

POINT O'WOODS ASSOCIATION
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
2015-2016 REPORT

The Point O'Woods WPCA is responsible for maintaining the systems operation, collecting fees, repaying the state bond and balancing our budget. Last year the annual maintenance fee increased from three hundred dollars to three hundred twenty dollars. We are pleased to report that there will not be an increase this year.

A special thank you to our Board Members: Dick Hrinak, Ken Russell, Bud Phelps, Bill Griffin, Will Szeszakow, Treasurer, Rita Sulick and Secretary, Bill Pape for diligently working on all projects.

The WPCA is extremely fortunate to have Rick Frascarelli for being a dedicated part time employee. His willingness to oversee emergency calls enables us to save money by not having to call the maintenance contractor for every minor issue. To elaborate: there was an emergency call on Christmas Eve. Tom Creten replaced the grinder pump on Christmas Day morning. We avoided a significant holiday emergency call invoice. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated and skilled employees. Thank you Rick and Tom.

Grinder pump abuse continues to be a major issue. We have had nine grinder pump failures, eight of those were caused by not following the: DO NOT FLUSH DIRECTIVE. We have discovered items such as cleaning and baby wipes, flannel rags, and sanitary products in both the grinder pumps and the holding tank in the main pumping station. The cost to repair or replace a grinder pump ranges from \$1200-\$2200. The financial responsibility for abuse is the homeowners. Homeowners should remind their family, guests, and renters of the DO NOT FLUSH MEMO. Our system will function better if it only sees what it was designed to handle: Human Waste, Toilet Paper and Gray Water.

If you plan on doing any renovation that involves the grinder pump, the outside electrical box or your gravity fed lateral connection, please contact a WPCA Board Member. We can inform you of the necessary requirements needed before you begin your project. This information is also on our website.

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Dave Tousignant retired last year from the WPCA board after eight years of service. He served as a member of the board and then Board Chairman . Even in retirement Dave continues to be a great asset to the WPCA. Thank you Dave.

In closing, the WPCA is fortunate to have a Point O' Woods Community that pays their Benefit Assessment in a timely manner. We have been able to collect 98% of the outstanding bills. That percentage rate has to be considered excellent! Thanks to all of our homeowners.

Rich Ramondetta

Chairman

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