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Over the past year, District staff have been very busy maintaining your water and sewer systems:

- ✧ Completed replacement/upgrade of 22 sewer manholes and approximately 5,800 feet of sewer main
- ✧ Collected and analyzed more than 6,000 water samples
- ✧ Repaired 2 fire hydrants and installed 1 new hydrant
- ✧ Installed 2 new water service connections
- ✧ Replaced 391 individual water meters
- ✧ Cleaned all of your 12 sewer pump stations weekly
- ✧ Repaired 5 leaks in your 40 miles of water main and 6 leaks on service lines
- ✧ Inspected 40 sewer manholes and 1,600 feet of sewer main pipe
- ✧ Maintained and serviced 7 pressure reducing stations
- ✧ Recorded more than 21,400 meter readings for water consumption

In calendar year 2021, we plan to:

- ✧ Install approximately 5,800 feet of new sewer main to replace old and undersized pipes
- ✧ Install approximately 10,900 feet of new watermain to replace old and undersized pipes
- ✧ Replace approximately 800 individual water meters

Each and every task is performed in order to provide you with reliable water and sewer service on a daily basis.

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Skyway Park Sewer Pump Station Consolidation

Construction of this District capital project awarded to R.L. Alia Company is largely complete! The new Main Pump Station is operating as planned, all underground piping and manholes have been installed, system testing conducted, and restoration and cleanup is in progress. As this newsletter goes to print, minor electrical and mechanical work, restoration of grassy and landscaped areas, and site cleanup remain to be done.



We very much appreciate everyone's patience with roadway, parking and foot traffic disruptions that occurred 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.

Construction of two very important capital improvements projects is planned to begin in the early months of 2021, subject to approval by the Board of Commissioners: the Skyway Park North Sewer Replacement Phase 1 and the Small Diameter Watermain Replacement.

Skyway Park North Sewer Replacement Phase 1

The Skyway Park North neighborhood was constructed in the 1940's and 1950's and the roughly 80-year-old sanitary sewer system needs to be replaced. The system design and layout do not meet current District standards, making maintenance more difficult. Repairs are having to be done more frequently and are costly, especially when done under emergency circumstances. Construction of Phase 1 of the Skyway Park North project can begin following completion of the Skyway Park Sewer Pump Station Consolidation project. This Phase 1 project replaces approximately 5,800 lineal feet of gravity sewer main, 36 sewer manholes, and redirects/reconnects side sewers for approximately 123 single-family homes and two apartment buildings. Approximately 4,000 lineal feet of watermain will also be replaced as part of the project.



Small Diameter Watermain Replacement

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.



Home Winter Maintenance



Cold Weather/Winter Storms!

Winter is on our doorstep and there are a few simple things you can do to be prepared:

TO HELP PREVENT FLOODING:

- * Rake up and properly dispose of fallen leaves.
- * Keep storm drains clear.
- * Clean gutters and downspouts.

TO HELP PREVENT FROZEN PIPES:

- * Drain and wrap or cover outside faucets and hose bibs.
- * Shut off and drain in-ground sprinkler systems.
- * Insulate pipes that are in unheated areas such as attics, crawl spaces, garages.
- * Close off foundation vents to minimize cold wind from entering your house. Open vents up in the spring.

BEFORE IT DROPS BELOW FREEZING:

- * Know where your main water shut off valve is located. (If your house does not have a main water shutoff, consider having one installed.) If a water pipe breaks, immediately close the main shut-off valve. If you cannot locate the valve, call us at 206-772-7343 and a District field technician will turn off the water at the meter.
- * Identify several plumbers in advance and keep their numbers handy.
- * Set your thermostat no lower than 55 degrees Fahrenheit day or night (even if you are away during the winter months)



Our organization is all about **SHARING, CARING, TEACHING and LEARNING**. For now, we are still not holding meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Meetings will be resumed when safe to do so and we look forward to having you join us! For now, we offer our thoughts and support to the residents, businesses and other members of our community impacted by the virus. Until we can meet again, stay safe and visit our website at www.skywesttools.org for information about the SkyWest Tool Library.

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HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

Skyway Water and Sewer District and The Salvation Army partner to provide financial assistance to individuals and families struggling to pay for their water and sewer services.



The program is funded by District rates and customer donations and is administered by the Salvation Army. For more information, call us at 206-772-7343 or the Salvation Army at 425-255-5969 Extension 214.

2020 RATE ASSISTANCE

During 2020 there were 278 qualifying low-income senior or disabled customers that participated in the District's Rate Discount Program. **The cost of this program was approximately \$115,771.80 -- \$15,574.68 in water service and \$100,197.12 in sewer service.**

WHCA News *and* Updates



Join our Winter Quarterly Meeting: **New Date!**

Facebook.com/MyWestHill We've moved our Winter community meeting to Tuesday, February 16. Watch live on Facebook at 7 p.m. and learn what's new in the neighborhood!



Fall 2020 Quarterly Community Meeting Recap

MyWestHill.org/fall-2020-qm Updates on tiny home village, big County budget wins, community message boards, envisioning community centers, anti-displacement.



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!

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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