

SOUTHWEST SUBURBAN SEWER DISTRICT

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Ratepayer News

GET YOUR COMPOST FOR FALL MULCHING



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Contact the District now for your landscaping needs. Biosolids provide soils with nutrients that tend to be deficient in Pacific Northwest soils, including nitrogen and phosphorus. They reduce the amount of synthetic fertilizers required and also reduce the amount of watering required by improving soil characteristics.

Biosolids make excellent mulch and topsoils for landscaping purposes, and are used by many professional landscapers. Home gardeners also find composted biosolids to be an excellent addition to planting beds and gardens.

Extensive research has shown that biosolids products like our compost are safe for use by the general public. The temperature of the material is carefully moni-



Compost Facility Operator Vay Lay loads compost for delivery.

tored and tested to ensure safety and quality.

Our compost sells for \$15 per cubic yard picked up at our site. For orders of over five cubic yards, delivery is available for a \$50 delivery charge.

The Compost Facility is located by taking a left on 8th Avenue SW off of Sylvester Road and following the road to the Miller Creek Treatment Plant. For more information call 206-242-4128.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE

District Office:
431 SW Ambaum Boulevard
Burien, Washington 98166
Phone: 206-244-9575
Fax: 206-433-8546
Emergency Phone: 206-726-2732

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

You are invited to attend the monthly Board of Commissioners meetings at the District Office on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m.
Board of Commissioners:
William Tracy, President
Scott Hilson, Vice-President
Tony Genzale, Secretary

METRO INCREASES DO NOT IMPACT DISTRICT



District Board of Commissioners (left to right) Tony Genzale, Bill Tracy, and Scott Hilson.

You may have read about King County's new wastewater treatment plant called Brightwater located in Snohomish County. The project estimate is now approaching \$2 billion and will be completed in four years. This project will affect

all cities and sewer districts that send their wastewater to King County for treatment. Fortunately, Southwest Suburban Sewer District, Midway Sewer District and Lakehaven Utility District have their own treatment plants and will not be affected by the increase in King County treatment rates. The current King County treatment rates are \$27.95 per month for residential units and are projected to increase to \$39.01 during the next 5 years. This does not include the sewer charge by the city or district, which adds another \$15-\$20 per month.

Commissioner Bill Tracy, who serves on the Metro King County Council Regional Water Quality Committee, points out that not only will the rate increases not impact our customers, but we are also fortunate that our treatment plants have plenty of capacity for future growth.

YOUR SEWER DOLLARS AT WORK . . . AN UPDATE OF DISTRICT PROJECTS

MARIAN'S PARK REHABILITATION

The District completed the Marian's Park Rehabilitation Project in the White Center area in February of this year. The project went according to schedule.

EVERGREEN HEIGHTS DISTRICT PROJECT PHASE I

The Evergreen Heights District Project Phase I, located in the Top Hat area, has been granted \$315,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant funding to assist the low-income residents with their connection charges. The project is nearing the 90% design phase and will bid this fall.

EVERGREEN HEIGHTS DISTRICT PROJECT PHASE II

The District has applied for Community Development Block Grant funding for the Phase II portion of the Evergreen Heights District Project. Phase II will serve the remaining residents in the Top Hat area, north of SW 106th Street. We will know the outcome of the funding in October 2007.

CHELSEA PARK REHABILITATION PROJECT PHASE I

Phase I of the Chelsea Park Rehabilitation Project, located between SW 136th Street and SW 139th Street east of Ambaum Blvd. SW, was sent to bid in July 2007. This first phase will commence in August with 11 open cuts for repairs. Phase II will follow with 32,000 feet of pipe lining. The District chose this method due to the longevity of the liner, (100 years), and the low cost of installation. This project will be completed in early 2008.

PUMP STATION #12 REHABILITATION

The rehabilitation of Pump Station #12 on Three Tree Point is currently underway with the upgrade of pumping equipment, piping and telemetry. This project will be completed in late summer.

PUMP STATION #2 REHABILITATION

The rehabilitation of Pump Station #2, located in White Center off SW 100th Street, is currently at 90% design completion. This station will serve the Evergreen Heights area and the federally funded Greenbridge Project owned by the King County Housing Authority. The station will have upgraded pumping equipment, telemetry and an onsite emergency generator.

PUMP STATION #17 ELIMINATION

The elimination of Pump Station #17 on South 176th Street will soon be going to bid. Many blockage problems have occurred with this station over the past 25 years. The District will by-pass the station with a new mainline beside Des Moines Way South and serve the remaining unsewered properties between South 171st and 176th streets.

SEAHURST BEACH LINE

A feasibility study has begun on the Seahurst beach line. The District is looking into all rehabilitation and replacement alternatives. Two inspection manholes have been installed to assist with this task.