# Connections

May/June 2016



# **Highway 99 Constructions Begins**

Clark Regional Wastewater District will be replacing the sewer pipe along Highway 99 between NE 63rd Street and NE 78th Street as part of a proactive effort to keep our sewer system operating safely and efficiently.

#### Investing in Hazel Dell

The project is an important re-investment in Hazel Dell. Concrete sewers, such as this one, slowly deteriorate over time. This project will provide continued reliable and affordable service for customers in Hazel Dell for many decades into the future.

#### Minimizing impacts

Careful planning has gone into minimizing impacts to area businesses and the public. All local businesses will remain open during construction and vehicle access will be maintained during business hours. Lanes will be temporarily reconfigured to allow four lanes of traffic and a turn lane, with construction generally confined to a work zone on the side of the roadway and sidewalk (see diagram).

#### **Construction timing**

Construction will begin in May after the Hazel Dell parade. Minor pre-construction may happen beforehand. The project is scheduled to be finished by November.

#### Stay up to date

The project web page contains more information and will be kept up-to-date as construction progresses: www.crwwd.com/projects/hwy99sewer.php

### Summer Construction Forecast

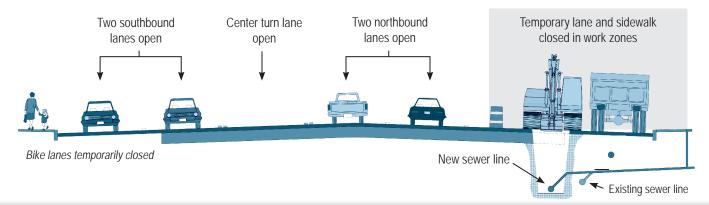
As summer heats up, so does construction. Here are some District projects that will be starting in the coming months:

- April: Manhole grouting around the District service area
- May: Sewer replacement at Highway 99 in Hazel Dell
- May: Sewer replacement at Heritage Farm
- May: Upgrade to Glenwood pump station
- July: Royle Road pump station and force main construction
- July: Salmon Creek interceptor repairs
- July: Battle Ground force main repairs

You can find more info on all projects planned or under construction online. Scan the code with your smart phone or visit: <a href="https://www.crwwd.com/cipmap">www.crwwd.com/cipmap</a>



## Highway 99 roadway reconfiguration and work zone



**Hours of Operation** 

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Closed Weekends & Holidays Emergency?

Call 24/7: 360-750-5876 Commissioners
Norm Harker

Norm Harker Neil Kimsey Denny Kiggins **General Manager** 

John M. Peterson



# Got kitty litter? Don't flush it!

Your kitty litter says "flushable" on the package. But is it really? Here's how to know if it goes in the GARBAGE...

RITTY? Non-flushable litter is mostly clay and sand, which should never be flushed. But even biodegradable or "flushable" litter isn't sewer friendly.

BSORBENT? Kitty litter is made to be highly absorbent, making it swell when exposed to water. That is really bad news for sewer flow.

EMOVAL COSTS? Operations and maintenance costs increase when non-flushable items have to be removed from the sewer system and taken to landfill.

UILD UP OVER TIME? Fat, Oil and Grease in the sewer are made worse by Grit like kitty litter, which gets trapped in greasy buildup and accelerates blockages quickly.

NIMAL WASTE? Some people put animal waste down the toilet, but it belongs in the trash. Only human waste should be flushed, since this is what the system is designed to treat.

REASY? Always remember to avoid flushing F.O.G.G., which includes Fats, Oils, Grease and Grit.

VERYONE PAYS! Things that go down the toilet do not disappear. Garbage like kitty litter ends up in the landfill eventually, but it costs everyone more going via our sewers.

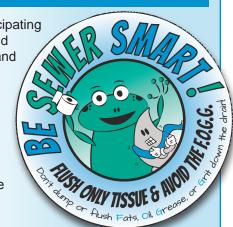
# Senior Low-Income Discounts: New Rates Begin in July

Seniors aged 62 or older who own and live in their homes may qualify for a low-income discount. For 2016/2017, a household that makes no more than \$19,913/year qualifies for a 35 percent discount, and a household that makes no more than \$31,860/year qualifies for a 20 percent discount. Last year, the District was able to offer assistance to approximately 200 individuals.

The new discount rates begin July 1, 2016. Seniors currently receiving the discount will receive instructions by mail in May or June. Others should stop by the office or contact Kelly Solomon, Finance Specialist, at (360) 993-8803 about the program.

# Come and say hi this summer!

The District will be participating in summer events around the region. Catch Frog and F.O.G.G. on parade in Hazel Dell, Ridgefield and Battle Ground. They'll also be teaching kids (and adults) about wastewater treatment at the Fire District 6 Open House. Stop by for some tips and take-aways!



# Calendar of Events

May

Hazel Dell Parade of Bands June

Fire District 6 Open House and Family Day July

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Ridgefield Parade July 18

Battle Ground Harvest Days Parade

#### Frog and the F.O.G.G.







