



# NEWSLETTER

## Congratulations Oak Lodge Water Services!

### – *OLWS Takes First for Best Tasting Water*

This past March 15<sup>th</sup>, Oak Lodge Water Services beat out 6 other local public water providers in the Northwest Oregon subsection Best Tasting Water competition held in Salem, OR.

Oak Lodge Water Services receives their water from the North Clackamas County Water Commission (NCCWC), a drinking water treatment plant co-owned by Oak Lodge Water Services, City of Gladstone and Sunrise Water Authority. The NCCWC treats its water through membrane and slow sand filtration.

The City of Stayton took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the competition, and the City of Hillsboro took 3<sup>rd</sup>. Other competitors were the City of Portland, Salem, McMinnville and the Joint Water Commission (drinking water treatment plant for Tualatin Valley Water District, City of Beaverton, Forest Grove, and City of Hillsboro). Oak Lodge Water Services will go on to compete against other subsections of the Pacific Northwest Section of the American Water Works Association's Best Tasting Water winners at the annual conference in late April.

Good luck at the annual conference, Oak Lodge!

### OLWS BOARD MEETINGS:

All Board Meetings held at:

Oak Lodge Water Services  
Administration Building

14496 SE River Rd.,  
Oak Grove, OR 97267

\* **MAY 15 at 6 p.m.**

\* **JUNE 19 at 6 p.m.**

*The public is welcome!*



**BOARD BYLINE:** Oak Lodge Water Services approved the FY2018-19 Budget in April. With the help of our Budget Committee (made up of citizen volunteers and the Board) our Budget Officer Kelly Stacey and the District Staff went through a rigorous budgeting process. The budget outlined the cost of critical activities and materials and ensured the future needs of the District were planned for in the next fiscal year. The detailed budget plan was reviewed in depth by the Budget Committee to make sure no unnecessary spending was occurring. The budget will then be sent to the Board of Directors for Adoption at the June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Board meeting. The proposed Budget is currently posted on the District's website. Actual spending is continuously overseen by management during the year, and adjustments are made to the spending plan as needed to follow the goals set by the budget.

On another topic, one of the reasons OLWS is such an amazing District is due to the practices of its residents. This spring please make sure you help us keep up our water quality by choosing green lawn and gardening practices and giving thought to conserving water through careful irrigation through the coming summer season. Thank you for all that you do to help make our District a success!

– **Nancy Gibson, Board President**

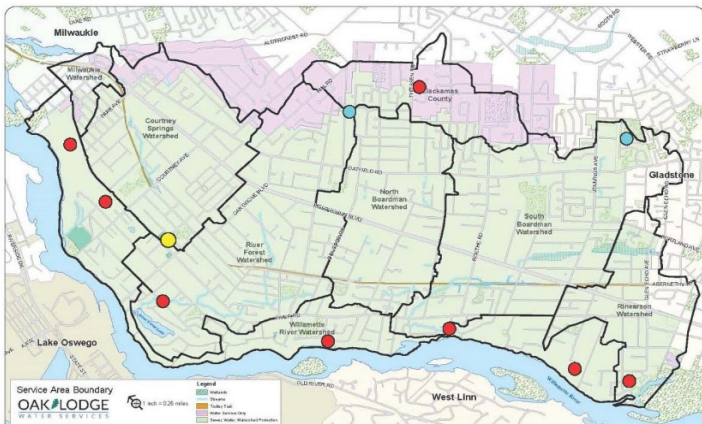
# Never Taken for Granted.....

— Information from the Oak Lodge Community Emergency Response Team

Thirsty? You confidently turn on a faucet and know that purified drinking water from Oak Lodge Water Services will quench your thirst. This is taken for granted. A natural disaster such as the forecasted Cascadia subduction zone earthquake can take that confident act away. Shifting ground can rupture water pipes, and the expected water will not make its way to your home. Emergency preparedness sources suggest that you keep many gallons of water on hand. OLWS is concerned about the well being of our customers when your home supply is depleted. Since 2015, they have been acquiring portable water purification systems that are being placed in neighborhoods with access to a year round water supply. OLWS has partnered with Oak Lodge CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) to administer the outreach portion of this program.

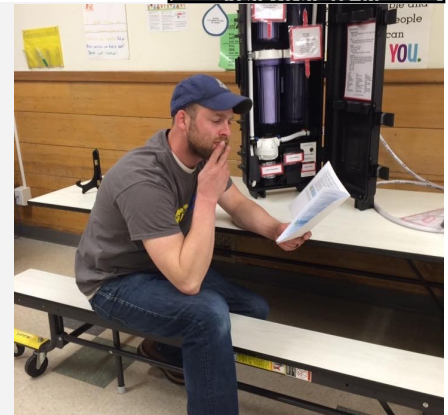
Oak Lodge CERT is a volunteer group that prepares themselves, families and neighbors through training and community education to better withstand emergencies, both man-made and natural. The group consists of a response team trained to assist at the time of disaster and an outreach arm that promotes emergency preparedness to the community.

## Hurricane filter locations - Feb 2018



## SPRING 2018 DRUG TURN-IN EVENT:

Oak Lodge Water Services sponsored the annual Spring Drug Turn-In hosted by Clackamas County Sheriff's Office on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm. It takes place in the parking lot of the Public Safety Training Center, 12700 SE Sunnybrook Blvd. Feel free to drop off your unwanted prescription drugs, or deposit them in a local drop off facility: Metro South Mon – Sat 9am-4pm, address 2001 Washington St. Oregon City, OR 97045. Ph: 503-234-3000.



Photos of "Hurricane" water treatment device

In co-operation with OLWS, Oak Lodge CERT is developing a network of Water Stewards who are hosting the emergency water purification systems in their neighborhoods where there is access to a year round water supply such as rivers, creeks, ponds, springs or swimming pools.

Are you interested in being a Water Steward?

If so.....

- Do you live in a cohesive neighborhood within the OLWS boundaries?
- Do you have access to a year round water supply?
- Are you willing to accept responsibility for providing water to your neighbors?

Please contact Jackie Brown ([culown@comcast.net](mailto:culown@comcast.net)) for more information.

**OLWS PHONE NUMBER UPDATE** — Please note that Oak Lodge Water Services will discontinue use of the former sanitary phone number 503-653-1653 in order to save costs. From now on, make sure you contact OLWS by dialing 503-654-7765.