



COMING SOON: 2020 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

On May 1st, our annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) or "Water Quality Report" will be available online. This report will provide you with detailed information on the quality of our drinking water in 2020. It will also relay how Skyway customers have been doing in their efforts to conserve water. As always, our goal is to provide a report that not only meets State and Federal requirements, but is also informative and easy to understand. Take a few minutes to go online and read it. There's a lot to know and learn about this precious resource! Copies of the report are available from the District upon request.



A History of Transparency and Responsible Reporting

Every year, the Washington State Auditor's Office conducts an audit for the District. Typically, two types of audits are conducted – accountability and financial statements. The purpose of the audits is to assess the District's compliance with applicable laws, regulations, policies and procedures, and the safeguarding of public resources. An audit for fiscal year 2019 has been completed and this marks the **28th consecutive year** that no findings were reported by the State Auditor. This accomplishment reflects the ongoing commitment of the District's Commissioners and employees to providing strong operational oversight, excellent internal controls and accurate financial reporting.



CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Skyway Park Sewer Pump Station Consolidation

Only minor work items remain to complete this District capital project awarded to R.L. Alia Company. The new Main Pump Station is operational, two obsolete pump stations have been decommissioned, all underground piping and sewer manholes have been installed, and system testing conducted. Site cleanup is in progress.



Design and preparation of contract documents for the Districts **Skyway Park North Sewer Replacement Phase 1** and **Small Diameter Watermain Replacement** projects is in progress. Construction is planned to begin this spring, subject to approval by the Board of Commissioner. Check our website at www.skywayws.org for updates or [contact the District at info@skywayws.org](mailto:info@skywayws.org) or 206-772-7343 if you would like more information.



Skyway Park North Sewer Replacement Phase 1



Small Diameter Watermain Replacement

WHCA News *and* Updates



Learn How You Can Make a Difference

MyWestHill.org/advocate Your one-stop-shop to find out what opportunities you have to address issues currently impacting our community.

Time, Skills, Dollars - Find Your Role

MyWestHill.org/join You care about your community. Join us and do something about it! Whether joining a committee, donating funds, or amplifying outreach efforts, your support is always needed.

More Local News, Updates, and Information

MyWestHill.org/news Find more stories from the community, helpful resources, 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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Call 811 Before you Dig

UNIFORM COLOR CODE FOR MARKING UNDERGROUND UTILITY LINES

White	PROPOSED EXCAVATION
Pink	TEMPORARY SURVEY MARKINGS
Red	ELECTRIC POWER LINES, CABLES, CONDUIT AND LIGHTING CABLES
Yellow	GAS, OIL, STEAM, PETROLEUM OR GASEOUS MATERIALS
Orange	COMMUNICATION, ALARM OR SIGNAL LINES, CABLES OR CONDUIT
Blue	POTABLE WATER
Purple	RECLAIMED WATER, IRRIGATION AND SLURRY LINES
Green	SEWER AND DRAIN LINES

Have you ever wondered what the colorful paint marks in the street or roadside area are for? Those paint marks show the approximate location of buried utilities or facilities under the road, sidewalk, or even in your yard. Anyone who is planning to dig (excavate) is required by law to **call 811** two business days before starting any excavation. "Call before you Dig" ensures that any publicly owned underground lines will be located and marked, so you can dig around them safely. Having the utilities lines marked prevents property damage and personal injuries that could result from breaking a line and prevents accidental damage to the lines.

COVID-19 Response: Temporary Billing and Collection Policies

It's hard to believe that more than a year has passed since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The District responded to the situation on March 24, 2020, when the District Board of Commissioners authorized **temporary** billing and collections policies.



The temporary policies that remain in place when this newsletter went to print include:

- Water shut offs for non-payment are temporarily suspended.
- Late fees and lien interest charges are temporarily suspended.
- When staff become aware of a property that was previously shut off and that is legally occupied, the District will temporarily restore service.

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.

For the most current information, check our website at www.skywayws.org. District Commissioners and staff continue to assess these interim policies as the situation changes and make adjustments as necessary. **Questions about these temporary policies should be sent to info@skywayws.org due to staff limitations handling phone calls at this time.**

Inspect the Sewer if You're Thinking About Buying a Home!

If you are thinking about buying a home, be sure to have the side sewer inspected as part of your overall pre-purchase home inspection. If you own a home, you also own and are responsible for maintaining, repairing and/or replacing the home's side sewer "from the drain to the main". This means that all the drain pipes in the house and the pipe that runs from the house all the way to the sewer mainline (often located in the street right-of-way) is the homeowner's responsibility.



Upon inspection, side sewer lines are often found to be old, broken, crushed, leaking or full of tree and plant roots. Side sewer lines that are not properly maintained are more likely to cause private sewer system backups which can be extremely inconvenient, damaging and costly. If you are thinking of buying a home, remember to inspect the side sewer. Your attention to what's in the home's underground will ensure its sewer system stays working through the life of your home ownership.