

## **FROM THE BOARD...**

Spring has arrived and we hope you are all enjoying the return of some sun. 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 are in the works. As we head into the warmer months of summer, it is important to keep water conservation tips in mind. Also, the Annual Water Quality Drinking report will be arriving in your mailboxes in June. This report contains important information about where your water comes from, what it contains and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies.

## **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. The cartridge filtration system has been installed and is functioning. Although we still have a few regulatory hurdles to clear, we are on track to having the system online for the summer. This is especially important as the City of Salem has imposed a notable increase to its wholesale water rates and the Association is looking at ways to decrease supplemental water purchases and work on increasing water production within the system.

## **BACKFLOW TESTING**

The Association has contracted with Tom Hempel Testing to perform all required annual backflow testing for OHWA members during the summer months. Just a reminder, the charge for this service will appear on the June/July billing statements.

## **UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you would like to be on the OHWA email alert list for alerts about emergencies/urgent situations in the water system, 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](mailto:officemanager@ohwassn.com).

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