

# Connections

November/December 2016



## District Commissioner Honored with Statesman of the Year



Neil Kimsey, a member of the District's Board of Commissioners since 1996, was recently awarded Statesman of the Year by the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce. The award recognizes Commissioner Kimsey's contributions to the community of Southwest Washington and his support of the local business community.

Throughout his tenure as Commissioner, Neil has been dedicated to providing the community with affordable and reliable sewer service. He has focused on maintaining the highest standards of planning, rate control and management. He's also been an ambassador within the business community and active at the local and state level to promote utility excellence.

"Neil's vision, dedication and leadership have been instrumental in creating our regional wastewater partnership, the Discovery Clean Water Alliance," said District General Manager

John Peterson. "He helped find a balanced approach that worked for all parties. This partnership will provide stability for ratepayers and help secure a solid economic foundation for the future of our community."

## Good News for Ratepayers

### No Rate Increases in 2017

The District is pleased to announce there will be no base rate increases for 2017. Customers will continue to receive high-quality service at the same low rate as 2016.

This is the result of successful long-term planning and proactive financial management by the District's team. More information about the District's finances can be found on the website. Meeting dates for the 2017 budget process are on the back of this newsletter.

### District Reimbursed for Emergency Repair

In December last year, the District responded to a broken sewer line near Tenny Creek that resulted from a large storm. The emergency response was hailed as widely successful in protecting public and environmental health in the face of severe weather. The District recently learned that an application for federal disaster response funds was successful. The reimbursement is more than \$250,000 – greater than 85% of the District's expenses.



*Emergency repairs on a broken sewer pipe provided the opportunity to make Tenny Creek more fish friendly (left).*

#### Hours of Operation

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

#### Emergency?

Call 24/7:  
360-750-5876

#### Commissioners

Norm Harker  
Neil Kimsey  
Denny Kiggins

#### General Manager

John M. Peterson

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# Free Leaf Disposal COUPON

For Vancouver and Clark County residents only

Prevent street flooding — NEVER blow or place leaves in the street.  
Use this coupon for free leaf disposal from:

October 1 - December 31, 2016

## DISPOSAL DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

### City Bark

2419 NE Andresen  
Vancouver, WA  
360-253-8461

### H & H Wood Recyclers

8401 NE 117th Ave  
Vancouver, WA  
360-892-2805

### West Van Materials Recovery Center

6601 NW Old Lower River Rd  
Vancouver, WA | 360-737-1727

### Triangle Resources

612 SE Union St  
Camas, WA  
360-834-7253

This coupon must be presented at the drop-off site and is for **LEAVES ONLY**, up to 5 cubic yards.

No trimmings, yard debris or mixed loads with this coupon; these items will be charged at the regular price.

Leaves must be emptied from plastic or kraft bags.

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City of Vancouver residents: Funding for your participation in this program is provided through your garbage rates.  
Clark County residents: Funding for participation is provided by Clark County Public Works.

## Arrange a Speaker in 2017

Does your neighborhood association, business association or other community group want to know more about the wastewater system? Our staff enjoy visiting community members and explaining how sewer services touch many aspects of our lives, including public health, environmental health and economic development.

If you are interested in having a speaker at one of your meetings or would like to organize a tour of the treatment plant, please contact Kim Thur at (360) 993-8822 or by email at [kthur@crwwd.com](mailto:kthur@crwwd.com).

## Upcoming Events: 2017 Budget

During November and December, the District will complete the 2017 budget planning process. You are invited to attend one of these public meetings in the Board Room at the District's offices:

- **November 8:** Budget workshop #3
- **December 13:** Budget public hearing
- **December 27:** Board action on 2017 budget

Meeting topics and times are available on the District's news page: [www.crwwd.com/about/news.html](http://www.crwwd.com/about/news.html)

## Reliability Tip: No Eggshells Down the Disposal!

Egg shells are bad for your disposal, your pipes and the whole sewer system. Did you know:

- Egg shells and other gritty food scraps can **shorten the life of your disposal**.
- Grit from eggshells **increases clogs** because grit gets stuck in grease in the pipes, causing even more build up.
- The best thing to do with your eggshells is **compost them** – or even mulch them straight into your garden! Calcium in egg shells is great for vegetables such as tomatoes and squash.



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



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