

The Pipeline



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Norm Harker
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CRWWD Stats...
(Jan – July 2010)

- Processed 30,033 calls
- Connected approximately 1.3 homes to sewer per day
- 4 new subdivisions
- 4 new commercial projects

A Valued Community Partner

This spring and summer the District participated in several public outreach events including the Hazel Dell, Battle Ground and Ridgefield parades. You may have seen a pirate ship built by District employees in the “Pirate’s Treasure” Hazel Dell Parade of Bands this year.



Every year District staff, the three Commissioners — Norm Harker, Neil Kimsey and Denny Kiggins and the General Manager, John Peterson, participate in community events. Through various events and activities, the District extends itself to the Clark County community. “We want to engage the communities we serve and make a more personal connection with our ratepayers and stakeholders” said Hugh Findlay, District Human Resources and Risk Management Director. “Within our Strategic Plan, we seek to be an active partner in Clark County and a valued partner involved and active within our communities. One of the ways we seek to implement these ideals is through community participation.”

The District also takes part in Fire District 6 Safety Fairs and Open Houses and the Felida Children’s Parade, where District personnel set up a table, hand out educational materials and answer questions of the families attending. One of the educational outreach messages the District reinforces with its outreach efforts is its fats, oils and grease, or FOG, program. Because these substances act like cholesterol clotting your arteries, they often block homeowners’ connections to the sewer and can cause real problems for themselves and their neighbors. Avoiding this problem helps homeowners and the District.



“Many of us live in and are your neighbors throughout the District service area. These community outreach efforts help us and the District to be more fully involved and active within our communities,” Findlay said.

For additional pictures of the District’s 2010 and other events visit the District website at www.crwwd.com and click on “Photo Gallery” at the top of the page.



2011 Budget Season Ramping Up

"Each year we see a different backdrop influencing our budgeting for the upcoming year" said Ken Andrews, Finance Director. "While the housing downturn continues to impact our 2011 fiscal planning, we also see regional activities that too have an impact."

This year the District has begun working with partners Clark County and Cities of Battle Ground and Ridgefield to explore the feasibility of creating a single entity to provide conveyance and treatment services to the three service areas. While still in the feasibility study stage today, eventually this entity, if created, would have common business, financial, governance and operational planning, and provide treatment services to each of these three partners' service areas in a way that reduces overall costs.

The District has also negotiated and signed a coordination of services agreement with the City of Vancouver to develop common standards for engineering, maintenance, operations and coordinated treatment service agreements. This agreement lets the District secure a 30% rate reduction for the sewage treatment sent by the District to the City. "We now are paying a wholesale rate, rather than a retail rate, for

treatment," Andrews said. "Each year the District works hard to manage expenses and control rates, and our 2011 budget will be no exception."

The District will be mailing notices to key stakeholders to announce the 2011 budget schedule. Ratepayers with questions about the 2011 budget are welcome to attend Board workshops and meetings to provide comments.



2011 Budgeting Schedule

- ◆ October 26 – Budget Workshop #1 will review operations and maintenance expenses
- ◆ November 9 – Budget Workshop #2 will review the five-year forecast of proposed projects
- ◆ November 23 – Budget Public Hearing
- ◆ December 14 – Board action on the 2010 budget

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