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Clark Regional Wastewater District

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Would you like to receive a free "Freeze the Grease" kit?



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Thur at (360) 993-8822 or by email to kthur@crwwd.com.



District Board Adopts Balanced Budget

On December 23, the Board of Commissioners adopted a balanced \$36 million budget, which includes the following highlights:

Expenses

- \$5.8 million treatment costs (16%). Treatment is one of the District's largest costs.
- \$7.3 million operational costs (20%). We move approximately 8 million gallons of sewage each day from your homes and businesses to the treatment plants.
- \$3.4 million debt service (10%). Annual debt payments for capital infrastructure.
- \$19.5 million construction costs (54%). In order to provide efficient and reliable service, we allocate this money to ensure we continue to repair and expand the sewer system, including the Discovery Corridor Wastewater Transmission System connecting Ridgefield to the District collection system.

Revenues

- \$16.5 million monthly sewer rates (46%). As a non-profit utility, your sewer payments fund the majority of our operations.
- \$3.5 million connection charges (10%). Development and new customers pay their fair share of the system.

- \$2.0 million investments and other income (5%).
- \$9.4 million low-cost Washington state loans (26%).
- \$4.6 million District reserves (13%).

The 2014 budget is available for download at the District's website, www.crwwd.com. Thank you for your continued investment in sewer service for our community.

Welcome City of Ridgefield Customers



The District would like to welcome our newest customers--the citizens of Ridgefield. The District has provided affordable, customer-focused sewer service to Clark County since 1958. Including Ridgefield, the utility now serves over 27,000 customers. To learn more about the District, update your account, view your bill or sign up for AutoPay, please visit us at www.crwwd.com, or call us at (360) 750-5876. We look forward to serving you!

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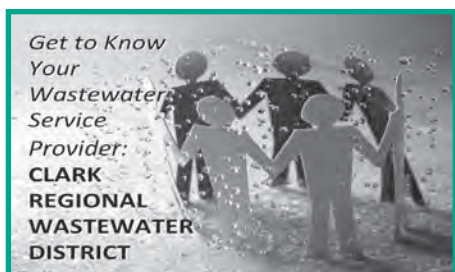
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Want to Learn More About the District in 2014?

Does your neighborhood or business association or other group want to know more about what's happening at the District? With the start of the new year, there is a lot of excitement and energy in the air at the District that we would like to share with you.

The District continues to be involved in a number of significant efforts that are helping to position us and our community for long-term health, system reliability and financial viability. A number of these projects will take pivotal steps forward in 2014, including the transfer of the Ridgefield Collection System (effective January 1, 2014), the formation of a regional sewer partnership (Discovery Clean Water Alliance) and major capital projects like the Discovery Corridor Wastewater Transmission System. All of which is in addition to what happens on an ongoing basis---the important work we do to manage, operate, maintain and repair the sewer system.



We want you all to be informed and aware of what the District is doing. So, one of the ways we can do this is by joining you and your neighbors, business associates, classmates or friends at one of your regular meetings. If you are interested in having a District speaker at one of your meetings, we would be happy to arrange it. Please contact Kim Thur at (360) 993-8822 or by email at kthur@crwwd.com.

Meet Andria Swann, Pretreatment Coordinator

Texas born and Virginia raised, Andria Swann joined the District recently in July of 2013. A self-described "wastewater nerd", Andria brought her passion for the outdoors and for protecting the environment into her position as the District's Pretreatment Coordinator.



In this position Andria is able to align her professional career with her passion to protect public and environmental health. So what is pretreatment all about? Pretreatment is really about protecting the sewer system before the wastewater is discharged back into the environment. Pretreatment is also concerned with protecting the condition of the sewer system and the health and safety of the residents and workers that use it.

Andria works diligently to ensure that all of our customers are discharging wastewater in a safe manner and that the character of the wastewater is such that it can be safely and effectively treated prior to discharge. Whether it is an industry discharging process wastewater, a residence flushing wipes or a restaurant discharging Fats, Oils & Grease, "FOG", these are all areas within the Pretreatment world.

With regards to Andria herself, she has experience in both the public and private sector and she is very excited about her opportunities here. Prior to joining the District, Andria was the Pretreatment Coordinator for the Town of Culpepper, Virginia. She and her husband were looking for opportunities elsewhere and decided on the Pacific Northwest.

Go Green!

After receiving your first bill, you can visit www.crwwd.com to enroll in AutoPay and have automatic monthly payments deducted from your checking or savings account. You may also enroll in WebPay to receive paperless e-bills or make payments with your Visa or MasterCard (debit/credit).



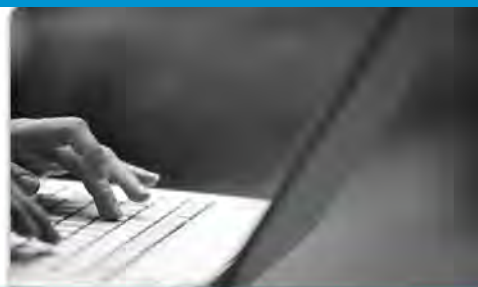
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