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**Board meetings**

Board meetings are typically held at 8:30 am on the third Tuesday of each month in the offices of Camano Water Association, 82 W. Monticello Drive, Camano Island.

Members are encouraged to attend. Call the office at (360) 387-9136 to confirm the date and time.

## Come to the annual membership meeting November 3

A slate of six candidates for the Camano Water Company (CWA) Board of Trustees is up for election at the CWA annual membership meeting, which will be held **9:30-11 am on Saturday, November 3** at Camano Water Association, 82 W. Monticello Drive, Camano Island.

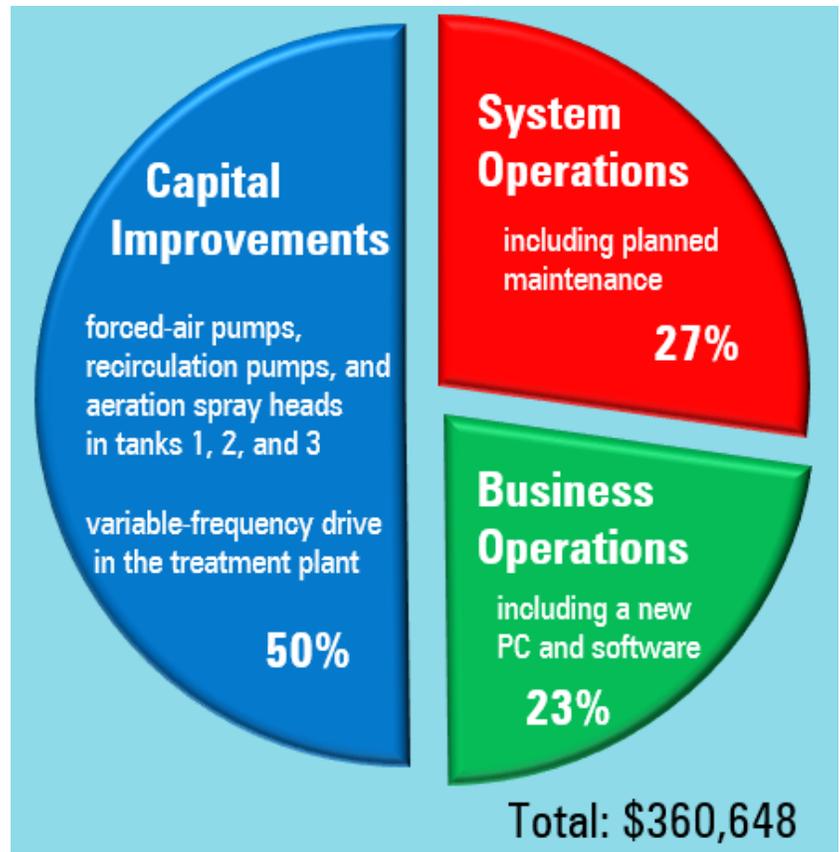
All CWA members are encouraged to vote, participate, and learn more about water company workings. Ballots must be received or turned in by the start of the meeting.

In addition to the board election, the annual meeting will include reports on finances, capital improvements, maintenance, and upcoming projects.

As an added bonus, several lucky attendees will win great door prizes.

Progress on the Beach Drive pipe replacement project (see page 3), which started in September, will be highlighted. You'll also hear good news on the disinfection byproducts issue.

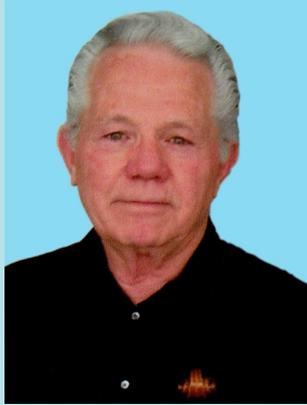
The video presentation "From Aquifer to Tap: Your Water Works" will show all the steps involved in getting clean, clear water to your home.



*This chart shows CWA expenditures from January through June 2018. Learn more about your water company at the annual meeting in November.*

**Your water company needs you — contact us to get involved.**

## Duane Atkins: a decade of service



*Camano Water Association trustee Duane Atkins served on the Board of Trustees since 2008.*

Camano Water Association recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of Richard Duane Atkins who sat on the CWA Board of Trustees from October 2008 to July 2018. Duane served as board secretary for several terms, and also contributed to important water company policy changes.

