

The Woodridge Lake Sewer District

The Woodridge Lake Sewer District (WLS D) is governed by two distinct bodies; the Woodridge Lake Sewer District, also known as the Board, and the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Sewer Authority. The Sewer District is organized and structured by the State of Connecticut statutes and consists of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Clerk and five Board members. The WLS D by State statutes is a municipality located within the Town of Goshen. As such the WLS D operates like all municipalities by electing officers, appointing a tax collector, developing budgets, collecting revenues and providing staff to oversee the operations of the sewer works. With the exception of the WLS D Clerk and the Tax Collector all Board members receive no compensation for their positions. On April 3, 1972 the Woodridge Lake Sewer District adopted a "Sewer Use Ordinance" regulating the installation, connection and discharge of water and waste into the public sewer system. In addition to the Sewer Use Ordinance the District adopted Rules and Regulations of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Sewer Authority. The Rules and Regulations provide for the application for permits to connect to the sewer system and the appeal process associated with said decisions. The Sewer Authority is an eight member Board (five regular and three alternates) and like the District Board has officers elected to serve as Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. The term of office varies on the position from one year to three years.

The Sewer Authority Board meets monthly to provide support, guidance and oversight to ensure the continued operation of the sewer works. The District Board meets quarterly to assess the overall financial health of the sewer district and to provide guidance and support for long term goals and needs. Like many volunteer organizations and municipal boards finding and retaining members is sometimes difficult. To satisfy the needs of these Boards some members fulfill dual positions such as President and Chairman.

The operation of the sewer works is maintained by three full time employees. The chief plant operator is responsible for the oversight of all activities including staff, maintenance, emergency coordination and reporting to the State. The other employees are primarily responsible for the continued daily operation of the facility, maintenance, effluent testing and

coverage for emergencies, evenings and weekends. Like many wastewater treatment facilities in Connecticut the District has experienced difficulty in hiring Connecticut certified and licensed operators.

The Woodridge Lake Sewer District wastewater facility is located off Brush Hill Road, off Route 63 and operates 24 hours / day.

Questions, comments and suggestions for future topics should be emailed to ckarnolt@optonline.net.

Last Saturday Picnic Supper

Responding to members' preference for getting together informally with friends, the Social Activities Committee is introducing a new monthly event to be held on the last Saturday evening of the month. Come alone, or in groups, to the clubhouse at 5:30 pm on the last Saturday of the month and find other friendly folks. The first one will be on January 30.

We provide tables and a roaring fire. You provide your own picnic. This will function similarly to picnicking at our very popular beach concerts, except no music. Come for the fun and camaraderie.

For those who come up for the weekend, or who just don't feel like cooking, you can order a picnic from Sherry Biamonte, who served us so well this summer at the Snack Shack. You must call her (860 868 1957) by the Tuesday before the Saturday. She will have a lovely pre-set meal packed in a basket for you.

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