



NEWSLETTER

January 2021

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Monday through Friday

Other times by appointment

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WATER EMERGENCY CONTACT PROCEDURE

If you have a water pressure problem/emergency call the office number (503) 368-7309 and if no one answers, be sure to leave a message as the line might be in use when you call and will transfer to voicemail. If you don't reach anyone at the office, then call (503) 804-4649 and if no answer, also leave a message. You can also come to the office, 9155 Nehalem Rd. during regular hours. For catastrophic emergencies such as a water main break or any instances that may threaten life or damage property dial 9-1-1.

DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH. Call the office to request an electronic invitation.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A RATE INCREASE:

The Neahkahnie Water District has gone through a long and arduous process associated with the condemnation of the 71+ acre Summit at Manzanita property located just above Highway 101. In order to protect the District's pristine water supply, the Neahkahnie Water District has now filed a condemnation action in Tillamook County Circuit Court and the property owners of the Summit at Manzanita are in the process of being served. The District has now obtained the financing for the appraised value of the property in the amount of \$961,000. The terms of financing require a water user fee increase; therefore, the District is proposing a \$15.00 per month rate increase for each water service account.

There will be a public hearing with reference to ORS 264.310 and 264.312 (imposing new rates) at the January 12th, 2021 regular monthly board meeting to receive public input on the proposed rate increase. The meeting will be via virtual video conferencing using Zoom software. If you are interested in participating, send an email to nwdmanager@nehalem.tel.net to have the Zoom link information provided to you. If the proposal to increase user fees is approved, the rate increase will take effect March 1st of 2021.

Vehicle For Sale: The Neahkahnie Water District is selling its surplus 2011 Ford Ranger XL pickup by sealed bid auction. The vehicle is in great shape with minimal cosmetic flaws. Mileage is 54,248 miles that were almost completely logged within the District. This offer is going out to District customers only at this time. We will be accepting sealed bids at the District office with a minimum reserve of \$12,500 until 5:00PM February 5th, 2021. Please include within the bid document, your bid amount and your contact information. If no qualifying offers are received by the deadline, the District will post the notice to the general public via local news outlets.

WATER CONSERVATION: Please see the website <https://www.regionalh2o.org/water-conservation> for good information on water conservation tips. I am aware of several homeowners who have installed automated irrigation systems over the past year and wish to thank them for opting for drip irrigation. I have, however, noticed that even a drip irrigation system can use a lot of water if the timers malfunction so please check on your system and monitor your water bills to assure you aren't wasting our precious resource. Thank you!

Rainfall running totals (*inches*) for the Water Years
(October 1 to September 30)

The 15 year average for the period October through June is 83.1 inches

	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16
Oct	5.75	7.35	7.40	11.20	19.85	7.20
Nov	18.25	11.55	18.35	30.40	42.20	24.95
Dec		21.95	30.25	41.30	54.10	51.25
Jan		42.30	35.45	53.55	62.65	65.30
Feb		52.95	45.75	61.40	77.45	75.90
March		59.90	49.15	70.65	95.75	89.95
April		63.10	56.60	81.95	107.25	93.80
May		69.15	59.90	83.10	114.80	95.65
June		74.70	61.15	86.45	120.45	99.25
July		77.1	63.85	87.00	120.70	101.85
Aug		86.1	65.25	88.40	121.35	103.60
Sept		90.5	73.25	91.95	124.60	106.70

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION: This is mostly about pesticide use and meant to be informative for incoming new home or landowners and a reminder to the rest. For decades the Neahkahnie Community has had an understanding with the Tillamook County Roads Department not to spray roadsides in Neahkahnie. That is why you will see the County mowing roadsides here. We have a similar agreement with ODOT regarding Hwy 101 but under this agreement the District has to manage the vegetation where we don't want spray applied.

Recently we have been learning much about the sensitivity and vulnerability of our springs to human activities on the land. In 2018 Pirates Spring tests showed a trace amount (under 4 parts per trillion) of Atrazine. This, in a community that strongly discourages use of pesticides and with no industrial agriculture nearby, was very surprising.

So we ask once again, please be mindful of our water sources and use alternative methods to herbicides.

CALL 8-1-1 BEFORE YOU DIG: Even for things as seemingly minor as putting in a mailbox or installing a realty sign, call before you dig. Plan your project 3 or more days in advance to allow for all utilities to be located before starting any excavation project. Utility companies only locate within the public right of way (ROW). They will not locate and mark utilities on private property.