Duane was a key team member for the Water Systems Cooperation Opportunities Feasibility Study, which explored options for joint efforts among eight water systems on Camano Island. Such cooperation could lead to the water systems being able to build capacity, prepare for emergencies, and share resources to continue to ensure a safe and abundant drinking water supply for island residents.

Regarding this study, CWA Board Secretary Danae Willson noted that Duane “went the distance to make sure this important research project was accomplished.” She added, “It was a big endeavor, which I believe will bear fruit in the fullness of time.”

“Duane’s common sense and knowledge in making decisions for Camano Water Association will be missed,” said Board President Dave Weir. “He was a quiet leader, because when he spoke, people listened with great interest.”

## Let it flow: water sample stations

When walking or driving around the CWA Country Club service area, you might notice water flowing out of a sample station like the one pictured here. Don't worry, the water runs for no more than 15 minutes.

Each weekday, a water technician turns on the water at three of the 11 CWA sample stations. The water flows for a while to ensure a fresh sample. The length of time the water needs to flow depends on the distance of the sample station from the water main. The technician returns after a few minutes, takes the water sample, and turns it off.

The sample stations are located throughout the CWA distribution system to draw reliably clean samples for monitoring chlorine levels in the water. The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) determines the location and number of sample stations needed in a water system.

The sampling stations should be clear of animal waste and debris. The stations are closed and locked when water is running to prevent a passerby from inadvertently turning off the water and delaying the sampling process.

For more information, email [info@camanowater.com](mailto:info@camanowater.com).



*One of 11 CWA sanitary sample stations located throughout the CWA water distribution area.*

## Work has begun on the Beach Drive pipe replacement project

CWA members who live on Beach Drive and Holloway Lane are seeing bustling activity in their neighborhood. The project to install 4,300 feet of new pipes and meters in the area started in mid-September.

Residents in this area currently have their water delivered in 65-year-old four-inch asbestos concrete (AC) pipe that's rusty and leaky — the oldest pipes in the CWA system. Workers with Larry Brown Construction are installing the new six-inch high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe, which is rated to last 75 to 100 years.

All homes along the route will see installation of new meters, new meter boxes, and double-check valve assemblies for backflow prevention.

The work is expected to be completed in February 2019. The project cost is \$1,047,831 and is funded by the CWA Capital Improvements fee.

For more information, call (360) 387-9136 or send email to [info@camanowater.com](mailto:info@camanowater.com).



*Willy Bruland of Brulands Drilling and Boring, Inc. is boring a hole under Beach Drive in preparation for the installation of new pipe. The project to replace the corroded 65-year-old pipes in the area started in September and will finish next February.*

## Finish line in view for the disinfection byproduct issue

After two years of monitoring and modifications, Camano Water Association (CWA) is closing in on the disinfection byproducts (DBP) issue. The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) has determined that if the next quarter's DBP readings are below the required reporting level, the issue will be considered resolved. In fact, the DOH has congratulated CWA on a successful DBP mitigation effort so far.

Disinfection byproducts are a naturally occurring result of water chlorination. Four types of disinfection byproducts called "trihalomethanes" are monitored. DOH standards specify that total trihalomethanes (TTHM) must be lower than 0.080 milligrams per liter. In November 2016, CWA testing detected levels at 0.0875.

To correct the situation, CWA installed water recirculation pumps and forced-air blowers in its three primary water tanks, flushed the system more often, and tested the water quarterly. The project cost was \$181,000, paid from the Capital Improvements fund.

Monitoring tests must show four consecutive quarters with results lower than the reporting level of 0.060 milligrams per liter. CWA has now achieved this for three consecutive quarters. If test results for the fourth quarter, to be taken in November, are also below the standard, the DOH will consider the DBP issue satisfactorily resolved.



*Forced-air blowers were installed in the three primary water tanks to help resolve the disinfection byproduct (DBP) issue.*

Make sure the CWA office has your current phone numbers and email address.

