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2024 Water and Sewer Rates

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 health impacts of COVID-19 have diminished and become more manageable, there continue to be lingering and unpredictable cost impacts that affect 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 deteriorate. This is an ongoing activity and much of our infrastructure was originally installed as much as 80 years ago, particularly sewer facilities.

The 2024 Rate Study is still in progress. Once the study is complete, District rate adjustments for 2024 will become effective March 1st and will be reflected in your May bill (for March and April service). The enclosed bill does reflect a **5.75% increase** in the pass-through sewer charges for **King County sewage treatment**.

As a reminder, the charges for District water and sewer service pays for **ALL** ongoing system operations and capital projects. The District operates **solely** on your customer rates; it **receives no tax revenue**.



CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Design of the **Rainier Ave S/S 113th Watermain Replacement** project continues. The field survey work is complete and preliminary design plans to replace the existing watermain have been reviewed and are being developed in more detail. 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 Assistance Account (PWAA) loan from the Department of Commerce.



Design of the **80th Ave S Sewer Extension** project continues to proceed as planned. Potholing to obtain subsurface information was conducted in February at the Renton Ave S crossing. This project is funded by a King County \$1 million Equitable Wastewater Futures grant and will make public sewer available to residents currently on septic systems in the project area. The project includes construction of ~850 linear feet of new sewer main north along 80th Ave S from the 12800 block, across Renton Ave S, and continuing north to the intersection at S 126th St. Construction is planned for completion by December 2024.



As reported in the November 2023 issue, the District submitted applications for six planned capital projects and has been awarded 20-year, low-interest PWAA loans for three of the six projects: **Skyway Water Tank No. 2 Exterior Coating Replacement, Small Works Watermain Upgrades, and South Sunnycrest Road Watermain Replacement**. The District since received official notification of the loan awards totaling \$3.755 million and signed loan contracts with the Department of Commerce in February 2024.



Your Side Sewer



Everything works like it is supposed to until it doesn't. Sometimes that's okay, but other times if something stops working, it creates a huge headache. Your side sewer fits into this category. Property owners own and are responsible for the side sewer from the house to the connection at the sewer main. Usually that connection is in the street, although sometimes the sewer main is located in your backyard.

Recently, we have had several customers reporting costly repairs or replacement of their side sewer, and we want you to be aware of that possibility. Generally, the District has a side sewer record drawing on file. Please contact the District office if you need a copy.

KING COUNTY FIRE DIST. #20 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TIPS



Prepare for emergencies:

- Build your emergency kit that includes essential supplies (water, non-perishable food, first aid, electronics, medication, clothing)

Create a family emergency plan:

- Establish a home meeting spot
- Designate an out-of-area contact or other alternative communication method

Involve children in planning:

- Teach about potential disasters
- Teach them who to call and where to go during emergencies

Home safety:

- Secure furniture and hazardous materials
- Learn utility shutdown

Stay Connected:

- Signup for Alert King County to receive information during disasters



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For more information on preparedness and to sign up for alerts visit King County Emergency Management's Web Page:



WHCA News and Updates

- **Presidential Primary Election Day** is March 12! After you vote, be sure to track your ballot. Learn more at kingcounty.gov/elections
- **Earth Week Celebration** at Skyway Park with WHCA and King County Parks is on April 27. Join us for a work party and a free lunch! Register at parksvolunteer.kingcounty.gov
- **Skyway Outdoor Cinema** is coming back bigger and better! We're taking over Skyway Park in August. Learn more at MyWestHill.org/soc



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2024 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 2023 was less than the following:

- 1 person household: **\$47,950/year or \$3,995/month**

OR

- 2+ person household: **\$54,800/year or \$4,567/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 3/31/2024.