GOOD NEIGHBORS DON'T JUST HAPPEN

How can you remain a good neighbor when you remodel a house or build a new one?

Cities face the same question when providing new or improved drinking water, road, or wastewater facilities in neighborhoods. Even though these improvements benefit the entire community, some neighbors take the brunt of construction and operations. That’s why the Lake Oswego-Tigard Water Partnership is taking extra efforts in neighborhoods where water improvements are planned.

Cities often use what is called a Good Neighbor Plan (GNP) to address the concerns of facility neighbors. The purpose of a GNP is to inform facility and site design, construction and operation for these major Partnership facilities. The Plan reflects a good faith effort and commitment by both the neighborhood and the Partnership to ensure facilities remain compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

The Partnership just completed a draft GNP with the Robinwood Neighborhood in West Linn, where design is beginning soon for water treatment plant improvements. The new Waluga Reservoir, which will be located between Parkhill and Carman Drive in Lake Oswego, will be designed later this year. The Partnership wants to work with neighbors there to begin a Good Neighbor Plan in advance of the design process.

For more information about the Partnership or to view the Draft Water Treatment Plant GNP currently under review by the Robinwood Neighborhood in West Linn, go to lotigardwater.org.