



# Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District

## Don't Put Old Medicines in the Toilet!



Wastewater treatment plants are not designed to filter out medications, so pharmaceuticals can pass through and pollute the bay.

**Drop off unused, unwanted or expired medications at the Sausalito Police Department.**

**The drop box is available in the Police Dept. lobby at 29 Caledonia St. during regular business hours: Mon. - Fri. 7 AM - 5 PM. Hours may vary. It is suggested that you call ahead to confirm: 415-289-4174.**

## Major Improvement Projects to Protect the Environment and Ensure Reliable Service

The reliability of your sanitary system is due to a highly trained staff and proactive maintenance and upgrade programs. A few examples from the District's ten-year, \$40 million upgrade program are shown below.

### Treatment Plant Upgrade "Borrows" Pump to Save Over \$100,000

SMCSD recently completed a \$1.7 million project at the treatment plant that improves reliability and treatment capacity. This complex project involved aging treatment facilities, some dating back to the 1950s. Large pumps needed to bypass flow around the construction area were pre-purchased and "borrowed" from another project, saving \$100,000. In addition, completion of the project, prior to wet weather, saved extra mobilization and equipment costs.

### Locust Street Pump Station Being Rebuilt with Low-Interest Loan

The District's second largest pump station at Locust Street is over 50 years old and can no longer reliably transfer wastewater collected from around the District to the treatment plant. A new, \$2.2 million pump station is being built to replace it before summer. A low-cost state loan will save about \$400,000 compared to conventional financing.



*Both photos show Locust Street Pump Station construction.*

*Get the latest information about the Locust Street Pump Station construction at [SMCSD.net](http://SMCSD.net)*



# Major Marin City Sewer Pipeline Rehabilitation Program

## Construction Planned for Spring and Summer 2012

Engineering is complete and construction is planned for this spring and summer on a \$1.7 million project to repair or replace more than two miles of half-century-old sewer pipelines in Marin City. This critical project will help prevent sewer spills and backups caused by broken and sagging pipes, tree roots, and grease. In January, a mailer with details was sent to all Marin City addresses and a public meeting was held to answer questions about the project.



For more information and to see a full-sized version of this map of the Marin City pipeline construction areas, visit [www.smcsd.net](http://www.smcsd.net).

## Fresh Look at Calculating Sewer Charges

The District has retained an independent financial analyst firm to evaluate its method for allocating sewer service charges among customers.

Currently, all residential customers are billed a flat rate based on the cost to provide them sewer service. The study will evaluate both flow and flat-based rate structures. The alternatives will be presented to the Board of Directors for consideration by summer.

Please visit our website at [smcsd.net](http://smcsd.net) for updates on progress.

## Thanks Mr. Wohlschlaeger For 16 years of Service

### Welcome New Director Dan Rheiner

At the District Board Meeting on December 5, 2011, the Board of Directors honored Norman Wohlschlaeger for his 16 years of service to the Sausalito-Marine City Sanitary District. They also welcomed Dan Rheiner who was sworn in as a new Board Member.

Go to [www.smcsd.net](http://www.smcsd.net) or scan the QR code for more information about Norman's long service to the District and community.



Outgoing longtime Board Member Norman Wohlschlaeger (right) shown with incoming Board Member Dan Rheiner.

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