, sewage pump stations that need rehabilitation and permits being renewed with ever-tightening requirements. While each of these items drive up total cost to run the District, our trained staff is working very hard to minimize the over-all impact to your budget.

IMPORTANT MEETING DATES

MAY 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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JUNE 2017

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MAY 16:

Oak Lodge Water Services Board Meeting at 6pm

JUNE 20:

Oak Lodge Water Services Board Meeting at 6pm

All Board Meetings to be held at Oak Lodge Water Services Building:

14496 SE River Rd.,
Milwaukie, OR 97267

Public is welcome to attend these meetings.

SPRING 2017 DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT

In April, in partnership with the Clackamas County Sheriff's office, Oak Lodge Water Services sponsored the Spring 2017 Drug Take Back Event. Folks from all around the area came by to drop off their unwanted, unused prescription drugs (no questions asked!). The event was well attended (as it usually is), on the last Saturday in April from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. This year it was held at the Public Safety Training Center in Clackamas. Drug Take Backs allow neighborhood residents to bring prescription medication and other substances that should not be dumped in garbage or through the sanitary sewer system. It's critical to the health of our ecosystems to keep these chemicals out of our surface water systems (rivers, streams, creeks). There will be a fall event as well – tell all your friends!



KEEPING STORM DRAINS CLEAN FOR SPRING

Springtime brings unpredictable rainstorms! It's always good to keep storm drains cleared of debris so that water can flow freely into district waterways. Remember to keep trash, needles, and other materials out of storm drains on the streets because they flow directly into our creeks and rivers. If you see drains that are overfull and in need of cleaning, please contact Oak Lodge so that our technicians can come out and inspect and clean catch basins.



STORM WATER UPDATES

Too much copper is harmful – but what's "too much" – and what can we do to help?

Oak Lodge Water Services recently learned about copper effects on fish and other living things. It turns out that Copper from storm water runoff is harmful to fish and other aquatic life, especially salmon. In freshwater, the concentration that will affect healthy fish behaviors can be very low for salmon. Altered behaviors from exposure to copper include disruption of their sensory system, predator avoidance, and migration. In high enough concentrations, copper can even be harmful to humans!

In order to protect ourselves and our water from too much copper, please consider the following sources that are all around us, and think about copper when servicing your vehicles, copper roofs, home water pipes, pesticides and boat treatments. Some copper sources are easier to limit – so consider limiting where you can!

If you do have copper sources touching water, one thing to do is to run that water into the ground so that it can filter itself before getting into nearby creeks and rivers. Thank you for your help!

HOW TO REDUCE COPPER IN STORM WATER DISCHARGE

There are several options for reducing copper in an industrial facility's storm water discharge. These include:

- ◆ Where possible, eliminate or reduce the sources of copper before it comes into contact with precipitation or storm water runoff.
- ◆ Treat storm water in your yards by allowing water to filter into the ground (infiltration) or vegetated area (bioswale).
- ◆ Apply pesticides and paints without copper in them whenever possible.

SOURCES OF COPPER IN STORM WATER DISCHARGE

The most common sources of copper include:

- ◆ Vehicle brake pads
- ◆ Architectural copper
- ◆ Copper-containing pesticides
- ◆ Marine antifouling coatings
- ◆ Vehicle servicing and cleaning

Other less common and often overlooked sources of copper include:

- ◆ Various roofing materials
- ◆ Air emissions (gas and diesel combustion)
- ◆ Soil erosion
- ◆ Wood preservatives
- ◆ Domestic water that discharges to storm water
- ◆ Highway storm water runoff