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SKYWAY LINES

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CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Design of the Rainier Ave So/ So 113th Watermain Replacement project is 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. and 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.



The District will be requesting access to your property in the near future 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. Construction is planned for 2023.



2023 Water and Sewer Rates

| SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SFR) | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|--|-------|
| MONTHLY METER RATES | | | BI-MONTHLY VOLUME BLOCKS | | MONTHLY SEWER RATES | | | |
| Meter Size | SFR | SFR Discount | 0-8 ccf | 5.34 | | SFR | SFR Discount | |
| 5/8x3/4" | 24.05 | 16.83 | 9-12 ccf | 6.77 | District | 60.40 | 27.47 | |
| 1" | 56.57 | 39.60 | 13-24 ccf | 8.52 | King County | 52.11 | 52.11 | |
| 1 1/2" | 110.85 | 77.59 | Over 24 ccf | 10.87 | Total | 112.51 | 79.58 | |
| NON-SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL | | | | | | | | |
| MONTHLY WATER RATES | | | | | | | MONTHLY SEWER RATES | |
| METER SIZE | 5/8x3/4" | 1" | 1-1/2" | 2" | 3" | 4" | 6" | |
| | 36.25 | 79.69 | 172.32 | 274.39 | 546.74 | 852.73 | 1703.21 | |
| BI-MONTHLY VOLUME BLOCKS | | | | | | | KING COUNTY DNR & DISTRICT RATE (per 100 cubic feet) | |
| COMMERCIAL | | INSTITUTIONAL | | MULTI-FAMILY | | IRRIGATION | | |
| 7.70 | | 7.70 | | 7.46 | | 26.01 | | 17.59 |

2023 SENIOR & DISABLED DISCOUNT APPLICATION



The Board of Commissioners of Skyway Water and Sewer District is responsible for setting water and sewer 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. Although the COVID-19 Pandemic has subsided, there continue to be lingering impacts to the District and its customers.

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 needed to support ongoing operation and capital work 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.

The enclosed March bill (for January and February service) reflects a rate increase for both water and sewer. The water increase (\$4.87/month for the average single-family customer) will help to fund the replacement and upsizing of old water mains. The sewer increase (\$1.76/month for the average single-family customer) will help fund the ongoing replacement of your aging sewer collection and transmission system. There is 5.76% increase in the pass-through sewer charges for King County sewage treatment of the District's sewage.

Over the next 6 years, the District's capital improvement program to repair and/or replace aging infrastructure is anticipated to average \$8.2 million dollars per year. The 2023 rate schedule, at a cost of \$3.98 per day for District water and sewer service for the average single-family customer, pays for **ALL** ongoing system operations and capital projects. **The District operates solely on your customer rates; it receives no tax revenue.**

LOW INCOME DISCOUNT PROGRAM

During 2022, there were 249 qualifying low-income senior or disabled customers that participated in the District's Rate Discount Program. The cost of this program was approximately \$105,843.84 -- \$14,537.52 in water service and \$91,306.32 in sewer service.

HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

The District has a Customer Assistance Program (CAP) administered by the Salvation Army for the benefit of District customers who need financial assistance with paying their water and sewer bills.



For more information, contact the District at 206-772-7343 or the Salvation Army at 425-255-5969 Extension 214.

Billing System Upgrade

As reported in the January newsletter, the District's billing system is being transformed! District staff are busy working with our vendors on the programming to make your customer web portal and billing experience more efficient and user-friendly. Stay tuned!



WHCA News *and* Updates



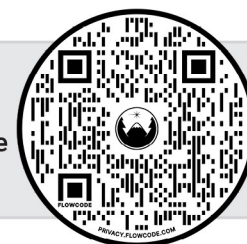
Hey neighbor - JOIN OUR TEAM!

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!

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE: Our website, social media accounts, and newsletter are great ways to stay in the loop: **MyWestHill.org/connect**



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2023 LOW INCOME SENIOR CITIZEN / SOCIAL SECURITY (SSI) DISABILITY DISCOUNT FORM

Name: _____

Account #: _____

Property Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Birth Date: _____

I am the **OWNER** or **TENANT** (*circle one*) at the address listed above.

Check the following which are true:

☐ I am 62 years of age or older or my spouse is 62 years of age or older.

OR

☐ My age or that of my spouse is less than 62, but I or my spouse are recipients of US Social Security (SSI) Disability payments.

My gross household income from ALL SOURCES (including 100% of social security and other pension) for **2022** was less than the following:

☐ 1 person household: **\$45,300/year or \$3,775/month**

OR

☐ 2+ person household: **\$51,800/year or \$4,317/month**

DECLARATION:

I swear under the laws of the State of Washington, under the penalty of perjury, that the foregoing statements are true and correct:

Signature _____

City where signed _____

Date _____

Annual renewal of this form is required for program eligibility. Return form by 3/31/2023.