

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Design of the **Rainier Ave S/S 113th Watermain**

Replacement project continues. The District mailed letters to property owners within the project area, requesting access to conduct a field survey. The field survey work is substantially complete and design plans to replace the existing watermain will be developed utilizing data obtained in the field. The project is located east of Rainier Ave S, north of S 113th Street, and along S 113th Street east of Rainier Ave S 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. Construction is planned for summer 2024. The project is funded in part by a 20-year low-interest Public Works Trust Fund (PWFT) loan from the Department of Commerce. If you have any questions, please call the District office.



Contract documents for the **Skyway Park North Sewer Replacement Phase 1** project located in the Skyway neighborhood north of Renton Ave between 72nd Place S and 76th Ave S are nearing completion. The project is funded in part by a 20-year low-interest



Public Works Trust Fund (PWFT) 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 2024/2025.

Field survey work for the **80th Avenue S Sewer Extension** project is complete and design is in progress. This project is funded by a King County \$1,000,000 Equitable Wastewater Futures grant and will allow the District sewer system to be extended and make public sewer available to residents currently on septic systems. The project includes construction of ~700 linear feet of new sewer main north along 80th Avenue S, across Renton Avenue S, continuing north to the intersection at S 126th Street. Work is planned to be completed by December 2024.



In August 2022, the District submitted loan applications to Department of Commerce for two planned capital projects and in April 2023 signed a 20-year low-interest Public Works Trust Fund (PWFT) loan contract with the Public Works Board (PWB) for \$1.063 million for the **Forest Ave S**



& Garden Place S Watermain Replacement project. This project replaces ~3,150 lineal feet of existing 4-inch and 6-inch cast iron water main pipe with new 8-inch ductile iron pipe along Forest Ave S from S Rustic Rd to Oakwood Ave S and along Garden Pl S from So Lakeridge Dr to Lotus Pl S. The project also includes replacing valves, fire hydrants and water service lines up to the water meters. New fire hydrants will be installed as needed to provide fire protection coverage.

In July 2023, the District submitted applications for six planned capital projects and on September 8th was conditionally awarded low-interest PWTF loans for three projects: **Skyway Water Tank No. 2 Exterior Coating Replacement, Small Works Watermain Upgrades, and South Sunnycrest Road Watermain Replacement**. The total loan amount for the three projects together is \$3.755 million. District staff participated in an applicant debriefing for the unfunded projects to benefit our future applications to the PWB, and to help improve the PWB's programming.



May this holiday season and the coming New Year bring you and your family health, hope and happiness. All of us here at Skyway Water and Sewer District want to give you our best wishes and thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION

KING COUNTY FIRE DIST. #20 HOLIDAY COOKING SAFETY TIPS



- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Set timers to avoid overcooking or forgetting about food.
- Keep dish towels, oven mitts, and other flammable items away from hot surfaces.
- Ensure a safe zone for kids away from cooking areas.
- Be extra careful with hot oil and grease; it can splatter.
- Have a working fire extinguisher nearby.
- Ensure smoke alarms are working correctly.

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We Need Water Because....

Skyway Water and Sewer District is one of seven municipal agencies that make up the Cascade Water Alliance (CWA). Created in 1999, the goal of CWA's members is to provide safe, clean, reliable water supply to their 380,000 residents and more than 20,000 businesses. As a member of CWA, Skyway has access to a number of resources including this latest podcast episode on "Untapped Potential: How WaterSense Saves You Water, Money + Water for the Future".



Have you ever thought about how much water it takes to flush a toilet? Or to run your dishwasher? The EPA's WaterSense program helps consumers choose more water-efficient products with their WaterSense label for faucets, appliances, irrigation, and more. Hear from Veronica Blette, Chief of the WaterSense Branch, about EPA's WaterSense program that has helped US homeowners save over \$171 billion in water and energy bills, while preserving trillions of gallons of precious water.

Listen to the podcast on [Apple](#), [Spotify](#), [Buzzsprout](#), or wherever you get your podcasts. Watch the full episode on [YouTube!](#) Follow @weneedh20 on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#) for more water conservation, sustainable gardening, and education tips.

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Cold Weather/Winter Storms!

Winter is on its way and there are a few simple things you can do to be prepared.

TO HELP PREVENT FLOODING:

- Rake up and properly dispose of fallen leaves.
- Keep storm drains clear.
- Clean gutters and downspouts.

TO HELP PREVENT FROZEN PIPES:

- Drain and wrap or cover outside faucets and hose bibs.
- Shut off and drain in-ground sprinkler systems.
- Insulate pipes that are in unheated areas such as attics, crawl spaces, garages.
- Close off foundation vents to minimize cold wind from entering your house. Open vents up in the spring.

BEFORE IT DROPS BELOW FREEZING:

Know where your main water shut off valve is located. If your house does not have a main water shutoff, consider having one installed. If a water pipe breaks, immediately close the main shut-off valve. If you cannot locate the valve, call us at 206-772-7343 and a District field technician will turn off the water at the meter. Identify several plumbers in advance and keep their numbers handy. Set your thermostat no lower than 55 degrees Fahrenheit day or night (even if you are away during the winter months).

WHCA News and Updates



The Community Coffee Hour is back!

MyWestHill.org/events Join us at Skyway Library on Saturday, November 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to meet your neighbors, enjoy a free light breakfast, and find out how to outsmart fraudsters.

Winter Takeover returns for 2023!

Be sure to check our website for details about this year's Winter Takeover festivities and how to win the coveted annual Holiday Lights Contest trophy.

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