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CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

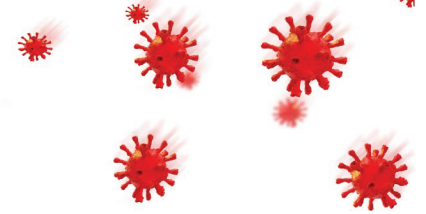


In our last newsletter, we reported that design of the District's **Small Diameter Watermain Replacement** capital project was in progress. Design was completed and the project advertised for proposals. We are happy to report that 9 bids were submitted and opened on August 3rd. The apparent low bidder qualifications are being reviewed as this newsletter goes to print. This project is located in the Bryn Mawr neighborhood on streets generally located between 84th and 87th Ave S. from S. 115th Street to S. 121st Street and includes replacement of approximately 5,900 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.



Design of the District's **Skyway Park North Sewer Replacement Phase 1** project is complete, preparation of contract documents in progress and construction planned for this fall. This Phase 1 project is located northeast of Renton Ave between 72nd Place S. and 76th Ave S. It 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. Construction is planned to begin this fall, subject to approval by the Board of Commissioners. 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.

COVID-19 CUSTOMER SUPPORT



On March 18, 2020, Governor Inslee issued **Proclamation 20-23** (subsequently amended/extended) pertaining to Utility Ratepayer Assistance and Preservation of Essential Services. The District adopted **temporary** policies on March 24, 2020 and has not charged penalties/late fees, filed liens or discontinued service since then. The Governors **proclamation is ending September 30, 2021** and we anticipate **District policies will be reinstated on December 31, 2021.**

The District's policy is to Disconnect Service and/or Lien property when balances are over 60 days past due and we are providing you advance notice to avoid any liens or water disconnections. If you have a past due balance owing, we encourage you to call our office at 206-772-7343 **between December 1st – 31st** to make payment arrangements to avoid penalties, liens & disconnections.

In addition, below is a list of agencies that may also be able to help you.

Need Help?

- ◆ Skyway Water & Sewer District COVID-19 Customer Support Program: www.skywayws.org
- ◆ Skyway Customer Assistance Program through Salvation Army: 425-255-5969 extension 214
- ◆ St. Vincent DePaul: 206-767-6449
- ◆ Catholic Community Services: 253-854-0077
- ◆ DSHS Disaster Cash Assistance Program: 877-501-2233 or www.WashingtonConnection.org
- ◆ WA State Department of Health 1-800-525-0127
- ◆ Utilities and Transportation Commission Consumer Hotline: 1-888-333-9882
- ◆ Washington 2-1-1: 1-877-211-9274 or 211

For the latest information, please visit www.skywayws.org If you have any questions, please call us at 206-772-7343 or email info@skywayws.org.



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, or both. Fall is also the time for all registered voters to make their voices heard. The **General Election** is **Tuesday, November 2, 2021**. Be informed on the issues before you vote to ensure your best decision.

Have You Gone Golden?

As this newsletter goes to print, much of our state is experiencing a water shortage if not an outright drought. On July 14, 2021 the Department of Ecology declared an emergency that included almost the entire State of Washington. The metropolitan areas of Seattle, Everett and Tacoma are not experiencing the same drought-like conditions as the rest of the state; however, we still want to be good stewards of our precious water resource.

Let's do our part:

- ◆ Take shorter showers
- ◆ Wash only full loads of laundry
- ◆ Fill the bathtub less when bathing
- ◆ Check for leaks and repair them as soon as possible
- ◆ Turn the water off when shaving or brushing your teeth
- ◆ Water your lawn and plants only when necessary; 1-inch a week is enough for most lawns
- ◆ Install low flow faucet aerators and shower heads
- ◆ Avoid running the faucet for a cold drink. Keep a pitcher in the refrigerator
- ◆ Use a dish squeegee or paper towel to remove food from plates. It saves water and keep Fats, Oils & Grease (FOG) out of the sewer lines.

Every drop you save is one more drop available in the future! For more information, visit:
<https://ecology.wa.gov/Local-projects-issues/Education-training/What-you-can-do/Water-conservation>

WHCA News *and* Updates



What a Summer! We had really missed you.

After so long apart, we were beyond thrilled to see y'all at our Cinema Pack Pick Up events for Skyway Virtual Cinema, the ribbon cutting for our new community message boards, and at our West Hill Action Mob cleanup parties.



Local News, Updates, and Info

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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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King County Districting Committee

By law, the King County Council districts must be adjusted every 10 years, using the newest U.S. Census data, to reflect changes in population distribution. The Districting Committee is responsible for redrawing the district boundaries and must follow certain legal criteria including ensuring the new districts are compact, contiguous and nearly equal in population. The Committee is interested in hearing about your community. For more information, including a survey to share your districting priorities and thoughts, visit:
<https://kingcounty.gov/independent/districting.aspx>