



Water Matters

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The mission of the Ranger Drainage District is to implement the provisions of Chapter 298 Florida Statutes, in a manner that ensures proper storm water management within the boundaries of the district and to operate with a continued commitment to education and outreach to its residents and landowners.

What You Know – and Might Not Know – About Water

1. There is the same amount of water on earth today as there was when the earth was formed.
2. Most of the earth's surface consists of water; there is much more water than there is land.
3. There are two kinds of water; salt water and freshwater.
4. Less than 1% of the water supply on earth can be used as drinking water.
5. Water moves around the earth in a water cycle. The water cycle has five parts: evaporation, condensation, precipitation, infiltration and surface run-off.
6. In a 100-year period, a water molecule spends 98 years in the ocean, 20 months as ice, about 2 weeks in lakes and rivers and less than a week in the atmosphere.
7. Groundwater can take a human lifetime just to traverse a mile.
8. Most of the earth's surface water is permanently frozen or salty.
9. More than 90% of the world's supply of fresh water is located in Antarctica.
10. Approximately 66% of the human body consists of water. Human brains are 75% water; our bones are 25% water.



Potential Bond Within The District



Welcome
from Ruth Moore, President

Hello home and landowners in the Ranger Drainage District,

As I read the Water Matters facts it exemplifies the growing importance of water drainage management and the importance of the Ranger Drainage District (RDD). How this water supply moves through our community is the mission of the Ranger Drainage District.

The staff of nine and Board of Supervisors here at RDD work diligently to assure the district runs well, and does it in compliance with Chapter 298 Florida Statutes. Our focus is to operate with a continued commitment to education and outreach to the District's residents and landowners.

What you will see in this newsletter is not only a look behind-the-scenes inside the Ranger Drainage District, but an education on how these efforts impact your quality of life and the value of your property.

I invite you to visit our new Web site www.rangerdrainagedistrict.com, stop by the District Office to meet this dedicated team, join us at our next Board meeting or drop me a note and let us know how we can make a difference to you. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Ruth Moore

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For the past year, the RDD Board of Supervisors has been researching the best approach to fund capital improvements within the District. There are approximately seven projects that are slated to be completed within the next few years. Burton & Associates of St. Augustine was selected to conduct a benefit study. It appears that a bond is the most efficient way to fund these projects. The District will hold a Public Hearing to further discuss the bond and projects associated with it at an upcoming meeting. Please check our Web site for upcoming meeting dates and agenda items.



RDD Profile: Meet the Field Operations Team



The Field Operations Team is out and about in the field on a regular basis inspecting waterways, removing debris and infringing vegetation, and administering other routine maintenance within the District. This team is responsible for conducting the District's best management practices.

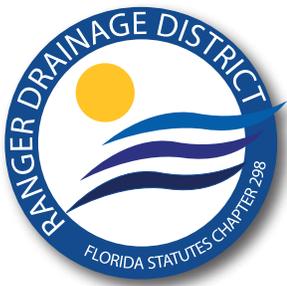


Additionally, the Field Operations Team is in charge of the installation of all driveway culverts required for those living in the Ranger Drainage District.

IN THE NEWS:

RDD has a new look - new logo and Web site!

Ranger Drainage District is excited to introduce our newly designed logo and the official launch of our Web site. These are both a result of our efforts to create ongoing and up-to-date communication with both land and homeowners within the district. The Web site is your online resource where you may conveniently find permit requirements and downloadable applications, in addition to upcoming meeting agendas and District updates. We have also included a FAQs section with questions we get asked often... and, the answers!



www.rangerdrainagedistrict.com



Culverts

A culvert is the name used for the pipes that transport the water flow under your driveway and in other areas of the District. Many of the roads and driveways throughout the District have culverts beneath, to assure our water flows without hindrance.

The Phase V Road Culvert project has been completed, with all thirteen (13) road crossings being replaced by Price Construction, Inc. Ongoing road culvert improvements are expected for the next several years.

If you need to install or replace your driveway culvert, please contact the District office at 407-568-5502.



RDD Board of Supervisors - (left to right) Donald Leavitt, Ruth Moore and Gus Desaultels

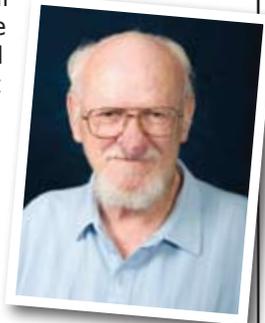
2007 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of landowners and the election of the Board of Supervisors took place on Wednesday, June 6, 2007, at 7 p.m. at the District office. The purpose of this annual meeting was to hold an election and review the actions of the District during the preceding year. To view minutes from this meeting, please visit our Web site at www.rangerdrainagedistrict.com.

The three-member Board of Supervisors, elected by the landowners, governs the District. Each supervisor is elected for a three-year term, and each year one of the supervisors' position is up for re-election.

The election on June 6 was to fill one supervisor position and we are pleased to announce that Donald Leavitt, a 43-year Wedgefield resident was re-elected to the Board. He has been a Board member since 1994 and currently holds the position of Secretary. Donald's term expires June 2010.

Congratulations Donald!



If you have any questions regarding the Board and its role, please contact any of our current Board members:

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Upcoming Events:

The monthly meetings to review District business are held at the Ranger Drainage District office. The updated calendar, meeting agendas and minutes may be found online at www.rangerdrainagedistrict.com. We encourage all land/homeowners to attend as we continue to discuss different issues relating to the District including the possibility of expanding to a five member board. Mark your calendar for the following dates:

- October 10, 2007 – 9:00 a.m.
- November 14, 2007 – 9:00 a.m.

*Please note that the Board meeting dates and times are subject to change.

Questions?

A three-member staff, in addition to the Field Operations Team is responsible for daily operation of the District. Cecil Davis, RDD's General Manager encourages land/homeowners to contact him directly with any questions regarding the District, how it operates and its ongoing role. He may be reached by e-mail at cecild_rdd298@bellsouth.net or by calling the District office. Any questions regarding permits please contact Dawn Mullins at dawnm_rdd298@bellsouth.net or Wanda Tucker at wandat_rdd298@bellsouth.net.

The District office is located at 19950 Nugent Street, just south of Nettleton Street and off of Bancroft Boulevard. Our office hours are Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. The District office phone number is 407-568-5502.



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