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COVID-19 Customer Support Program

In accordance with the Governor's Proclamation 23.6 Ratepayer Assistance and Preservation of Essential Services, the District has developed and adopted its **COVID-19 Customer Support Program**. The Program is intended to keep our customers connected to essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency. The **temporary** billing and collection policies adopted by the Board of Commissioners on March 24, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic are incorporated in this Program. These temporary policies include:

- Water shut offs for non-payment are temporarily suspended.
- Late fees and lien interest charges are temporarily suspended.
- A property that was previously shut off and is legally occupied will have water service temporarily restored.

Important Notes: The District will continue to charge customer's accounts for water and/or sewer service. The District cannot "forgive" water and sewer service billings under Washington State law.

If you feel you will have difficulty paying your bill, please contact our office at 206-772-7343 so we can make arrangements that will work for you.

For current information about this Program, check our website at www.skywayws.org. Questions should be sent to info@skywayws.org.



CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction of the District's **Skyway Park Sewer Pump Station Consolidation** capital project awarded to R.L. Alia Company is proceeding very well. Sewer gravity and force main pipe, and water main pipe, have been installed. Two obsolete pump stations are decommissioned. As this newsletter goes to print, much of the asphalt paving has also been completed.

Restoration of grassy and landscaped areas remains to be done. Installation of pumps, piping and controls continues at the main pump station. Major work yet to be done includes system testing, pump station commissioning and site restoration.

There have been impacts to road traffic and parking areas around Skyway Park and foot traffic through the Park. We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation during the construction. Check our website at www.skywayws.org for updates or contact the District at info@skywayws.org or 206-772-7343 if you would like more information.

Station wet well primed & coated!



Asphalt paving in progress.

With favorable weather and supplies available, roadway paving for the District's **77th-79th Avenue South Watermain Replacement** project with James A. Guess Inc was done in August. Inspection and preparation of final reports will complete this project. The project included replacement of approximately 1,800 lineal feet of watermain, 5 fire hydrant assemblies, and 34 residential water service connections to improve system reliability and fire protection.



Field survey work has been conducted for the District's **Small Diameter Watermain Replacement** project and design work has begun. This project is located in the Bryn Mawr neighborhood (So. 115th St to So. 120th St. between 84th Ave So. and Rainier Ave So.) and includes replacement of approximately 6,200 linear feet of existing 2 and 4-inch water main with 8-inch ductile iron pipe.





Your Opportunity to Vote

We all have had to make changes due to COVID-19. And Fall will bring more changes – in the weather, salmon returning to their spawning grounds

and students returning to school in person or remotely. Fall is also the time for all registered voters to make their voices heard. The **General Election** is **Tuesday, November 3, 2020**. Be informed on the issues before you vote to ensure your best decision.

Skyway-West Hill Subarea Plan, Community Needs List, and Anti-displacement Strategies

King County Department of Local Services wants to work with Skyway-West Hill residents to establish a 20-year vision for Skyway-West Hill and policies to support that vision. They are also developing the Community Needs List that will include community-identified services, programs, and capital improvement projects that support the community's vision and inform budget decisions for future investments in Skyway-West Hill.

To share your vision for Skyway's future and learn more, please visit: www.publicinput.com/skyway

King County is working on an Anti-displacement Strategies Report for Skyway-West Hill and North Highline. To learn more and get involved, please visit: www.publicinput.com/anti-displacement

As the region grows and housing costs rise, Skyway-West Hill and North Highline residents have shared concerns about ongoing displacement and housing affordability. The report will evaluate tools and programs and present concrete actions King County can take to prevent residential displacement.

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin LeClair, Subarea Planner at kevin.leclair@kingcounty.gov.



Imagine A Day Without Water 2020

Imagine this: No water to drink or wash your hands with. No water to shower or flush the toilet. Firefighters couldn't put out fires. This year, as communities across America faced the public health threat of the coronavirus pandemic, water and wastewater systems continued to do their job, 24/7, keeping the water flowing. On **October 21, 2020**, please join us and others across the country as we raise awareness about the value of water with this sixth annual day of action.

We ask everyone to **pause and notice the way that water impacts our lives and communities, and commit to ensuring a sustainable water supply for generations to come.** According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):

- Each American uses an average of 88 gallons of water a day at home.
- We can all use at least 20% less water by installing water-efficient fixtures and appliances.
- Running the dishwasher only when it's full can save the average family nearly 320 gallons of water annually.
- Turning off the tap while brushing your teeth can save 8 gallons of water per day.

During Imagine a Day Without Water 2020, we're hoping to raise awareness and educate our customers about this most vital resource. **Please use water wisely!!**

King County Fire District #20

Home is where the heart is.

Don't Let Your World Go Up in Smoke.

Fire is fast! In less than 30 seconds, a small flame can turn into a major fire. Smoke and toxic gases from a home fire kill more people than flames. Every home needs fire protection and a plan for escape.

Smoke Alarms - Working smoke alarms give you early warning if there is a fire. Make sure your home is protected. Do this today.

Children - Children under the age of four are at a higher risk of home fire injury and death than older children. Create your escape plan today.

Escape Plan - You may have less than three minutes to escape a home fire. Every second counts. Make a plan. Talk with your family about what to do if there is a fire. Practice your escape plan.



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WHCA News *and* Updates

Meet WHCA's Newest Board Members

MyWestHill.org/2020board We just brought on a few new folks to put in work for our community, and we think you'll like them as much as we do.

Get Ready for Election Day: November 3

MyWestHill.org/2020election Ballots will be mailed for the 2020 General Election on October 14. Deadline to register online or by mail is October 26. View our guide for details!

#WestHillCounts: Complete the 2020 Census

MyWestHill.org/census It only takes 10 minutes online, impacts local funding, and your privacy is protected by law.

Check Out Your Local Events Calendar

MyWestHill.org/calendar There's always something new being added to our online events calendar. Take a look!

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE: In these uncertain times, things change and news updates quickly. Our website, social media accounts, and newsletter are great ways to stay in the loop: **MyWestHill.org/connect**



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