

Logo Design Contest Winner

We have a new look!

Selected from the nine wonderfully creative concepts submitted, the winner of the logo design contest is Salt Spring's Lynne York of Studio 2901. Lynne is the lucky winner of a low-flow toilet, water-saver showerheads and a rain barrel.

Shown above in the black and white masthead, Lynne's full colour winning logo design will be integrated into Waterworks media and signage beginning in April.

St Mary Lake DAF Plant

Construction of the St Mary Lake DAF water treatment plant has progressed well over the winter with only limited interruptions due to the weather. The project is on schedule with major concrete work expected to be completed by mid-April. The intake screen installation and other remaining work on the intake will be complete by mid-March. The DAF units are



Main Process Building

scheduled to arrive on site Monday, March 26th with electrical and mechanical work commencing at this time. The relationship between NSSWD, Kerr Wood Leidal and Maple Reinders continues to be positive and professional.



Wet Well and Intake Building

Trustees and staff are very pleased with the pace of the project and the quality of the work to date.

Maxwell Watershed Protection

This spring, NSSWD staff and the SS Conservancy worked together to decommission trails in the Maxwell Watershed.



No hiking, mountain biking, camping, horseback riding, or motorized vehicles of any kind are permitted in the watershed lands. These activities create pathways that transport runoff directly to water bodies instead of allowing it to slowly infiltrate the forest floor. Runoff contains sediment and nutrients such as phosphorus that can lead to algal blooms. When Rippon and Larmour Creeks have elevated levels of turbidity and phosphorus, they can't be diverted to help refill Maxwell Lake. Adding sediment and nutrients to Maxwell Lake will lead to a deterioration of water quality over time. Water quantity and quality go hand in hand; we must protect both to ensure a sustainable drinking water supply for the future.

We thank all islanders for helping us to protect this valuable watershed.

AGM – Saturday April 21st

The Board of Trustees will hold the District’s Annual General Meeting on Saturday April 21st from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Community Gospel Chapel on Vesuvius Bay Road.

Voting Hours Extended

To encourage ratepayer participation, the voting station for the Trustee candidates will open at 10:00 am and remain open until 3:00 pm.



Two Trustee positions are up for election this year. The nomination period for these positions will open on Monday, March 26th and close Monday, April 9th. Watch the District website, the Driftwood and the SSI Exchange for further details.

Level 1 Conservation Begins April 1st

Summer’s coming and beginning April 1st the District’s water conservation regulations per Bylaw 282 go into effect. Level 2 begins May 1st. Level 1 regulations are as follows:

Water Conservation Level 1 - Every Other Day Watering - April, September, and October

Sprinkler Watering

Note: For Levels 1-3 “Sprinkler Watering” includes all overhead and spray-type systems and micro and drip irrigation type systems.



Odd numbered civic addresses may water on odd numbered days and even numbered civic addresses may water on even numbered days.

Watering times are 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and for no more than three (3) hours in duration per period with a maximum of six (6) hours of total allocated watering per day.

For multi-unit stratas, watering applications may be applied based on "unit numbers" or "irrigation zones" to achieve the net same level of watering on permitted days (i.e. half of the watering/irrigation is undertaken on odd numbered days and half on even numbered days). This approach requires the prior written consent of the Trustees.

Landscape and Vegetable Gardens

Vegetable gardens, shrubs, trees and flowers are restricted to a hand-held container or a hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle if watered outside of the times permitted for a maximum of 1 hour per watering day.

Vehicle and Boat Washing

Vehicles, RVs, and boats may be washed with water using a hand-held container or hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle.

Driveways, Sidewalks, Parking Lots and Buildings

Persons may use District supplied potable water to wash sidewalks, driveways or parking lots and exterior building surfaces.

Wading Pools and Hot Tubs

Wading pools and hot tubs up to 500 gallons (2.27 cubic meters) in size may be filled with water.

Swimming Pools, Garden Ponds and Water Features

Swimming pools, garden ponds and water features may be filled with water upon application for and receipt of a filling permit from the District.

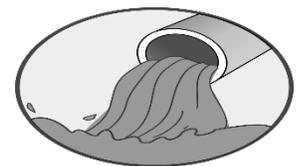
Public Parks, Open Space, and Sports Fields

Public parks, open space, and sports fields may be watered.

Bylaw 282 is available in the Documents section of the District website.

Annual Flushing of Mains

The annual flushing of mains will run from March 19th to May 11th. Short periods of low pressure and discolouration of water can be expected. Consumers are warned to be on the alert for discoloured water, especially before using washing machines, dishwashers and other appliances. Run your COLD water tap for a few minutes to clear your line.



Commercial establishments such as laundromats, restaurants and beauty salons will receive advance warning of flushing in their vicinity if a request for such notification is received by the District at the number below.