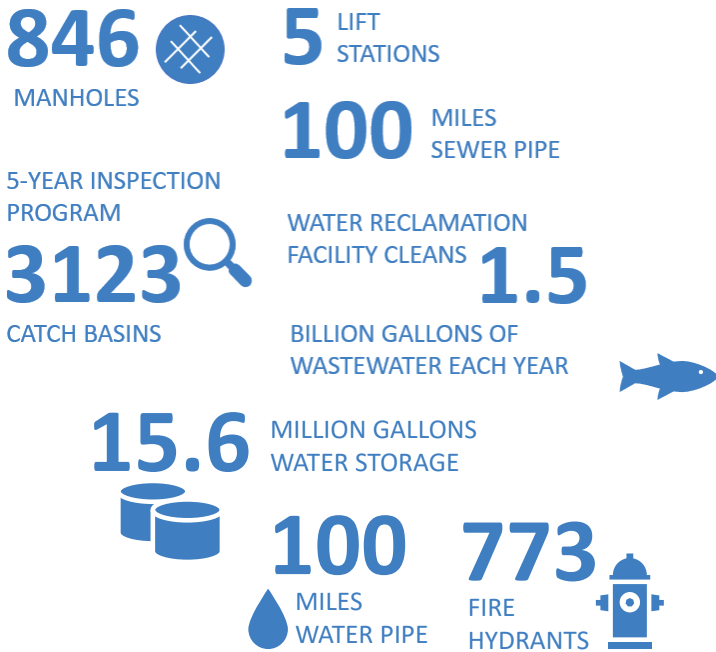


Board Byline

The Board of Directors has been seeking to reorganize OLWS as a Joint Water & Sanitary Authority. On May 5, 2022, the Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners approved the transition from a District to an Authority. Registered voters had the opportunity to elect the first governing body of the Oak Lodge Water Services Authority at the Special Election on August 23, 2022. Reorganizing as an Authority adds greater certainty for planning long-term, and will protect the integrity of your infrastructure investments.



To view the newly elected board members and details about upcoming meetings visit our website at OakLodgeWaterServices.org.

Questions? Please contact Alexa Morris, Outreach & Communications Specialist, at (503) 353-4219 or by email at alexa@olwsd.org.

Editor's note: this newsletter had to be submitted prior to the results of the Special Election which is why the Board Member results are not included in this newsletter.

Community Participation

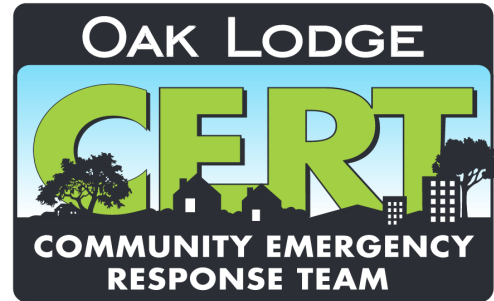
You're invited to attend Board meetings. The public may attend through Zoom video conference or in-person (14496 SE River Road). The upcoming regular meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. on:

- September 20, October 18 & November 15

Learn how to attend at OakLodgeWaterServices.org or email info@olwsd.org for assistance.

Oak Lodge Community Emergency Response Team (OLCERT)

Each September, National Preparedness Month encourages and reminds everyone to be prepared for disasters or emergencies in their homes, businesses, and communities.



The OLCERT is a group of trained volunteer members who want to build our community to be more resilient during emergencies. OLCERT provides a variety of opportunities for education and trainings for the community. An Active CERT Member trains as part of a team to respond to emergencies. An Informed CERT Member remains informed of upcoming public training events, prepares at a family level for emergencies, and is plugged into a network to support them in time of need.

Upcoming training opportunities:

- Basic CERT Training: October 15, 22 & 29
- CPR/AED Certification: October 29

To get involved email info@OakLodgeCERT.org and follow them on Facebook @OakLodgeCERT.



Follow the Water – Connect the Drops

Did you know that OLWS works with a statewide coalition to promote clean rivers and streams? The Clean Rivers Coalition (Coalition) is made up of more than 60 agencies, watershed councils, soil and water conservation districts, and nonprofits. In 2019, the Coalition commissioned a statewide survey to learn how people feel about and use our state's water resources. The responses showed that Oregonians highly value their rivers and streams, yet many engage in practices like using pesticides and fertilizers in ways that harm water quality. As a result, the Coalition developed the Follow the Water – Connect the Drops campaign. The campaign has three goals:

1. Connect people to their rivers.
2. Connect people's behavior to their rivers.
3. Promote clean water behaviors.

The campaign is built on the notion that water health is not a local issue, but a region-wide issue that requires regional solutions with statewide support. Through collaboration and sharing, our efforts are more effective.



The campaign website showcases three videos that inspire us to pause and think about our water and our connections to it. The first chapter, Connection, inspires us to feel our connection with water: water is life, water is sacred. The second chapter, Disconnection, explores the ways in which we are disconnected from our water in the modern world. In the third chapter, Reconnection, the viewer is treated to personal stories of reconnection. Check it out and be inspired at <https://followthewater.info>.

Stormdrain Cleaning Assistance Program (SCAP)

OLWS coordinates the SCAP discount program to assist area businesses. Stormdrains require regular cleaning to remove pollutants and prevent flooding. The discounted flat fee of \$60 covers removal of debris from standard parking lot drains. Register at bit.ly/SCAP-2022. Deadline is October 31, 2022. Questions? Contact alexa@olwsd.org or call (503) 353-4219.



Once a Year - Fall Fertilization

The time to apply fertilizer is when the grass is growing more roots than blades. You can help protect water quality and have a healthy lawn if you fertilize just once a year. Choose a high-quality fall fertilizer containing slow-release nitrogen and apply it according to the directions in September/October. This will promote growth in the spring and protect our waterways. With your help, we can reduce the amount of chemicals used on our home gardens and lawns.



Emergency Contact Information

Our team is available 24 hours a day at (503) 654-7765. If you see water gushing up out of either the street, ground, or from a manhole, please call us. Use the same number if you notice sewer spills or if you see someone illegally dumping into a stormdrain.



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