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Ratepayer News

SW SUBURBAN SEWER & HIGHLINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

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Forms can be downloaded from the District website to apply for the low income rate discount or to set up electronic bill-payer service. You may also pay your bill via the website: www.swssd.com.

You are invited to attend the monthly Board of Commissioners meetings at the District Office on the first Tuesday and the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

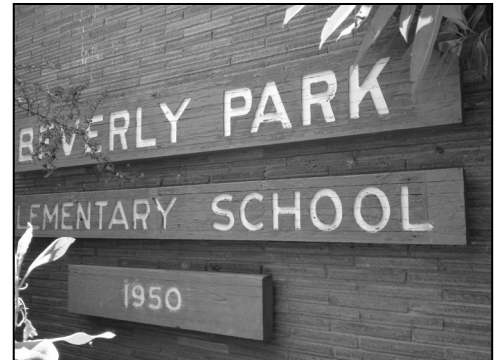
Board of Commissioners:

William Tracy, President
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SWSSD and Highline Public Schools have entered into a partnership to install sewer service to the old Beverly Park Elementary School building at 11427 3rd Avenue South. This facility has not housed students since 2008 due to failure of the old septic system. Although HPS has no current plan to open the old Beverly Park School, an operational sewer system is a necessity should the District need to reopen the building for educational programs.



Residences in the neighborhood will be able to connect to the new sewer line. This impacts more than 40 homes from the school property southward on 3rd Avenue South to South 120th, then west to Occidental. If you live in this neighborhood and would like to inquire about sewer service to your home, please contact the District at (206) 244-9575. As residences hook up to the sewer line, HPS will recoup part of its initial installation costs.



THREE TREE POINT PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS POSTPONED

The scheduled upgrade for the two Three Tree Point Pump Stations will be rescheduled for next summer. Due to limited construction bids that came in at a higher cost than anticipated, the District has decided to hold off on the project until next Spring in order to save ratepayer money.

COMMISSIONER GENZALE RECEIVES ACCREDITATION AWARD

At the 2015 Washington Association of Water and Sewer Districts Spring Conference, Suzy Genzale's dedication and commitment to the ratepayers of Southwest Suburban Sewer District was recognized and she was awarded the "Commissioners Accreditation Award".

Commissioner Genzale completed the Commissioner Accreditation Guidelines established by the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts Leadership Development Program.



YOUR SEWER DOLLARS AT WORK

SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO NORMANDY PARK PUMP STATION

Field staff from the Maintenance Department recently completed some much needed safety improvements to one of the District’s lift stations. The station, located at 18501 Normandy Terrace SW in Normandy Park, has been in service since the 1960’s and receives sewage from the surrounding neighborhoods. Safety improvements include:

- Replacing the heavy, limited access man-hole style entry with a larger, lightweight hinged-lid hatch.
- Replacing the riverbed rock with concrete pavers along the walking surface. This improves footing while walking/working around openings and reduced opportunities for slips/trips.
- Installing a permanent mounting location for personnel retrieval equipment used when making confined space entries.

While the improvements were made with a focus on safety, consideration was given to the overall aesthetic appearance of the site. Staff has received many positive comments on the improved appearance from the neighbors living adjacent to the station. Below are before (l.) and after (r.) pictures of the site.



Pump Station “101”
 Within SWSSD’s collection system, sewage from homes typically flows by gravity to a topographical low point and collects at one of the District’s 11 lift stations. There the sewage is “lifted”, by means of pumps, to an elevation where gravity can once again take over and allow it to continue on it’s way to the treatment plant.



SWSSD COMMISSIONER BILL TRACY RECEIVES OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARD

Highline Schools Foundation has presented it’s Outstanding Volunteer Award to Bill Tracy. Bill has been volunteering in the White Center area of the Highline District for many years. He taught in Highline schools from 1967 to 1998, and upon retirement he turned immediately to volunteering.

Bill feels strongly about providing students with opportunities for leadership, service and a future through education merit awards. His leadership and mentoring through the Evergreen Key Club has benefited many students and organizations in need in our community.

The award was presented in April as part of the Foundation’s Gold Star Awards Breakfast,. The annual breakfast raises money to benefit all students in Highline Public Schools “by supporting their academic needs, college & career readiness programs, arts and athletic experiences in school, and many more unique and individual needs in Highline”.

We congratulate Mr. Tracy on his award. He brings the same type of commitment and hard work to his role as Sewer Commissioner.



Commissioner Bill Tracy (back row, second from left) pictured with other Gold Star Award winners.