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Ratepayer News

REMEMBERING COMMISSIONER TONY GENZALE

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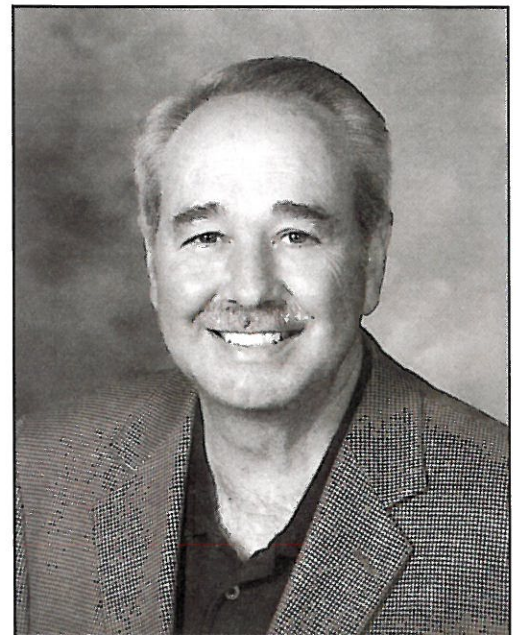
Scott Hilsen, President
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The District is saddened to report the death of Commissioner Anthony "Tony" Genzale. Tony died December 4, 2010 of cancer. Ratepayers first elected Tony to the Board of Commissioners in November of 2003. At that time he told voters that he was running "to restore the peace and order that once existed. I will bring to the table the sound business logic that has enabled me to own and operate my own business all these years. I will undoubtedly be a representative of the ratepayers."

He was able to fulfill those promises, and was reelected by ratepayers in November of 2009. SWSSD General Manager Ron Hall remembered, "I was fortunate in getting to work with Tony in his role as Commissioner at Southwest Suburban Sewer District. You could always count on Tony making decisions based on what was in the best interest of his neighbors. He truly cared very much for the people and the community in which he lived and served his entire life."

Fellow commissioner Bill Tracy stated, "This will be a tremendous loss for the District. We had welcomed on board an honest man, a pillar of the community who was generous to a fault. Tony helped right the ship and placed us on a proactive path, to the great benefit of our ratepayers."

One of the proactive changes Tony helped to usher in was the establishment of an ongoing program to replace and repair the District's aging system. In his 2009 statement to voters he said, "I understand that the commissioner's role is to create the proper balance between moving forward with necessary upgrades while keeping rates affordable for our ratepayers. Ignoring our aging infrastructure is irresponsible, and I am proud of the line rehabilitation program initiated during my first term, which has been achieved while keeping



Anthony "Tony" Genzale

our rates among the lowest in the region." The District now has an ongoing program, spending 2-3 million dollars annually to replace and rehabilitate aging sewer lines.

The District and its staff extend their condolences to his wife Suzy and their children Joey and Jenna, as well as Tony's large extended family. Commissioner Scott Hilsen said it well, "Tony kept the best interests of our community in the forefront of his thoughts in the years we served together at SWSSD. Tony was my friend, and I miss his insights and wisdom."

Sometime in early January, the District will announce what steps will be taken to fill the seat on the Board of Commissioners. An appointee will fill the seat until the next election period in November of this year.

YOUR SEWER DOLLARS AT WORK

SEAHURST BEACHLINE REHABILITATION PROJECT



BHC Consultants, engineers for Southwest Suburban Sewer District, are currently completing the final design and bid documents for the Seahurst Beach sewer line rehabilitation project. A portion of the beach line running north from Seahurst Park was installed in 1958. The remainder of the Seahurst Beach line was installed in 1964 and all pipe is past or approaching the life expectancy of 50 years.

The District has been working closely with the City of Burien to assure the improvements are aesthetic and are a fit with their plans for the next phase of their Seahurst Park Beach Restoration Project.

Special permitting for rehabilitation of the beach line and installing a new pump station were required by the City of Burien, Corp of Engineers, Department of Ecology and Fisheries. Now that all permits are in place, the project will be sent to bid during the early part of 2011 with a projected completion date before Winter 2011.

NO SEWER RATE INCREASE FOR 2011

On December 14, 2010 the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the 2011 budget, which includes NO increases to residential or commercial customers in the coming year.

DISTRICT PURCHASES YMCA PROPERTY FOR MAINTENANCE FACILITY

Southwest Suburban Sewer District just recently purchased the old YMCA property at 17874 Des Moines Memorial Drive in Burien. The District has been searching for two years for a large enough piece of property to build a new maintenance facility and administration building. The old YMCA property is a perfect fit for the District's current and future needs.

The District has been using the same maintenance facility for nearly 60 years. In the 1950's when the maintenance facility was built, the District was much smaller, had less staff, and used less equipment and trucks. For example, the vacator trucks now used to clear lines do not

fit inside the current facility and must be parked and maintained outside.

The District made numerous efforts to expand their existing location. Efforts included attempts to purchase adjacent property, to no avail. After exhausting those options, a property search was commenced.

Plans currently call for construction of the new maintenance facility to replace the outdated facility. Eventually, a new administration building will be constructed on the property as well. If all goes well, the new maintenance facility and administration building will be completed in approximately three years.