



# NEWSLETTER

## 2018 Water Calendars are Here

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Each year the Clackamas River Water Providers holds a coloring contest with local elementary schools within our service areas to create an annual Water Conservation Calendar. The theme for the 2018 calendar was “How I Can Protect and Conserve My Drinking Water”. Students were encouraged to create pictures depicting what they had learned about their water and what they can do to both conserve and protect it.

This year we had 21 classes from 12 different schools participate in the contest with over 600 entries. From all the submitted entries, thirteen pictures were chosen and posted on the CRWP website so the community could vote for which one of the thirteen pictures would be on the cover of the calendar. Each school that had at least one class participate in the contest will receive a box of calendars to give out to family and friends or to use as fundraisers. Additional calendars are distributed throughout Clackamas River Water Provider members’ offices, City Halls, and Libraries.

If you would like a calendar of your own please visit OLWS and ask at the desk or email [christine@clackamasproviders.org](mailto:christine@clackamasproviders.org) and she will mail you one.

### OLWS BOARD MEETINGS:

All Board Meetings held at:

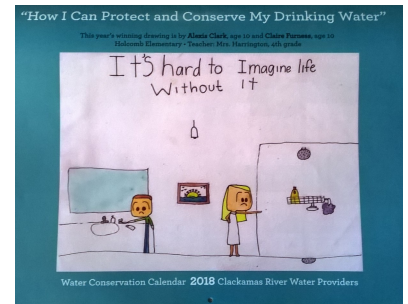
Oak Lodge Water Services  
Administration Building

14496 SE River Rd.,  
Oak Grove, OR 97267

\* **JANUARY 16 at 6 p.m.**

\* **FEBRUARY 20 at 6 p.m.**

*The public is welcome!*



Winter is in full swing. Here in the Willamette Valley, winter can bring heavy rains. Do your part to control rising water by making sure to keep catch basins and ditches clear.


Clean up brush and debris in your yard to prevent it from washing into drainage ways where it can cause water to back-up. Also, secure loose soil to prevent erosion that can fill the bottoms of catch basins and ditches with silt, preventing maximum drainage and harming water quality.

If water does begin to rise, there is a sand bag station in the former Oak Lodge Sanitary District administration building parking lot available to District customers.

If you experience flooding please contact the Clackamas County Disaster Management number at 503-655-8378 or visit [www.clackamas.us/dm/flooding.html](http://www.clackamas.us/dm/flooding.html).

## Consolidation Update: Understanding Your Combined Bill

### – Oak Lodge Water Services Moves to Joint Billing



Oak Lodge Water Services provides clean water services to residents of Oak Grove, Jennings Lodge, and to portions of the Oatfield Ridge. Serving over 30,000 residents, the District relies on service charges and other fees to support clean water production, wastewater treatment, watershed protection, field operations and capital improvement projects. Through billing, district customers support the clean water environment and public health.

The combined OLWS bill will arrive bi-monthly and have three components: a sanitary sewer service charge, a watershed protection fee, and a drinking water consumption charge. These services have many components within them, including the following:

Wastewater from homes and businesses contains sink, dishwasher, laundry, toilet wastes, and anything that has been flushed or poured down the drain. As wastewater leaves your homes and businesses, it travels through a system of sewer pipes and pumping stations to the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF). The WRF is a technological marvel which turns these wastes into clean water, fertilizer, and waste bound for the landfill. The cleaned water is tested to meet water quality standards under the *Clean Water Act* and then released into the Willamette River; and the fertilizer is spread on farmlands where it provides nutrients to help crops grow.

OLWS drinking water is sourced from the Clackamas River, treated for human consumption, and then tested to meet water quality standards under the *Safe Drinking Water Act*. Treatment processes include membrane filtration, and slow sand filtration before water is pumped to distribution systems.

Water and wastewater providers make clean water a reality, and public health a central component of our communities.

Help keep your water/wastewater costs down by keeping all trash out of the pipes, and through water conservation and conservation devices that support decreased water consumption. For more information about water conservation and free low-flow devices, please visit: [www.clackamasproviders.org](http://www.clackamasproviders.org).

—Thanks to the Clackamas River Water Providers for portions of this article.

### **BOARD BYLINE — Jim Martin, Chair of the Board**

Cold weather is a major cause of breaks in our water and sewer mains and pipes. The District depends on you — our customers — to alert us of these breaks. If you see a water main, fire hydrant, or water service line (between the water meter and the street) that is broken or water gushing up out of either the street, ground, or from a manhole, please immediately call (503) 654-7765! (You can report 24 hours a day.)

Please also call (503) 654-7765 for sewer spills or if you see someone illegally dumping into a storm drain.

Please remember, call if you see any water or sewer problem — you may be the first to know about it. Information provided to our emergency number allows us to contain the spill or break as soon as possible and begin repairs. Our goal is to restore water and sewer services as quickly as possible. We appreciate your assistance, you make a difference!