

## 2022 Water and Sewer Rates

The Board of Commissioners of Skyway Water and Sewer District is responsible for setting rates. Each year, with the aid of District staff and consultants, they work in open public meetings to analyze the District's operating, maintenance, and capital replacement requirements. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, this year's rate setting analysis and decision-making was again very challenging.

As reported in the March newsletter, the 2022 Rate Study was conducted later than usual in order to account for the full effect of unpaid water and sewer bills (arrearages) related to COVID-19 and to consider the needs of our customers, the District's overall financial health and stability, and the Board's fiduciary responsibility to provide for the proper operation and maintenance of the water and sewer systems. The Study has been completed with District rate adjustments for 2022 effective March 1st and reflected in your May bill.

In addition to the daily cost of operating the water and sewer systems, the

Commissioners must plan for the cost to repair and replace parts of the systems as they become obsolete or deteriorated. This is an ongoing activity and much of our infrastructure, particularly sewer facilities, was originally installed as much as 80 years ago. As part of the rate setting process, District staff develop a 10-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that prioritizes repair and replacement projects based on the risks and benefits of each individual project. The CIP and rate schedule are reviewed by the Board of Commissioners to confirm that the CIP program balances their obligation to maintain your vital water and sewer facilities against

the cost to District customers. This year's process again considered the past, current and potential future financial impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The enclosed May bill (for March and April service) reflects a rate increase for both water and sewer. The water increase (\$3.30/month for the average single-family customer) will help to fund the replacement and upsizing of old water mains. The sewer increase (\$1.71/month for the average single-family customer) will help fund the ongoing replacement of your aging sewer collection and transmission system. As noted in the last newsletter there was a 4.5% increase in the pass-through sewer charges

for King County sewage  
treatment effective  
January 1, 2022.

Over the next 6 years, the District's capital improvement program to repair and/or replace aging infrastructure is anticipated to average \$9.0 million dollars per year. The 2022 rate schedule, at a cost of \$3.76 per day for District water and sewer service for the average single-family customer, pays for **ALL** ongoing system operations and CIP projects. The District operates **solely** on your customer rates; **it receives no tax revenue.**

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SFR)								
MONTHLY METER RATES			BI-MONTHLY VOLUME BLOCKS		MONTHLY SEWER RATES			
Meter Size	SFR	SFR Discount	0-8 ccf	4.90		SFR	SFR Discount	
5/8x3/4"	22.06	15.44	9-12 ccf	6.21	District	58.64	26.67	
1"	51.90	36.33	13-24 ccf	7.82	King County	49.27	49.27	
1 1/2"	101.70	71.18	Over 24 ccf	9.97	Total	107.91	75.94	
NON-SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL								
MONTHLY WATER RATES							MONTHLY SEWER RATES	
METER SIZE	5/8x3/4"	1"	1-1/2"	2"	3"	4"	6"	KING COUNTY DNR & DISTRICT RATE (per 100 cubic feet)
	33.26	73.11	158.09	251.73	501.60	782.32	1562.58	
BI-MONTHLY VOLUME BLOCKS								
COMMERCIAL		INSTITUTIONAL		MULTI-FAMILY		IRRIGATION		16.90
7.06		7.06		6.84		23.86		

## An Ongoing Legacy 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 2020 has been completed and this marks the **29th 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.



## AVAILABLE NOW: 2022 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Our annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) or "Water Quality Report" is available online. This report will provide you with detailed information on the quality of our drinking water in 2021. 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, and 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.

## CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

### Construction on the Small Diameter Watermain

**Replacement** capital project in the Bryn Mawr neighborhood is progressing well. As this issue goes to print, the contractor has installed new water main pipe on S 115th St, from 84th east to the 8500 block; on S 118th and S 120th Streets from 84th Ave S to 87th Ave S; and on 87th Ave S from S 117th Street S 121st Street. After successful pressure and water quality testing, water services connections on nearly all those streets have been transferred over (connected) to the new water main. Check our website at [www.skywayws.org](http://www.skywayws.org) for project updates or contact the District at [info@skywayws.org](mailto:info@skywayws.org) or 206-772-7343 if you would like more information.



## Help for Those in Need

- ◆ Skyway Water & Sewer District [www.skywayws.org](http://www.skywayws.org) FAQ
- ◆ Skyway Customer Assistance Program through Salvation Army: 425-255-5969 ext. 214
- ◆ St. Vincent DePaul: 206-767-6449
- ◆ Multi-Service Center LIHEAP/LIHWAP 253-517-2263 or [mschelps.org](http://mschelps.org)
- ◆ Catholic Community Services: 253-854-0077 or [www.ccsww.org](http://www.ccsww.org)
- ◆ DSHS Disaster Cash Assistance Program: 877-501-2233 or [www.WashingtonConnection.org](http://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



## WHCA News and Updates



### ♥ Hey neighbor - JOIN OUR TEAM!

You don't have to be a superhero to make a difference. Help engage and advocate for our community as a volunteer, committee member, or board director for West Hill Community Association: [MyWestHill.org/join](http://MyWestHill.org/join)

### Local News, Updates, and Info

[MyWestHill.org](http://MyWestHill.org) or just point your phone camera at this fancy QR code



### Check Out Your Local Events Calendar

[MyWestHill.org/calendar](http://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](http://MyWestHill.org/connect)



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**Skyway VFW Post 9430**

"No one does more for Veterans."

7421 S 126th St. Seattle

206-772-9982

Main Entrance is on Renton Ave. Parking Lot Side

**Community Members Welcome**



### EVENTS EVERY MONTH:

Every Thursday Night Hamburgers at 5:30 to 6:30 - \$6.00

Every Friday WII Bowling at 5:30

Second Saturday Dinner/Dancing at 6:00 - \$12.00 Advance, \$15.00 Door

### May

May 1st – Waffle Bar Breakfast 9:00 to 11:00 - \$8.00

May 14th – Salmon Dinner/Dancing at 6:00 - \$12.00 - \$15.00 Door

May 21st – Post 75th Anniversary; Must RSVP by May 13th

4:00 Social, 5:00-6:00 Program, 6:00 Dinner, 6:30 Dancing

May 28th – Country Western Dinner/Dancing at 6:00 - \$12.00 - \$15.00 Door

May 30th – Memorial Day Services at Bonney Watson Cemetery - 3:00

### June

June 11th – Pirate Night Brisket Dinner/Dancing at 6:00 - \$12.00 - \$15.00 Door