



## April 2025 Newsletter

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<b>Annual Members Meeting</b>	<p>On March 25<sup>th</sup>, fifteen members attended Sallal’s annual member meeting. A total of 99 ballots were needed for a quorum. 196 members submitted valid ballots for the election of board members, participating either in person, by proxy, or through a mail-in ballot.</p> <p>Per Article III, Section 4 of the by-laws, votes from at least 5% of the members that are entitled to cast votes must be represented at the annual meeting in person, by proxy, or by mail-in ballot to establish a quorum to transact association business.</p> <p>You did it again! We met the required quorum to hold the required meeting. Sallal sends its appreciation to those that submitted ballots. Two incumbent board members, Denise Smutny and Emilie Moore, were re-elected to 3-year terms. Bill Iverson was elected to fill the 3<sup>rd</sup> open Board position for a three-year term. Congratulations to the elected candidates!</p> <p>We are grateful for your continued support of the Association and encourage all members to participate through their votes and meeting attendance.</p>
<b>New Board Member</b>	<p>Bill Iverson is new to the Board. He is a Cedar Village resident, and a self-proclaimed science geek at heart. He recently retired after 20 years as professor and administrator at Bellevue College in computer science and engineering. He is especially interested in delineation and prompt detection of water leaks from our extensive and aging system of water mains. We are excited to have Bill join the Sallal Board!</p>
<b>Retired Superintendent</b>	<p>Water Superintendent Denny Scott retired March 21, 2025. Members, staff and family attended Denny’s retirement Open House on that Friday. It was a day of mixed emotions with a lot of heartfelt wishes and memories shared. Denny was with Sallal Water for 21 years. His dedication and leadership have been invaluable, leaving a lasting impact on all of us. We will miss him! We hope he is enjoying playing a lot of golf!</p>
<b>New Superintendent</b>	<p>Congratulations to Tree Bergman on his promotion from Assistant Superintendent to Superintendent! Tree has been with Sallal Water for 10 years. He has extensive knowledge of Sallal’s water system having worked alongside our now retired Superintendent Denny Scott. Tree is excited to continue to operate and maintain Sallal’s water system, provide excellent customer service, and implement upgrades to best serve our members.</p>
<b>Backflow And Cross-Connects</b>	<p>It’s backflow prevention inspection time again!</p> <p>If you are required to have an annual backflow prevention inspection, you will receive notification from Sallal in the mail. Inspections and reports are due by July 31.</p> <p>A cross connection is any connection to the public water supply that can allow contaminants to enter the system. Backflow can happen if water from a facility, home, or irrigation system flows backwards into the distribution system. Properly operating backflow devices prevent this flow reversal and protect Sallal’s water from contamination.</p> <p>The Safe Water Drinking Act of 1974 and the Washington Administration Code 246-290-490 require all public water systems in Washington State to conduct an on-going Cross Connection Control Program to protect the public water supply from contamination from cross-</p>

	<p>connections. Sallal Water Association adopted a cross-connection control program in 1998 with the goal of premise isolation which means that the Association only seeks to prevent backflow into its system. It is not responsible for eliminating or controlling cross-connections within a customer’s water system.</p> <p>Sallal staff evaluate all residential and commercial connections to determine whether backflow protection is required based on regulatory requirements as well as the appropriate type of backflow prevention. The Association has the right to discontinue service to any member who does not install a required backflow device or if the member does not complete annual testing of the backflow device. Annual notices are sent to all property owners that have or are required to have a premise isolation backflow device, reminding them of the annual testing requirements.</p> <p>More information on Backflow and Cross-Connections as well as a list of certified testers is available on the Sallal Website at: <a href="https://sallal.com/backflow-and-cross-connect-information/">https://sallal.com/backflow-and-cross-connect-information/</a></p>
<b>Sallal Rates</b>	As of April 1, 2025, Sallal water usage rates increased by 4% to keep up with inflation and rising operating costs. Amortization and base fees remain the same.