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Boathouse Inc Renton Skyway Cleanup



In our November newsletter, we reported that operations at the former Ken's Skyway Cleaners dry-cleaning facility at 12548 Renton Ave S resulted in the release of hazardous chemicals to soil and groundwater. Ongoing water quality testing shows that the District's drinking water supply **has not been impacted** by this contamination. Department of Ecology (DOE) is providing funding for site cleanup through their new Affordable Housing Cleanup Grant Program. Following a public hearing on August 3, 2022, the District submitted comments to DOE on the Prospective Purchaser Consent Decree and Public Participation Plan and we have continued to monitor the cleanup process. DOE's **December 2022 Responsiveness Summary** is now available online. This document contains a summary of the outreach DOE conducted, the public comments received, and the response to each commenter. The **Prospective Purchaser Consent Decree** and the **Public Participation Plan** are now final. Work is beginning on the **Remedial Investigation**. For the latest information, go to <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/567>.

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Contract documents are being prepared for the **Skyway Park North Sewer Replacement Phase 1** project located north of Renton Ave between 72nd Place So and 76th Ave So.



The project is funded in part by a [20-year low-interest Public Works Trust Fund \(PWTF\) loan from the Department of Commerce](#). The project includes replacing ~6,100 lineal feet of gravity sewer main, 35 sewer manholes, and redirects/reconnects side sewers for ~130 single-family homes and two apartment buildings. It also replaces ~4,000 lineal feet of watermain. Construction is planned for 2023/2024.

Design of the **Rainier Ave So/So 113th Watermain Replacement** project is also in progress. The project is located east of Rainier Ave So, north of So 113th Street, and along So. 113th Street east of Rainier Ave So. this project is also funded in part by a 20-year low interest loan from Department of Commerce. Residents in the project area can expect to receive letters from the District requesting access to conduct a field survey to gather information critical to the project design. If you receive a letter and have any questions, please contact the District office. This project replaces ~1,250 linear feet of 6-inch asbestos cement pipe and 2-inch galvanized pipe with new 8-inch ductile iron pipe and replaces existing water service lines, valves and fire hydrants. Construction is planned for 2023.

As reported in the November newsletter, in **September 2022** the District submitted applications for low-interest **Public Works Trust Fund construction loans** for two watermain replacement projects. We are happy to report that the District has been awarded a 20-year low-interest Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) loan from the Department of Commerce for the **Forest/Garden Ave So Watermain Replacement** project. The project is located in the Lakeridge neighborhood on Forest Ave So between So Rustic Rd and Oakwood Ave So and along Garden Pl S between S Lakeridge Dr. and Lotus Pl S. Read the newsletter or check our website at www.skywayws.org for project updates. You can also contact the District at info@skywayws.org or 206-772-7343 if you would like more information.



happy new year

2023



Over the past year as we emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic, District staff have worked very hard to maintain your water and sewer systems:

- Applied for and were awarded a Public Works Trust Fund loan for water capital project construction totaling approximately \$1.063 million. The loan contract includes low interest rates and extended repayment terms (20 years).
- Completed construction of the Small Diameter Watermain Replacement project in the Bryn Mawr neighborhood. This project replaced aging water mains, fire hydrants and service lines that was vulnerable to system failures and emergency repairs.
- Collected and analyzed approximately 4,000 water samples including routine (3-year) Lead & Copper testing.
- Installed 10 new water service connections
- Cleaned your 8 sewer pump stations weekly.
- Conducted a system-wide water leak detection survey.
- Repaired 7 main breaks in your 40 miles of water main and 20 service line leaks
- Maintained and serviced 7 pressure reducing stations
- Recorded more than 20,760 meter readings for water consumption.
- Have converted approximately 45% of the water system to AMR (automatic meter reads) by exchanging an additional 308 meters in 2022

In calendar year 2023, we plan to:

- Construct the Rainier Ave South/South 113th Street capital project to replace approximately 1,250 feet of old and undersized water main pipe
 - Begin construction of the Skyway Park North Phase 1 project to replace approximately 6,100 feet of sewer pipe, 35 manholes and 4,000 feet of water main pipe
 - Convert approximately 375 individual water meters to AMR
- Our mission continues to be providing you with reliable water and sewer service every day.



New Storefront Deputy

Welcome to our neighborhood! **The District would like to welcome the new Storefront Deputy Michael Norris to the community!**

"I'm Michael Norris. Starting in January I'll be the new Skyway Storefront Detective. I've been a police officer for 10 years. I began my career in public service with the Atlanta Police Department before moving out to Washington and finding my home with the King County Sheriff's Office. I look forward to meeting everyone and engaging with community members. A little bit about me - I was born and raised in Alabama before moving to Atlanta to become a police officer. After working there for several years, I moved to Washington where I met my wife. We have 3 children. We're big Seahawks fans and love getting out to a game whenever we get free time. "

Have a Blocked Sewer Line?

If you experience a sewer blockage outside your house, call Puget Sound Energy (PSE) when your plumber is on their way to clear it. Or have your plumber call PSE at 1-888-225-5773. Natural gas lines have inadvertently been installed through some sewer and septic lines. Clearing the line with a cutting tool could break the gas line, allowing gas into your house and creating a dangerous situation. PSE will meet your plumber on-site for free to make sure the sewer or septic line is safe to clear. Learn more at www.pse.com/sewersafety.



Billing System Upgrade

After 20 years of reliable performance and to improve customer service, the District's billing system is being transformed!! Our upgraded billing system will go live on February 1, 2023 and beginning in March 2023, your paper bill will have a new look. Watch for more information on our website (skywayws.org) or newsletter.



WHCA News and Updates



Hey neighbor - JOIN OUR TEAM!

MyWestHill.org/join 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.

Check Out Your Local Events Calendar

MyWestHill.org/calendar There's always something new being added to our online events calendar. Take a look!

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