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An Ongoing and Consistent Record of Transparency and Responsible Reporting



The Washington State Auditor's Office (SAO) conducts an audit of the District's annual financial statements. The purpose of the audit is to assess the District's compliance with

applicable laws, regulations, policies and procedures, and the safeguarding of public resources. The financial and accountability audit for **fiscal year 2023** has been completed and this marks the **32nd consecutive year** that no findings were reported by the State Auditor!! This accomplishment reflects the historical and continuing commitment of the District's Board of Commissioners and employees to providing strong operational oversight, excellent internal controls, and accurate financial reporting. We thank you for the opportunity to provide you, our customers, with fiscally sound management of your publicly owned water and sewer systems and resources.

Your Opportunity to Vote

Summer has been hot with lots of blue skies and sunshine. Fall will bring change – students returning to school, in the weather, salmon returning to spawn. Fall is also the time for all registered voters to make their voices heard. The **General Election** is **Tuesday, November 4, 2025**. Be informed on the issues before you vote to ensure your best decision.

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CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Design of the Rainier Ave S/S 113th Watermain Replacement project progresses as easements needed for the project have been requested from residents.

This project, located east of Rainier Ave S near S 113th St 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 2025/2026. The project is funded in part by a 20-year low-interest Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA) loan from the Department of Commerce.



Construction of the 80th Avenue South Sewer Extension project by R.L. Alia began on January 6th and is complete. Minor restoration and project closeout remain to be done.

Sewer main lines and stubs along 80th Ave S and S 126th St are complete. Seven (7) properties within the project area connected to sewer and their onsite septic systems (OSS) were decommissioned. In addition to side sewer and OSS work, this project included construction of ~850 linear feet of new sewer main along 80th Avenue South from the 12800 block, north across Renton Avenue South, and continuing a short distance past the intersection at South 126th Street. This project is funded in part by a \$985,000 grant from the King County Climate Equity Pool, administered by the Public Health Equitable Wastewater Futures program. For more information, visit: [Equitable Wastewater Futures Program - King County, Washington](https://www.kingcounty.gov/departments/public-works/programs-and-services/wastewater-futures-program.aspx)

Construction of the First Cities Pump Station Pump Replacement project by Gary Harper Construction, Inc. began on February 18th and is complete, and project closeout is in progress.

The project is located in the Martin Luther King Jr Way S right-of-way and the work included replacement of two existing sewer pumps and associated pipes and valves; traffic control; removal and disposal of existing pumps, pipes, and valves; installation of new pumps, piping and valves; temporary by-pass pump installation; installation of temporary and permanent fencing; and restoration.

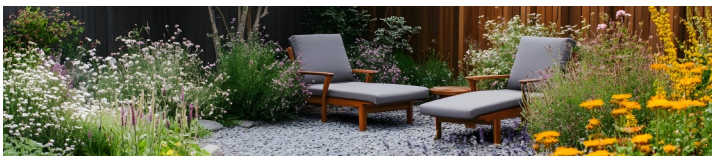
Contact the District at info@skywayws.org or 206-772-7343 if you would like more information.

Boathouse Inc Renton Skyway Cleanup

We previously 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 Affordable Housing Cleanup Grant Program.

As this issue goes to print, the owner has completed planned work for the Remedial Investigation. Data indicated that some additional information was needed to fully delineate the extent of contamination. Once the well needed to collect additional data is installed and the data collected, the next step of preparing the draft Remedial Investigation report can be completed.



"Turf Out" Rebate Program

If you missed the July issue or didn't visit us at the annual community Health & Safety Fair on August 16th, we want to make sure you don't miss the new Turf Out rebate program. Residents can earn up to \$500 back and organizations can earn up to \$1,000 back by replacing their turf with native plants. For more information, visit: <https://cascadewater.org/water-efficiency/turf-out/>.



Friends of Skyway Library

BOOK SALE

Friday, October 3
10am-6pm

Saturday, October 4
11am-5pm

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Email access@kcls.org at least seven days before the event.

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Cascade Water Alliance Connects Communities for Clean, Safe and Reliable Water Supply

(Third in a series following the July issue.)

In previous issues, we provided a brief introduction to the Cascade Water Alliance (CWA), its members including Skyway, and the organization's mission of ensuring long-term water supply reliability and flexibility.

One of the first things CWA did after it was formed was to purchase water from Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) for its members. The original 2003 contract was amended several times and now provides water to CWA members until the amount begins to decline in 2039. Looking to the future, in 2009 Cascade purchased the Lake Tapps Reservoir as a future source of water supply and in 2010 secured water rights to use the reservoir as a source of drinking water, providing supply certainty and flexibility.

CWA's original goal was to develop Lake Tapps Reservoir for delivery of drinking water in 2042, after the water supply from SPU starts to decline. To meet that timeline, planning for construction of a water treatment facility and pipes to deliver the water would need to begin today. In 2021, CWA knew there was ample water supply in the region through at least 2060 and saw an opportunity to delay development of the Lake Tapps Reservoir by purchasing available regional supplies. This would provide significant financial and environmental benefits by using available regional water before developing new supplies.

(To be continued...)



WHCA News and Updates

- **Need to register to vote or check your status?** Come see us at Skyway Library for National Voter Registration Day on Tuesday, September 16th from 5-8 p.m.
- **Winter Quarterly Community Meeting:** Save the date, Tuesday, October 21st at 6:30 p.m. & learn all about what's new in the community. In-person & Facebook Live.
- **Halloween Takeover** returns to Downtown Skyway on October 25th!! Follow for updates: MyWestHill.org/connect



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