



Sallal Water Association strives to provide pure, untreated water at low cost to members.

## June 2019 Newsletter

***\*We have another vacancy on the board. If you'd like to apply, see our website for more information.***

Please submit questions/comments to [info@sallal.com](mailto:info@sallal.com)

<b>Ballot Results</b>	The proposed bylaw amendment received 302 “reject” votes and 204 “approve” votes, so the measure was rejected. Many thanks to all who voted!
<b>Tank Security Upgrades</b>	<p>To improve security of Sallal’s tank that was vandalized last summer, we have made the following upgrades:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Installed 120-volt power all the way to the tank.</li> <li>2. Tanner Electric installed a light pole with a light sensor to make sure this area is lit up at night.</li> <li>3. Installed a 16-foot high ladder enclosure to stop anyone from climbing the tank.</li> <li>4. Had the power meter and pedestal put inside the gate.</li> <li>5. Installed the Telemetry panel on the tank and will program it so we can hook up the intrusion switches on the panel itself, the ladder enclosure, and the entry hatch on top of the Tank.</li> </ol> <p>This site is now less likely to be broken into again without us knowing that something is going on. We will be called out now if problems arise at this site.</p> <p>We have also installed a ladder enclosure on the Uplands Tank, fully protecting this site. We currently have power and Telemetry at this site, which calls us out if something happens.</p> <p>We are in the process of getting power to the last site, the Middlefork Tanks. We have currently dug the trench to the tank, installed the conduit in the trench, and have a light pole installed.</p> <p>The remaining Tank sites have power and locked fences. The Well buildings have telemetry with alarms that call out to staff if anyone attempts to break into the buildings.</p>
<b>UTRC Process Update</b>	<p>As of the drafting of this newsletter in early June, no decision has been made by the UTRC regarding the appeal from the mule pasture developer to request to be excluded from Sallal’s service area so the property can be served by the City.</p> <p>Details are available on our website at <a href="http://www.sallal.com/utrc-notice-and-statement-of-appeal-mule-pasturedahlgrenshelter-holdings-property/">http://www.sallal.com/utrc-notice-and-statement-of-appeal-mule-pasturedahlgrenshelter-holdings-property/</a> Future information will be available in the next addition of the newsletter and on the website.</p>
<b>New Advisory Committee</b>	<p>In the Board of Trustees’ interest of learning from the membership, a diverse group of Sallal members have been meeting to shape the future Advisory Committee’s structure and responsibilities. To date, the group has developed norms of behavior, began work on a charter, and has given suggestions for the content of the May and June newsletters. As the Committee’s structure formalizes, the Sallal Newsletter will keep the membership informed of the group’s progress and when the Advisory Committee will become an official part of the Sallal Water Association.</p>

## Sallal Water Association's Early Days

An interview with Lynn Marion, Mark Hallstrom, and Joyce Hibma-Hallstrom

By Ann Reed

In the beginning, people with shallow wells often ran out of water during dry summers. Along came Ted Sunderland to the rescue, delivering water from containers in his truck to whomever was in need, mostly along Mt. Si Road and other areas nearby. This, we all can imagine, became tedious and inconvenient. Five intrepid folks came up with the idea of building a water system to serve those in need. Nils Hallstrom, Gordon Nyberg, Robert Marion, Beulah Murphy, and Ted Sunderland took on the task of leading the effort and became the first Board of Trustees. What started as a grass roots effort grew as other Valley people shared their expertise and management skills to build and manage the Sallal Water Association.

Lynn Marion, now 92, shared her story of raising 8 children before the water system was constructed, and having to pull water directly from the river for a time. Mark Hallstrom recalls building deflection walls with rocks around their well during floods with his father while the dirt filled flood water from entering their clear well. His sister, Joyce, remembers holding the while Mark and Nils worked. No wonder both Marion and Nils Hallstrom became interested in a system. Both families couldn't wait for the day to



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A lawyer by the name of Bob Johnson drew up the of Incorporation in January 1969, and the Board began searching for the best water source. The Everett Brothers, coincidentally from Everett, Washington were hired to dig Wells 1 and 2 and lay pipeline. In the meantime, water was purchased from the City of Seattle's Chester Morse Lake water source and piped down the valley. The Lillyjords helped manage the system in the early years, using their experienced gained from managing the Ames Lake water system.

During those early days, the Marion home became "the office" and the location for Board and other business meetings. Lynn not only kept the books and read the meters, she attended special classes to



become Sallal's first Certified Water Works Manager, requiring renewal each year she held the position. Later, Mark helped his dad, Nils, read the meters. Nils would call the numbers, and Mark would right them down. The time eventually came when Robert Marion was replaced on the Board. All the records were boxed up and taken to the small office in the barn on Hallstrom's property. The records from the early days forward are now kept at the Sallal Office.

The name "Sallal" was chosen for the water system after careful consideration of many that were proposed. It came down to Sallal for two reasons. The first because Sallal Prairie was the historical name for the flat area east of North Bend which would become the service area of the new water system. Second, the Board liked the name Sallal because of the dominant salal shrubs around area. Whoever originally named the Prairie put an extra "l" in the name and the Board appreciated that. Thanks to those original five insightful leaders!