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UTILITY TAX

The District was notified in October that beginning January 1, 2021, the City of Renton will be imposing the Renton Utility Tax on all water and sewer service providers operating within the City limits. This includes Skyway Water and Sewer District and any other entity type operating in Renton. The **City will charge a tax of 6.8% for water and 6.0% for sewer** service that the District provides to our customers whose property lies within the City limits. Information regarding the utility tax is available on the City's website in the City of Renton Municipal Code Title 5 Chapter 11. Contact the District at info@skywayws.org or 206-772-7343 if you would like more information.

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction of the District's **Skyway Park Sewer Pump Station Consolidation** capital project awarded to R.L. Alia Company is in the home stretch! The new Main Pump Station is online and operating. All underground piping has been installed and two obsolete pump stations are substantially decommissioned. As this newsletter goes to print, minor mechanical work, system testing and asphalt paving; and restoration of grassy and landscaped areas remain to be done.



There have been impacts to road traffic and parking areas around Skyway Park and foot traffic through the Park since construction began in January of this year. We very much 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.

Field survey work has been completed and design is underway for the District's **Small Diameter Watermain Replacement** project to provide improved system reliability and fire protection. This project is located in the Bryn Mawr neighborhood and includes replacement of approximately 6,200 linear feet of aged and deteriorated 2- and 4-inch water main with new 8-inch ductile iron pipe. New service lines from the water mains to the meters and fire hydrants will also be installed.



With favorable weather and asphalt supplies available, roadway paving for the District's **77th-79th Avenue South Watermain Replacement** project with James A. Guess Inc was done in August. Preparation and submittal of final reports will complete this project that includes 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.



Warmest wishes from all of us here at Skyway Water and Sewer District. May this holiday season and New Year bring you and your family hope, good health and happiness. We want to thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve you.



King County Franchise Ordinance 18403 Rents for Rights-of-Way

As reported in our March 2020 newsletter, the Washington Supreme Court rejected the districts' and other utilities' challenge to King County Franchise Ordinance 18403 pursuant to which the County seeks to charge franchise compensation or rent to utilities using public rights-of-way. The case has been remanded back to the trial court for further proceedings, including challenges to the rent methodology used by the County.

At present, King County anticipates raising approximately \$25 Million of revenue over the 2021-2022 budget period by imposing this rental charge on agencies, including Skyway, that have water, sewer, gas or electric facilities located within the public rights-of-way. The revenue generated by the rental charge is part of the County's path to balancing their General Fund. This charge will be a direct burden on the customers within our district, will be a significant hardship to low income customers, and will have financial impacts to district operations and planned infrastructure repair and replacement projects.

The District is evaluating its options, will continue to **advocate on your behalf**, and will keep you informed of the situation.

Help Write Your Skyway-West Hill Subarea Plan and Community Needs List

King County is updating the community plan for Skyway-West Hill. The updated plan will include a 20-year community vision and policies to support that vision. The plan will also include a Community Needs List with community-identified services, programs, and capital improvement projects that support the community's vision and inform future investments in Skyway-West Hill.

Thank you to everyone who has participated so far. As of mid-October, we have received over 160 comments and requests for programs, services, and capital improvements. That is a great response!

The community collaboration website has been updated! Visit: www.publicinput.com/skyway to see the requests and tell us what should be the highest priorities. Your involvement will guide King County's policies and investments in Skyway-West Hill for years to come.





Skyway has a new WIC clinic!

Cynthia Green Family Center
12704 76th Avenue South
Seattle, WA 98178

Every Friday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

*WIC is a place where families like yours
get healthy food and a lot more!
You may qualify if you are pregnant, a
new mom, or have children under five.*

**All services are
currently being
done by phone.**

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206-477-1870



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WHCA News *and* Updates

Last Chance to Influence the County Budget

MyWestHill.org/2021budget The final public hearing for the 2021-2022 budget is on November 17 - learn about the issues and how to advocate for your community.

Skyway-West Hill Anti-Displacement Strategies

PublicInput.com/anti-displacement Learn about concrete actions that King County can take to develop and retain affordable housing here and share your own feedback.

More Local News, Updates, and Actions

MyWestHill.org/news Find more stories from the community, opportunities to take action, and more.

Check Out Your Local Events Calendar

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

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