

# Connections

September/October 2019



## Investing for a Future of Reliable Service

Clark Regional Wastewater District is preparing to expand facilities on its campus to house its growing operations. As Clark County has grown, so has the demand for services. Currently serving more than 100,000 people, our customer base has doubled in the last 20 years and is expected to double again over the next 20.

*“Every new customer represents more wastewater and more pipes and pumps that must be managed. Reinvesting in the current campus is the most cost-effective solution for the near term. This supports the District’s mission to provide the community with affordable and reliable service.”*

—Norm Harker, Board President

## Facilities to Support a Future of Reliable Service

Built in 1996, the existing campus and facilities has served us well, but it’s time for upgrades. The District will invest more than \$13 million for new facilities along with seismic and general improvements to our administrative campus. This will provide facilities for vehicles, equipment, materials and staff that are essential to delivering affordable and reliable service for our customers

## Improving District Operations and Preparedness

A new 8,000 square foot operations building, seismic upgrades to existing maintenance bays and other improvements will allow us to respond and restore sewer services faster. Housing critical infrastructure, vehicles and equipment in the new facilities will make them more accessible in the event of an emergency.



Construction is anticipated to begin in 2019 and be complete in 2022. Our offices will remain open during construction. However, the Board Meeting Room will not be available for public use due to safety concerns. For more information, visit [crwwd.com/projects/campus.html](http://crwwd.com/projects/campus.html)

### Hours of Operation

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

### Emergency?

Call 24/7:  
360-750-5876

### Commissioners

Norm Harker  
Denny Kiggins  
Neil Kimsey

### General Manager

John M. Peterson



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# Free Leaf Disposal COUPON

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

For Vancouver and Clark County residents only

October 1 - December 31, 2019

## DISPOSAL DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

**H & H Wood Recyclers**  
8401 NE 117th Ave  
Vancouver, WA  
360-892-2805

**McFarlane's Bark**  
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Vancouver, WA  
360-892-6125

**West Van Materials  
Recovery Center**  
6601 NW Old Lower River Rd  
Vancouver, WA | 360-737-1727

**Triangle Resources**  
612 SE Union St  
Camas, WA  
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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.

## Another Clean Fiscal Audit

The State of Washington audits local government agencies to promote accountability, integrity and openness. The recent audit for fiscal year 2018 confirmed we uphold all areas of financial reporting and has controls in place to effectively safeguard the public's money.

Every year, we go a step further than required to create and make publicly available a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

It has more meaningful financial information than statements alone, linking current and planned activities to broad financial impacts.

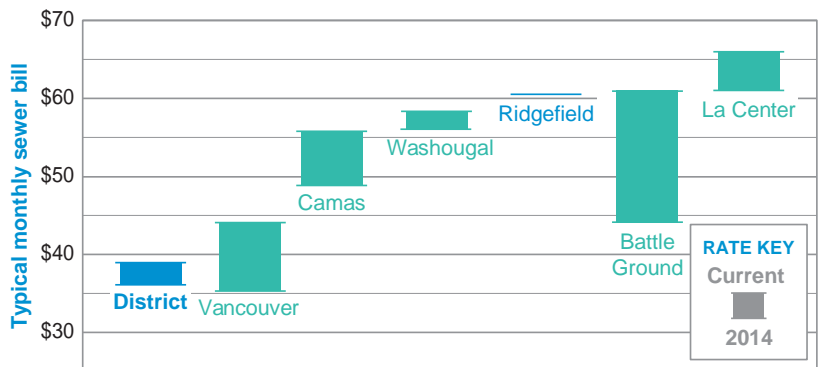
For more information about our finances and to view the CAFR, visit [crwwd.com/about/financials.html](http://crwwd.com/about/financials.html)

## Keeping Your Rates Low

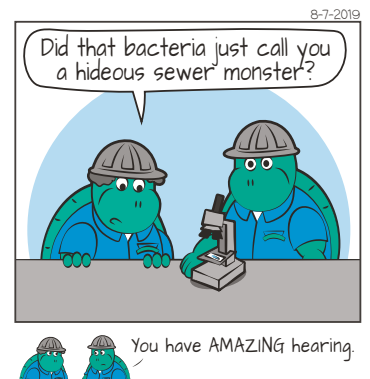
Through proactive financial planning, capital programming and rate management, we have maintained stable and competitive rates for decades, even during tough economic

times. While customers locally and nationally are experiencing more substantive rate increases, our customers have benefited from sub-inflationary level adjustments. Over the last five years, our rates have increased \$3 per month (8%), whereas, the average increase in Clark County was more than \$6. As a result, our base rate is the lowest in Clark County.

## Clark County Rate Comparison 2014–Current



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



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