Lake Oswego-Tigard Water Partnership

Revised Cost Estimates Still Show Partnership Benefits for Lake Oswego

Making good decisions is more important now than ever during tough economic times. Lake Oswego’s decision to partner with the City of Tigard in 2008 ensured that residents would be provided with reliable and affordable drinking water for the next 50-70 years. By sharing costs with Tigard, Lake Oswego takes care of its current and future water needs and gets to spread costs over a larger population base. The Partnership saves Lake Oswego residents $70,560,000 in capital and operations costs over the next 25 years compared to making needed improvements on its own, even after the recently completed, revised project cost estimate of $230 million.

The current water supply system was established in the late 1960s largely with federal funds. Key facilities—like the Clackamas River water intake and the treatment plant—are nearly 45 years old. Over those years, the City continued to invest in facility upgrades, replacements and maintenance to keep high-quality water flowing to a growing population. Those investments lengthened the life of the system but major facilities are now in need of renovation.

Over the last decade, water demand during high use periods has grown to the point where it now exceeds the current 18 million gallons per day supply capability. Even with Lake Oswego’s modest growth projections, it will need more water in the future. Fortunately, the City has additional, unused Clackamas River water rights that allow increased withdrawals. Partnering with Tigard preserves Lake Oswego’s water rights, ensuring its future water supply.

How does this translate to your water bill? Lake Oswego’s share of the total cost of the Partnership improvements being considered is estimated at $106 million including ozone disinfection, and $54 million without ozone. The good news is that the rate structure adopted by City Council two years ago closely estimated Lake Oswego’s portion of the anticipated system upgrades. Right now, the typical Lake Oswego residential customer uses 7,500 gallons of water per month. Under the proposed pricing structure that includes ozone, the average bill would increase about $5/month or 23 cents per day starting next year. At the end of the construction period (around 2016) water bills would be about $15/month for the use of 7,500 gallons. That’s less than a penny a gallon to ensure a safe, reliable water supply for this generation, their children and grandchildren. Without ozone, the cost per month is $55 or $61. If Lake Oswego were to construct improvements on its own (the “Do It Alone” strategy), your water bill would increase to $82 by 2016. That’s the power of the Partnership!

On November 30, the Lake Oswego City Council will hear the latest figures regarding rates. On December 7, the Council will adopt the Capital Improvement Plan for the Partnership project and will adopt new water rates on December 14.

Please check the project website www.lottogardner.com for meeting schedules and other information about the Partnership.

Commercial Food Waste Recycling

The City Council is scheduled to consider new collection rates this month for Allond Waste Services of Lake Oswego for general waste collection. Among the changes is a proposed monthly waste collection cost of $2 per every two units, which is the pilot customer for this proposed collection program.

Commercial food waste recycling is easy:

- Businesses sort food waste into a separate container or bin.
- Allond Waste Services of Lake Oswego collects and transports food waste to the Tigard Compost Site, (WHA), the company’s transfer station in Wilsonville. It then sorts, transports and processes food waste to Pacific Region Compost (PRC) near Corvallis, the company’s facility for converting food waste into compost.
- PRC’s Klamath and Tyler facilities in Oregon permitted this at this time by Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) to compost food waste.

The rates presented to Council are four-percent less for containers with only food waste than the rates charged for containers with food waste from pop, from original classics to composted foods. Come for a delightful evening of entertainment.

Free Computer Classes

The facility is a series of computer classes. Classes are free, but you must sign up in advance. Call 503-635-0257, ext. 2304 to sign up.

Performing Arts Series - The Malden Misanthrope Dancers November 20, 12 p.m.

Malden Misanthrope is a performer, teacher and choreographer of Irish traditional dance. She will inform the American among the top Irish traditional “Teirs By Teirs” model to our community. Her teaching flair, plus great wine pairings. Saturday, November 20, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Laschur Farm, $30 age 21 and up.

Christmas Stalls

Starting with a fluffy little chick and winding your way to the sugar plum fairy, Santa and the sugar plum fairies and the secret to beating Degenerative Disease.

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West End Building, 501 River Way For more information call 503-635-2549

Lake Oswego Sports www.lakemosports.com

Adult City League Basketball: Team registration opens Wednesday, November 17, for ages 18+. 9-court fee is $50 per team, extra for non-residents.

Adult Drop-In Sports. Feel like a pickup game of volleyball, basketball or table tennis? Tasty treats include popcorn, candy canes, and cookies! And the evening concludes with a special kids’ craft activity. Join us in this delightfully fun 46-year tradition!

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