

Fire Hydrants—a critical part of your water system

During our recent public communication events, we became aware that some residents believe that fire hydrants are stand alone components and were not aware that they were connected to our pipes underground. We thought the above graphic (courtesy of the American Water Works Association) would explain it best.

Your water system consists of a series of pipes (called “water mains” in the industry), each of which is sized according to the type of development they serve above ground. Most of our system is looped in a circle but we do have some dead-end water mains, such as in a cul de sac.

Hydrants and valves are strategically positioned along this network of pipes—hydrants serve as the fire department’s connection point during a fire; valves enable us to adjust the flow of water to provide optimum water pressure.

We can also flush our system through our hydrants which helps maintain the quality of your water.

This year our crews are busier than ever with ongoing hydrant inspection, maintenance, and painting. Keeping this integral part of our system well maintained keeps our fireman very happy!

Community Corner

- ✓ **Fix a Leak Challenge:** our 6th annual water conservation and awareness challenge saw no less than 157 leaky toilets “apprehended by leak detectives” (aka the awesome students of 57 Shoreline and Lake Forest Park schools).
- ✓ **North City Jazz Walk:** on August 15, your water district was proud to be one of the main contributors for the 11th annual Jazz Walk. Pianist Bill Anschell performed in our meeting room—one of 11 bands, sponsors, and venues who gave our community an affordable, family-friendly night of good music.
- ✓ **Savvy Gardener Classes:** we’re breaking the record this year with THREE FREE Savvy Gardener classes... two back in March, and one coming up on Thursday September 21: “Fall and Winter Gardening Strategies.” Get all the details at www.northcitywater.org and reserve your spot by calling Theresa at 206.362.8100.



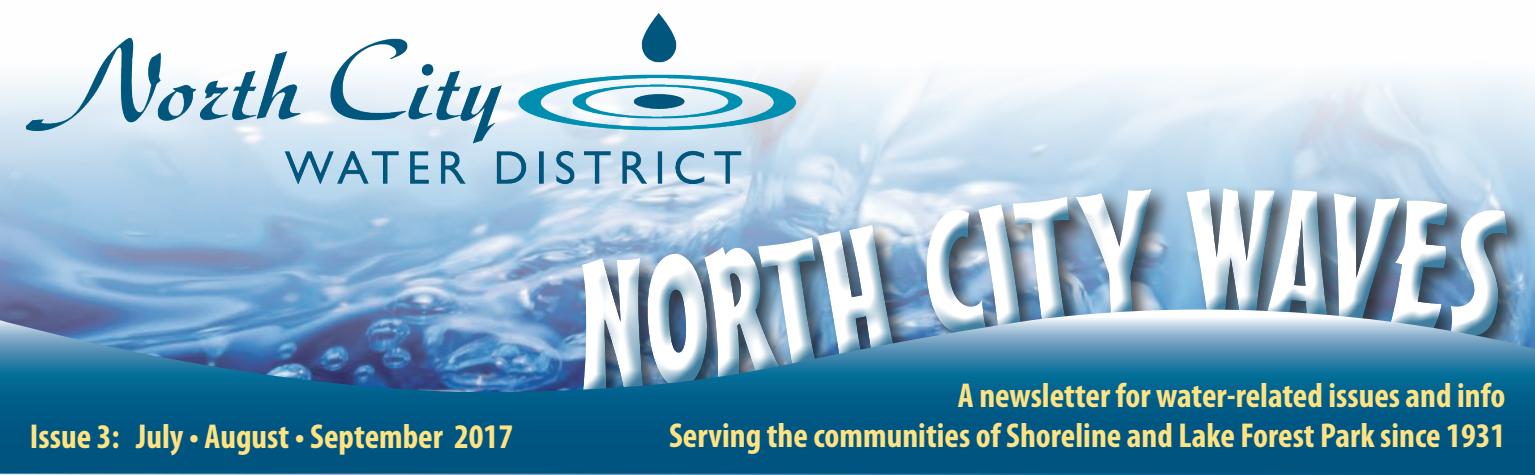
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From Our Board...

by Ron Ricker, President

We talked about infrastructure in our first quarter newsletter, and we’re talking about it again, because the news hasn’t improved: a recent article in *US News and World Report* expects government shut-downs, tax laws, and other legislation to take priority over infrastructure programs on the national front, while here in Washington state, legislators recently voted to eliminate the Public Works Assistance Account—one of our state’s core infrastructure funding sources. How does a Utility District accommodate our region’s explosive growth, manage ongoing repairs, and plan for system upgrades? As Commissioners, we continue to educate ourselves so we can make informed, cost-effective decisions, and take part in water system policy decisions. As a District, we carefully analyze short- and long-term goals, while our staff performs regular maintenance to extend the life of our system (much like regular oil changes can extend the life of a vehicle). Thankfully this proactive approach has put North City Water District’s infrastructure far ahead of the local and national curve.

FREE CLASS



Fall/Winter Strategies

Thursday September 21



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