

Board Byline

By Paul Gornick, Board President

The Oak Lodge Water Services Board of Directors (Board) is seeking to reorganize the District as a Joint Water & Sanitary Authority. A Joint Water & Sanitary Authority is a type of "special district" under Oregon law that would solidify the OLWS boundary area (Oak Grove, Jennings Lodge, as well as parts of Milwaukie and Gladstone). The change will not affect the services you receive or the rate making process, which will continue to be based on cost-of-service.

Join members of the Board at an upcoming Community Conversation session to learn more:

Monday, January 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Register here:

<https://tinyurl.com/acc-jan24>

Saturday, January 29 at 1:00 p.m.

Register here:

<https://tinyurl.com/acc-jan29>

Registration is required to receive a link and password to attend the session. The Community Conversations will also be recorded and made available on YouTube. If you are unable to attend and would like to receive a link to watch the recordings, email the word "ADD ME" to alexa@olwsd.org to receive the link to the recordings as well as updates on the reorganization process.

Use our online form to submit questions about the reorganization: <https://tinyurl.com/authority-survey>

If you have trouble accessing any of the links or do not have access to the internet, please contact Alexa Morris, Outreach & Communications Specialist, at (503) 353-4219 or by email at alexa@olwsd.org.

Community Participation

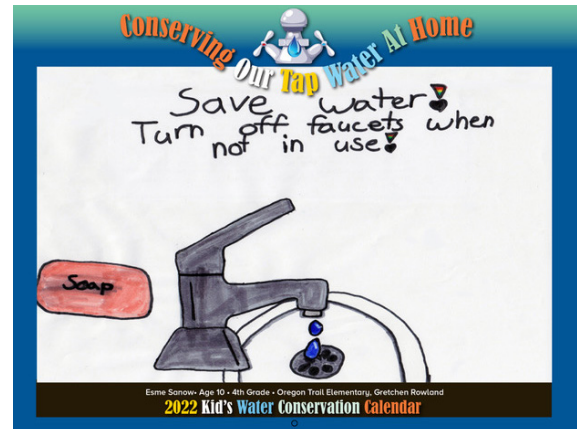
You're invited to attend District Board Meetings. At this time, Board meetings are being held online. The upcoming meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. on:

- January 18
- February 15
- March 15

Learn how to call in at oaklodgewaterservices.org or email info@olwsd.org for assistance.

2022 Calendars Now Available

Each year the Clackamas River Water Providers invite teachers and their students to participate in their annual water conservation calendar coloring contest. The theme for the 2022 Calendar is "Conserving Our Tap Water at Home". The 2022 calendars are available to customers at our office or upon request by contacting Christine at 503-723-3511 or christine@clackamasproviders.org.



Indoor Water Conservation

The following are everyday tips and ideas about how you and your family can use water more efficiently in and around your home. Savings are based on a family of four.

- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth (Saves 3 gallons per day).
- Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher. (Saves 75-200 gallons per week).
- Use the garbage disposal less and the garbage more (Saves 50-150 gallons per month).

Read more: clackamasproviders.org/indoor-conservation

Deicing Tips for Home

Be prepared for the weather this year. Plan ahead to protect yourself, your pets, and our water.

- Assemble a bucket of sand and gravel and a shovel.
- Avoid using table or rock salt – Use sand and sparingly mix deicing products containing magnesium, potassium, or calcium.
- Consider traction cleats for your shoes.
- Use a pan of water to rinse shoes and paws.
- Sweep up all products after the storm and dispose in the trash.



Wildlife & Water Friendly Gardens Series

The District is proud to support the Clackamas Community College Environmental Learning Center's FREE online learning series. This is for anyone interested in home gardening for wildlife and water quality with a focus on adapting to our changing climate. Learn how to garden with less water, choose temperature resilient trees and more. Each class will take place on Thursdays from 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. on Zoom.

- January 21 – Garden With Less Water
- January 28 – Birds in Your Garden
- February 4 – Healthy Trees
- February 11 – Non-Chemical Pest Control
- February 18 – Scrumptious Soil for Watershed Wellness
- February 25 – Permeable Hardscapes
- March 4 – Non-Chemical Weed Control

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/mn8f2r6b>



Stormwater Needs Your Help

Stormwater runoff is the most significant source of water pollution in our state. When it rains, stormwater washes over streets, roofs, lawns and parking lots. On its way, it picks up oil, sediment, bacteria, grease and chemicals that pollute our local streams and the Willamette River.

In the winter season, be a water protector by taking the following actions:

- Pile snow in locations where it can melt and soak into the ground.
- Pile snow in areas where water does not pool – uphill from rain gardens.
- Clear away any snow that may have been thrown onto the storm drains – this helps avoid flooding.
- Start shoveling early to avoid using salt or deicer.

Through watershed protection and planning, the District is taking a long-term approach to protecting the health of our water resources. The District's stormwater management program provides monitoring and enforcement of water quality protections. Through watershed planning we are taking a big picture, long-term approach to protecting the health of neighborhood streams.

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 storm drain.