

FROM THE BOARD...

October has arrived and we hope you are all enjoying the return of some cooler mornings and evenings and are appreciating the return of some much-needed rain in the Valley. It has been an interesting and challenging water year for many reasons and your OHWA Board of Directors wanted to update you on several things that have occurred or are in the works.

CITY OF SALEM WATER ADVISORY

As many of you are aware, the effects of a toxic algae bloom in the Detroit Reservoir resulted in levels of Cyanotoxin that, at times, exceeded the FDA levels for safety in drinking water, most particularly for the high-risk populations such as the young, the elderly, those with chronic health conditions or those who are considered immune compromised. OHWA was notified shortly before the first press release went out to the wider public about the water advisory and we took immediate action to contact all members of the Association to try to give the information in as timely a fashion as possible about how to address the problem. We contacted everyone we had a phone number or email address for to give the notification and we also posted updates on the OHWA website (OHWASSN.com).

This more urgent notification highlighted once again the importance of having a system in place to disseminate information in a timely fashion to members of the OHWA. Please make sure we have the most current contact information by contacting our office manager, Mary Tucker, at 503-569-9731 or at officemanager@ohwassn.com.

We will be discussing all of this in greater detail at the upcoming OHWA Annual Membership Meeting on November 13.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The Board of Directors has been working to move forward on adopting a new cartridge filtration system at the water treatment plant that would more reliably allow us to use our spring well during the times of the year when water demand is higher. We have some regulatory hurdles to clear, but are hoping to complete this project by the end of 2018. This is especially important as the City of Salem will be imposing a notable increase to its wholesale water rates over the next several years and the Association will be looking at ways to decrease supplemental water purchases and work on increasing water production within the system.

**ANNUAL MEMEBERSHIP
MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER
13TH
7:00 PM
WEST SALEM HIGH
SCHOOL
COME JOIN US!!**