

SOUTHWEST SUBURBAN SEWER DISTRICT

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Ratepayer News

RON HALL IS DISTRICT'S NEW GENERAL MANAGER

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After an extensive application and interview process, the Board of Commissioners selected Ron Hall as the new General Manager of Southwest Suburban Sewer, replacing retiring General Manager Steve Sandelius.

Ron is an accomplished wastewater professional with

more than 22 years in the field, including 18 years in progressive management and leadership positions. He worked for SWSSD for 17 years, including service at both treatment plants, line maintenance, pump stations, compost, and the inspection department.

From January 2004 through November 2007, Ron managed the wastewater treatment facility that serves 66,000 residents in the City of Edmonds.

"Having grown up in the White Center/Burien area and working most of my career at

the District, I feel like I have come home . . . I'm very excited about coming back to SWSSD", explained Ron. "As General Manager, I need to focus on the P's: Personnel, Plants, Permits, Policies, Practices, Procedures, Prioritizing, and the People (SWSSD rate payers). If you ever have any concerns, please feel free to contact me. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve."

Ron plans to keep the focus on rehabilitation of the District's aging infrastructure while updating our software and internal organization to best utilize personnel.

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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:
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:

Scott Hilsen, President
William Tracy, Vice-President
Tony Genzale, Secretary

UNBURYING MANHOLE PROBLEMS

The District has encountered a problem with trying to access some of the manholes in easement areas. It seems some of our rate payers find our manholes unsightly and not a good addition to their landscaping. Many residents have taken the liberty of burying or constructing over the top, eliminating the District's access for routine cleaning and maintenance. We would like to urge those residents with buried manholes to contact the District as we will need to access them not only for maintenance and cleaning but for our upcoming GIS survey.

Manholes can be buried, at less than 1 foot, and the District has specifications for doing just that. We do not, however, allow residents to

construct over the top of a manhole. This is against District regulations. The easement document secured prior to the installation of the sewer main line stated *no permanent structure shall be erected within the easement area*. We urge those residents who have, to contact the District with their arrangements for removing these structures.

Once we have completed our survey, we will not allow the structures to be re-erected over the easement but we will be happy to provide you with the specifications for burying the manhole.



DISTRICT MAP NOW ON WEBSITE

The District is updating their website with the addition of the Sewer Line Comprehensive Map. The PDF map has all of the district's main sewer lines shown in black (including manhole numbers), the proposed sewer lines in red and the newly annexed areas in yellow. The individual property lines are not indicated. Perusing the map, you have the ability to zoom in and out or print.

In addition, the District is working on converting their records to GIS. This process is very involved and will take approximately a year to complete as the manholes will need to be surveyed. Once completed, the District's GIS records will be available for perusal in the District office.

UPDATE ON YOUR SEWER DOLLARS AT WORK

The District completed the ***Pump Station #17 Elimination Project*** in the southern area of Burien in mid July. The project entailed deleting a pump station and completing a short section of the Des Moines Memorial Trail along the western edge of the wetlands at South 176th Street.

The ***13th Avenue SW Sewer Replacement Project***, which moved a portion of the sewer main line from the gully to the street, is now completed.

Pump Station #12 Rehabilitation is completed with the upgrade of pumping equipment, piping and telemetry.

The ***Evergreen Heights District Project Phase I***, located in the Top Hat area, started in late June. The project is proceeding well and should be completed by the end of October.

The District was granted Community Development Block Grant funding for the ***Phase II portion of the Evergreen Heights District Project***. The funds will assist the low-income home owners with their connection charges. Phase II will serve the remaining residents in the Top Hat area, north of SW 106th Street. We currently have the 60% design and propose to have the plans ready for bid by late summer.

Phase II of the Chelsea Park Rehabilitation Project, located between SW 136th Street and SW 139th Street east of Ambaum Blvd., SW, will be completed by early August. Nearly 32,000 feet of sewer main line has been lined.

Construction for the ***Pump Station #2 Rehabilitation Project*** will be starting by August 1st. This station will serve the Evergreen Heights area and the federally funded Greenbridge Project owned by the King County Housing Authority in White Center. The station will have upgraded pumping equipment, telemetry and an onsite emergency generator.

The District chose BHC Consultants to design a system to replace/rehabilitate the ***Seahurst Beach Line***.

Construction on the ***ULID 79-P2 and District Extension*** projects began in late June along 1st Avenue South in Des Moines. This project is proposed to be completed by late fall and will serve 92 homes.

Construction of the ***Sylvester Road SW District Extension*** begins June 21st with the installation of a sewer main line between SW 175th Street and Sylvester Road SW. This small extension will serve three immediate homes and 90 future homes in the Hillcrest area.

The District is currently designing the ***Bonniewood North District Extension*** at SW 164th Place. This extension will serve 6 homes by gravity and 1 home by pump system.