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Ratepayer News

SUSAN GENZALE APPOINTED TO COMMISSIONER POSITION

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Susan "Suzy" Genzale

The District is pleased to announce the appointment of Susan Genzale to the Board of Commissioners. Candidates for the position completed a written application and questionnaire, and six finalists were selected. General Manager Ron Hall and Commissioners Scott Hilsen and Bill Tracy conducted interviews and reached the unanimous decision to offer the seat to Mrs. Genzale. The seat will be up for election this fall.

"All of the applicants were excellent, and each one brought a unique combination of skills and knowledge to the table," said General Manager Ron Hall. "Suzy stood out because of her strong desire to continue the seat's legacy of being an advocate for the ratepayers, along with the great amount of preparation she did upon submitting her application."

According to Commissioner Scott Hilsen, "Suzy asked for tours of our facilities, and read through all of the minutes posted on our website. She really came to the interview with a lot of knowledge about the District and its ongoing business and issues."

Commissioner Bill Tracy said, "Suzy's answers to all of our questions were outstanding, but the questions that she asked us were even more impressive. I think she will be a great addition to the Board." Mrs. Genzale, who has worked as a nurse and as a partner in the family's produce business, was sworn in at the Board of Commissioner's meeting on March 1, 2011. She stated, "I consider it a real honor to represent the ratepayers, and I look forward to looking out for their interests. I have a high regard for the ratepayers, the other two commissioners, and the staff at the District, and I look forward to working with all of them."

Mrs. Genzale fills the seat formerly held by her late husband Tony Genzale, who succumbed to cancer in December after serving as a Commissioner for seven years. "Tony truly took his role as a representative of the ratepayers to heart, and it is important to me personally that that attitude is continued. It is my honor to do so, and I am thankful for the opportunity."

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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
 Susan Genzale, Vice-President
 William Tracy, Secretary

YOUR SEWER DOLLARS AT WORK

UPDATE ON SEAHURST BEACHLINE REHAB PROJECT

In March Tri-State Construction was awarded the contract as general contractor for the Seahurst Beachline Rehabilitation Project. The project includes construction of a new pump station within Seahurst park, rehabilitation of Pump Station #7, slip lining approximately 1750 linear feet of 50 year old existing beach sewer line and installation of approximately 1000 linear feet of new sewer line. This project is expected to cost approximately \$3M and is being funded through the Public Works Trust Fund.

On Wednesday, April 27th, work began inside the park, with official groundbreaking on the new pump station in early May. The location for the new pump station is across from the lower parking lot, just to the south of the restrooms. To date, the wet well has been installed and construction of the retaining wall is in progress. Look for pump station structural work to begin in late May and continue through late July or early August.

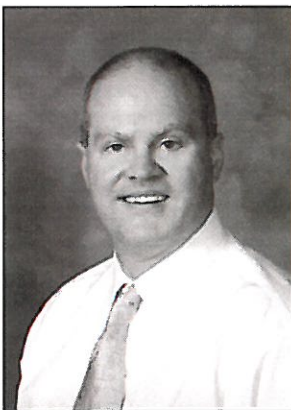
The new sewer line installation and rehabilitation of the existing beach sewer line will occur during approximately the same time frame as the construction of the pump station, but is expected to be completed in late June or early July.

Construction activities within the park will continue throughout the summer, and parking impacts should be expected. Work crews will be keeping park use impacts to a minimum through well marked construction zones and traffic safety practices. Normal construction work is scheduled Monday through Friday 7:00-4:00.



Wet well being set for the new Seahurst Beach pump station

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTARY



Board President
Scott Hilsen

Our District is preparing in several ways to support our customers in times of disaster. First, we have partnered with the American Red Cross by allowing a Disaster Relief Supply Center on District property directly behind our office, which contains temporary shelters and medical supplies for 800 people during times of emergency. This facility has been utilized once already following a fire in Burien last year.

We are also upgrading our computer systems and networks to support likely disaster scenarios. Our software applications, like Geographical Information System (GIS), Harris Financial software and supporting documentation are being converted to run as

“virtual machines” that are shared across two computer systems. This design allows for the District’s systems to be backed up and running within about four hours following even a serious failure.

In addition, full backups of these virtual machine applications are sent via the internet to an off-site data center every evening. Because these applications are virtual machines, we will be able to access and use these applications even though they are located in (for example) Spokane or somewhere else outside the area likely to be impacted by a Cascadia Fault earthquake or similar disaster event.

The core of our treatment plants and collection lines have been, and will continue to be, maintained to high standards. You can learn more about our on-going projects at www.swssd.com.

Bill, Suzy and I are proud of our District staff for all that has been accomplished and for their on-going customer support. Finally, we continue our commitment to efficient operations and low rates for our ratepayers.