



# King County Water District 90

## WATER NOTES & DRIPS

Fall 2012

### Calendar

Board of  
Commissioner  
Meetings (4:45pm)  
First and Third  
Tuesdays  
At the District Office  
**Commissioners**

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Sam Amira

Secretary

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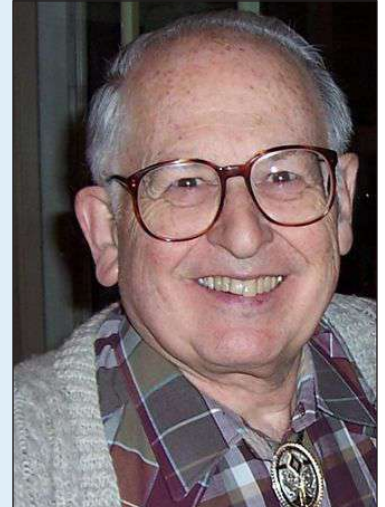
by phone at 1-855-

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### MEET YOUR COMMISSIONER-DICK GIDNER

Dick Gidner was appointed to the three person Board of Commissioners in June 2005 following the passing of Commissioner Ray Griffin. Dick had previously worked for the Boeing Company, as a Logistics Engineer, and being retired, had time to do his homework and learn the ropes about water distribution.

Dick has a degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan State University, and a Masters in Business Administration from Ohio State University. Dick had experience in a number of areas during his career at Boeing, including program management, marketing, and customer support. This made it easy to fit into the Commissioner's job.



Customer service has been one of Dick's main priorities at Water District 90. He has always preached customer service as an objective to the staff, and everyone at District 90 understands its importance. In fact, almost all of our customer service issues are resolved by the District staff. Occasionally, an issue will come to the Commissioners for resolution and Dick often plays a leadership role in finding "the" mutually agreeable solution.

When the District began the conceptual design and cost studies for our new facility in 2009. Dick took the lead on the Board in the detailed discussions with the architects and engineers. This turned out to be an arduous task to get the design to meet our needs and our budget at the same time. We sent the Architects back to the drawing board three times to sharpen the design, do cost engineering studies, and get large amounts of cost out of the design. They did well and in mid 2011 when we had our open house for the new buildings, we were able to report that we were moved in, on schedule and at budget!

Dick and his wife, Grita, have lived in Briar Hills for nearly 30 years. They have two grown children; Dawn and Jerry. Dawn is a radar engineer at Honeywell in Redmond, and Jerry is an executive in the Interior Department in Washington DC. Jerry and his wife, Amy, have two daughters, Reiss and Sadie, ages 14 and nine.

Water District 90 is blessed with a very good staff, and a dedicated Board of Commissioners. Together we make a fine team. We are proud of our work for our rate-payers.

## JOSH DERAITUS, OPERATIONS MANAGER: RECOGNIZED FOR INNOVATION.

The Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts has recognized **Josh Deraitus, Operations Manager**, King County Water District 90 for **Innovation - Creating a New Tool to Improve the Performance and Quality of testing Air Release/Vac Valves.**

Joshua has taken it upon himself to find better and faster ways to do our routine tasks.

Through looking at how things work, he put together a tool that he calls the Air Release / Vac Valve (AIR/VACS) Testing Tool. This tool helps our crew test air-vacs at a rapid pace. This has increased the number of devices that can be tested each year without removing them from service. Through his innovation, Joshua has helped improve the District's maintenance programs and sparked an innovative thought process among the young crew.



## SAM AMIRA, COMMISSIONER: RECEIVES ACCREDITATION AWARD



The Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts has recognized **Sam Amira**, Commissioner of King County Water District 90 with a **Commissioner's Accreditation Award**. This award recognizes Sam's work in completing the Accreditation Guidelines in the Leadership Development Program. The award was Sam's 2nd Level of Achievement (Silver level) that is presented to those commissioners who have completed 75 hours of the Leadership Development Certification Program. The leadership courses are designed to help Commissioners develop skills to assist in leadership growth; strengthen and develop the ability to formulate good public policy, and enhance and improve their personal leadership skills and effectiveness. These accreditation awards recognize three levels of achievement: Bronze - 30 hours; Silver - 75 hours and Gold - 125 hours.



# TOYS FOR TOTS

2012 COLLECTION DATES:  
DECEMBER FIRST TO THE NINETEENTH



**KCWD90** will be collecting Toys for Tots again this year and will be accepting donations from December 1<sup>st</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>.