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# SKY LINES

July 2022

## King County Sewage Treatment Rates

King County provides wastewater (sewage) treatment service to 34 local agencies, including Skyway, and the County's preliminary 2023 Sewer Rate-Setting process is underway. The County's goals in this process include increased reliability at West Point Treatment Plant and elsewhere; regulatory compliance; growth-related demand response; critical asset management project execution; protect water quality; address climate change impacts; and equitable service delivery.

The adopted 2022 Rate Plan had forecast a 4% annual rate increase through 2025. Preliminary sensitivity forecasts at this time show a 5.5% annual rate increase through 2027 followed by 9.0% rate increases through 2032. These are not proposed rates, but early information to inform policy direction. More information on rates and finance is available at <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/wtd/about/finances.aspx>



## 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 the last of the new watermain pipe on South 117<sup>th</sup> Street between 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and Rainier Avenue South. After successful pressure and water quality testing, the remaining water services connections (approximately 6) on South 117<sup>th</sup> Street will be transferred over (connected) to the new water main. Restoration of roads, sidewalks, lawns and driveways affected by the construction is in progress. Contact the District at [info@skywayws.org](mailto:info@skywayws.org) or 206-772-7343 if you would like more information.



## SCAM ALERT!!



The District recently became aware that fraudulent phone calls are being made by a person or persons calling themselves "Skyway Payment". The District is **not** affiliated with any such company. **THIS IS A SCAM!!!** Do not share personal information or make payments to someone who calls you about an overdue bill. Skyway

Water and Sewer District will only contact you with a written letter via US Postal Service or delivered to your service address. We will not call you to request payment.

Skyway Water and Sewer District offers online bill pay through a secure portal on our website [www.skywayws.org](http://www.skywayws.org), through an automated phone system 206-521-5168 or by calling our office directly. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us by phone 206-772-7343 or email [info@skywayws.org](mailto:info@skywayws.org).

## Cascade Gardener Lawn Alternatives

Growing a healthy lawn in the Pacific Northwest can be a challenge, even with our ample rains in spring and fall. Join Emily Bishton on **July 23, 2022 at 10:00 AM** for an online class hosted by Cascade Gardener. If your yard is shaded, sloped, or has other difficult conditions, there are many alternatives that require less maintenance, less water, and fewer resources! This class will cover how to choose beautiful, easy-care groundcovers and shrubs that will thrive on your site, easy ways to use sheet mulching to reduce the size of your lawn and build healthy soil for the new plants, proper planting techniques, and more.



[brownpapertickets.com/event/5453135](https://brownpapertickets.com/event/5453135)



Lawn Alternatives with Emily Bishton

# WHCA News *and* Updates



## CINEMA IS BACK (for our 20<sup>th</sup> year!)

Virtual in 2020. Hybrid in 2021. *LIVE AND IN PERSON FOR 2022.* We can hardly contain our excitement. Get ready for some incredible, unforgettable Friday nights this August:

[MyWestHill.org/soc](https://mywesthill.org/soc)



## Local News, Updates, and Info

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



## Check Out Your Local Events Calendar

[MyWestHill.org/calendar](https://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](https://mywesthill.org/connect)



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## 2022 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

In our last newsletter, we reported that the District's 2022 Consumer Confidence Report was available online. This report, required by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington State Department of Health, provides detailed information about the quality and efficient use of your drinking water. We hope that, if you haven't read it yet, you will take the time to go online and learn a little more about the water that is delivered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, straight to your tap. If you only receive sewer service from Skyway Water and Sewer District, you should have received a 2022 Water Quality Report directly from your water service provider – King County Water District No. 125, Seattle Public Utilities or the City of Renton. If you have questions regarding the report or your water provider, give us a call at 206-772-7343.



# JUNETEENTH

## National Independence Day

One of the newest holidays celebrated at the federal level is the Juneteenth holiday to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States. Recent statistics show that our community is one of the most, if not the most, ethnically diverse areas in the State of Washington. Based on the intent of the federal holiday to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States, the widespread adoption of the holiday across our State and County, and in acknowledgement and recognition of the community that we serve, the Board of Commissioners approved the adoption of **Juneteenth National Independence Day** as an additional District holiday, to be observed on June 19th or the closest weekday. Skyway Water and Sewer District is proud to recognize the importance of this holiday in our community.

## Sidewalk Repair and Tree Removal



King County Road Services Division will be in our neighborhood along **South 124<sup>th</sup> Street** near **Campbell Hill Elementary School** this month to repair cracked, damaged sidewalks caused by tree root growth. The County will also remove 11 trees that are damaging the sidewalk. This is part of the County's ongoing sidewalk repair program. The County will provide 33 replacement trees and work with the community to plant the new trees in a different location this fall.

### What can residents do?

- Help decide where to plant the 33 replacement trees.
  - Find out more about the County Accessibility Program.
- Visit: [Kingcounty.gov/RoadsADAPlan](https://kingcounty.gov/RoadsADAPlan)**

For more information contact Brent Champaco, Public Information Officer, 206-477-9094, or email [AskLocalServices@kingcounty.gov](mailto:AskLocalServices@kingcounty.gov)