

Commissioner's Corner

Emergency Preparedness

Your water & sewer district has an emergency plan to guide us in case of disaster, ensuring that we can do everything possible to keep the pipes flowing. In an emergency, individual home owners also need a plan, and should be prepared to survive without help for at least 2 weeks. Today, I am going to discuss a few other aspects of emergency planning.



Jon Ault

If you are on natural gas, one thing you should consider investing in is an earthquake valve installed at your gas meter. Many home fires have been caused by broken gas lines during earthquakes. This valve shuts off the gas to your home when the ground begins moving, preventing a fire and possibly the loss of your house. These valves are commonly used in schools and other public buildings, and cost approximately \$300 for private installation.

After a disaster hits, it can be difficult to contact loved ones or police and fire departments. When all other forms of communication fail, there will always be HAM Radio operators to reach out to family members or emergency responders. It would be helpful for community members to have a list of local HAM Radio operators to contact after a major crisis. Skyway Water & Sewer District is doing all it can to prepare for emergencies — please be sure you are preparing as well! I hope you can attend the Skyway Health & Safety fair on Saturday, August 26th from 10 AM to 2 PM at the King County Fire District 20 Training Center, 12424 76th Ave. S.

ONLINE BILL PAY ALERT!

The District recently learned that a third-party online bill payment service provider known as Doxo, Inc. was using the District's logo, contact and other information on its website to market its services to potential customers. The District is not affiliated with Doxo, Inc.



Doxo, Inc. is one of several third-party online bill payment service providers that **are not affiliated with Skyway**. These companies frequently charge an additional service fee for making your payment to the District, and posting of a payment to your District account may be delayed. If payment to the District is delayed, it may result in late fees being assessed to your account, or your account may be subject to water shut-off or sewer lien. Also, we will not be able to assist you if a problem occurs with a payment made using a third-party online bill payment service.

Skyway Water and Sewer District offers online bill pay through a secure portal on our website: www.skywayws.org. The District does not charge a fee for online bill payments through our website or phone payments.

If you have any questions, please call our office at 206-772-7343.

Taking Care of Business



A new glass window has been installed in the lobby of the District office. This includes a convenient pass through for payments and receipts, as well as an electronic communicator. For many years we have enjoyed the convenience of a large open front counter and the sociable face-to-face interaction with our customers. However, the reality of our times has prompted us to make this change. We will still be able to give you the same prompt, courteous service as always, while providing our staff with a safer work environment.

2017 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE/ WATER QUALITY REPORT

In our last newsletter, we reported that the District's 2017 Consumer Confidence Report was available online. This report, required by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington State Department of Health, provides detailed information about the quality and efficient use of your drinking water. We hope that, if you haven't read it yet, you will take time to go online and learn a little more about the water that is delivered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, straight to your tap. If you only receive sewer service from Skyway Water and Sewer District, you should have received a 2017 Water Quality Report directly from your water service provider – King County Water District No. 125, Seattle Public Utilities or the City of Renton. If you have questions regarding the report or your water provider, give us a call at 206-772-7343.



Celebrate Skyway!

Community Parade & Block Party

Skyway Solutions invites you out on **Saturday, August 19th at 9:30am** to Renton Ave as we bring back an old tradition! Schools, businesses and organizations from the community will march in a parade from Skyway Library (Renton Avenue and 76th Ave S.) and will go to Grocery Outlet ending at the community stage.

Immediately following the parade will be a block party located at the Grocery Outlet Community Stage and across the street at the Eritrean Orthodox Tewhado Church. We will have food trucks, performances from local artists, face-painting, resources, games and more! The block party will be from 12-3pm.

Please help us spread the word! See you there!



Welcome Fire Chief Hicks

King County Fire District 20 Fire Commissioners selected Eric Hicks as the fire district's new Fire Chief. Chief Hicks joined the fire district May 22nd. His fire service career started in 1991 as a volunteer at KCFD 20 and was hired as a career firefighter in 1994. He has held leadership positions for the Everett Fire Department as an Assistant Fire Marshal, Fire Marshal, Assistant Chief and Fire Chief. Chief Hicks is an active member of several professional societies including Washington State Fire Chiefs. Outside work he enjoys cooking, traveling and spending time with his family and friends.

King County Fire District 20 is a combination district (volunteer and career) serving the

residents of West Hill and responding to more than 2,200 calls each year. Chief Hicks has hit the ground running as he connects with the community through various organizations such as the West Hill Business Association, West Hill Community Association, Skyway VFW Post 9430, Skyway Solutions and the District. He will be leading the fire district forward on a number of fronts including safety inspections of commercial buildings and apartments. Chief Hicks can be reached in the office at (206) 772-1430 or by email at ehicks@kcfcd20.org.



SKYWAY OUTDOOR CINEMA

AUGUST 4	AUGUST 11
AUGUST 18	AUGUST 25

8pm behind the 7-Eleven on Renton Ave S.

[/SkywayOutdoorCinema](https://www.facebook.com/SkywayOutdoorCinema)
SkywayOutdoorCinema.org

West Hill Community Association's Summer Community Quarterly Meeting

Special presentations, community announcements, news & reports.

📅 Tues July 18th, 7pm 📍 Skyway VFW, 7421 S 126th St

SkyWest Tool Library

-Sharing, Caring, Teaching, Learning!

The SkyWest Tool Lending Library is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to supporting the West Hill Community through the sharing of information and household tools. **To learn more or volunteer**, join us on **July 27th at 6:00 PM** (or any 4th Thursday of the month) at the Skyway Water and Sewer District office.



-Jon Ault and Preston Horne-Brine

2017 WEST HILL HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR

King County Fire District #20 Training Center
12424 76th Ave. So. - Seattle, WA
Saturday, August 26, 2017
10am-2pm

- Alajawan's Hands backpack & school supplies giveaway (CHILDREN Must be Present)
- King County Fire District 20 Fitness Challenge, Bike Helmet Giveaway, Firefighter recruitment/Explorers
- Information Booths featuring Renton School District, Skyway Water & Sewer District, Cascade Water Alliance, West Hill Community Association, Skyway Solutions, Skyway VFW Post 9430, King County Sheriff's Office, Valley Medical Center and many more.

