

# Connections

May/June 2019



## All in a Day's Work: From Your Home to the River in 24 Hours

### Get to Know the Sewers Under Your Feet

Every day, eight to 12 million – yes, million! – gallons of wastewater are generated from around our area. The wastewater is safely collected, treated and discharged into the Columbia River within 24 hours. Have you ever wondered how it gets there and what path wastewater takes from your neighborhood to the treatment plant?

Depending upon where you live or work, the wastewater you produce will travel up to 20 miles in under eight hours before it reaches the treatment plant. It takes about 12 hours for liquids to be treated to meet or exceed standards set by the State before they are safely discharged into the Columbia River. Solids take slightly longer to treat before they are trucked off-site to be used as nutrient-rich fertilizer at local farms.

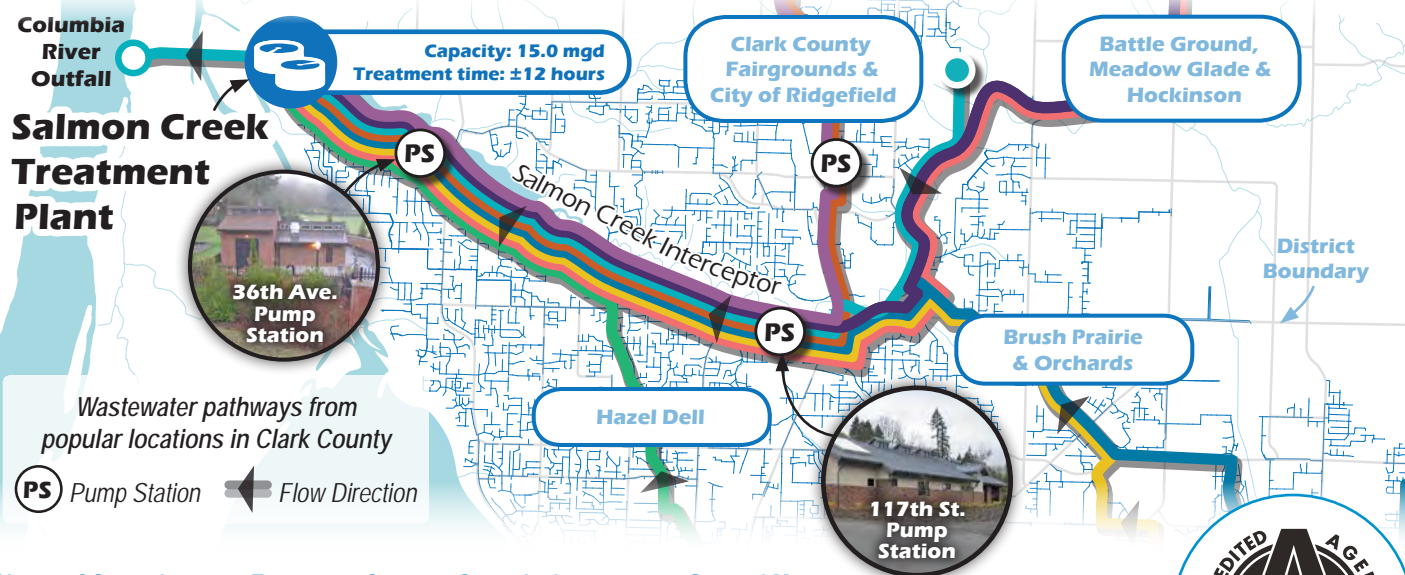
The sewer system consists of more than 600 miles of sewer pipes and more than 70 pumping stations.

Much of it is beneath the local roads, streets and pathways you travel on every day.

An important part of this critical sewer network is located underneath the popular Salmon Creek Greenway Trail. That's right! Wastewater from Ridgefield, Hockinson, Brush Prairie, Hazel Dell, Salmon Creek and beyond converge at the Salmon Creek Interceptor before making its way to the Salmon Creek Treatment Plant. Whether you walk, bike, run or roll down the trail, there's a vast wastewater infrastructure that runs under your feet.

Reliably and responsibly operating and maintaining this system helps keep us and our environment safe and healthy.

To find out more about the Wastewater Pathways, visit [crwwd.com/pollution.html](http://crwwd.com/pollution.html)



#### Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Closed Weekends  
and Holidays

#### Emergency?

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#### Commissioners

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Visit us online at [www.CRWWD.com](http://www.CRWWD.com)

## Low-Income Senior Discount

People aged 62 or older who own and live in their homes year-round may qualify for a low-income discount. Last year, the District was able to offer assistance to approximately 250 households. All District customers support this program at a cost of approximately a nickel per month.

The effective date for the new year is August 1, 2019, so contact us today to find out if you qualify.

For more information, call **(360) 750-5876 ext. 601** or visit [crwwd.com/senior-discount.html](http://crwwd.com/senior-discount.html)

## Online Payment System Upgrade

In an effort to enhance our online customers' payment experience, the District has upgraded our systems. Customers who make their payments online will be required to update their information on the District's secure payment portal.

For instructions and more information, call **(360) 750-5876 ext. 601** or visit [crwwd.com/payment-update.pdf](http://crwwd.com/payment-update.pdf)

## Summer Fun

Join the District at one of our fun summer events. Learn about your local sewer system and planned improvements.

### Calendar of Events

May 13	May 18	June 1	July 4
Ridgefield Junction Neighborhood Association Meeting	Hazel Dell Parade of Bands	Fire District 6 Open House	Ridgefield 4th of July Parade

Salmon Creek Greenway

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

