

How Special Purpose Districts Help Our Communities

In September, our District attended the annual conference of the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts (WASWD), where the results of a recent survey measuring the impacts of special purpose districts were disclosed.

Survey data was collected via questionnaires sent to all 182 water and sewer districts in Washington state—ranging from the state's largest population centers to the smallest rural communities. WASWD retained Eastern Washington University's Institute for Public Policy and Economic Analysis to analyze and report the resulting data.

The graphic at right presents the top eight benefits; additional details and specific benefits in each county are provided on WASWD's interactive map website > >



There are 182 Sewer and Water Districts throughout the State of Washington, each governed by locally elected officials.

These districts provide cost-effective sewer and water services—ranging from the state's largest population centers, to the smallest rural communities.

The Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts retained Eastern Washington University's Institute for Public Policy and Economic Analysis to conduct a study measuring the impacts of these locally governed districts.

The top eight benefits are at right; a sample of county-specific benefits are provided on the back.

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8 Benefits of Washington State Sewer and Water Districts

- 1 Nearly a Quarter of State Water Service**
Special Purpose Water Districts provide clean, affordable water to 19% of the state's population (22% on a public water system).
- 2 One Fifth of State Sewer Service**
Special Purpose Sewer Districts provide environmentally cost-effective sewer transmission and/or treatment to 14% of the state's population (21% connected to sewer system and treatment plant).
- 3 \$595 Million Service With No Property Tax**
State Sewer and Water Districts collectively operate a \$595 million dollar annual enterprise without imposing any property taxes.
- 4 \$135 Million Invested in Infrastructure**
State Sewer and Water Districts collectively invest over \$135 million annually on capital improvement projects that ensure reliable service.
- 5 \$55 Million Contracted With Small Business**
State Sewer and Water Districts throughout the state spend \$55 million annually contracting with small business.
- 6 \$17 Million in Support of State Investments**
State Sewer and Water Districts help support critical state investments by paying \$17 million annually in B&O and Utility Excise taxes.
- 7 \$5 Million in Support of Local Governments**
State Sewer and Water Districts help local governments collect utility taxes to fund local governmental services—currently in excess of \$5 million annually.
- 8 Gainful Employment**
State Sewer and Water Districts directly support 1,345 jobs with an average annual salary of \$68,500.



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From Our Board...

by Ron Ricker, President

As part of our long term plan to provide another 90 years of reliable, safe drinking water, North City Water District has been steadily replacing and upgrading key components of our water system, including our main Administration Building, our Pump Station, and the upcoming new Maintenance Facility. We completed our Administration Building in 2013, and are prepared for any emergency situation that might arise. We completed our new Pump Station just recently, and are now able to meet fire flow and water pressure needs throughout the district, along with being well-positioned to address the needs of the future development that will follow the light rail stations in our community. The last major project ahead of us is the construction of our new Maintenance Facility. On Wednesday November 15 at 7:00 pm, we would like to get your input on how this project gets done. Get all the details inside this newsletter...

SAVE THE DATE
Open House Public Neighborhood Meeting
about our
New Maintenance Facility
Wednesday, Nov. 15
7:00 pm
at North City Water District

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website at www.northcitywater.org

- 3) Sign up for news, alerts, free classes and more on our
- 2) Follow us on www.facebook.com/NorthCityWaterDistrict
- 1) Join www.nextdoor.com for neighborhood news and notices

Three Ways to Stay in Touch

- Your District in the Community
- Benefits of Special Purpose Districts
- Public Meeting on Nov. 15
- No More Streetlight Billing
- New Name for Pump Station
- Disaster Preparedness 101

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SAVE THE DATE...

Annual Tree Lighting: mark your calendars for Saturday December 2 for our annual tree lighting event (atop our big water reservoir)—complete with music, refreshments, and a visit from Santa and his elves!

North City Water District in the Community

Gardeners Gather at the District: over 50 local gardeners attended our September Savvy Gardener Class for a lively presentation by Ladd Smith of In Harmony Landscapes—one of three free gardening classes we offered this year—stay tuned for our spring class offerings!

Family Fun at Lake Forest Park's "Picnic in the Park": we were thrilled to be a part of a wonderful day of community, conversation and connection at "Picnic in the Park" in Lake Forest Park on September 9th. District Staff provided ice cold water from our water filling station, water conservation items, and games for the kids (photo by Jerry Pickard, Shoreline Area News).

The North City Waves Newsletter is brought to you by North City Water District, and its Board of Commissioners:

Ron Ricker (President), Larry Schoonmaker (Vice President), and Charlotte Haines (Secretary).

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Disaster Preparedness 101

According to the Centers for Disease Control, over 60% of people do not have an Emergency Plan that they have discussed with their household. Being prepared for a disaster means planning ahead. Here are four steps to get you started:

1. Sign up for Emergency Alerts

The City of Shoreline, the City of Lake Forest Park, and King County all offer emergency alert systems. Sign up here:

www.shorelinewa.gov/government/departments/police-department/crime-prevention/alert-shoreline

www.cityoflfp.com/AlertCenter.aspx

www.public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/BF0D5C5CC09C

2. Create a Plan, Build a Kit

It takes very little time to document a simple plan that includes emergency contacts, escape routes, safe spots, and meeting places. Assemble a kit for each family member (and pets!) with basic supplies and plan details. Get started here:

www.cdc.gov/phpr/areyouprepared/

www.shorelinewa.gov/emergency/emergency-management/prepare-for-an-emergency/prepare-your-home

3. Take a Class

Get the knowledge and skills you need to prepare for, respond during, and recover from a disaster with Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. Learn more here:

www.ready.gov/community-emergency-response-team

www.northshorefire.com/education/emergency-preparedness/

4. Organize your Neighborhood

Nearly half of us expect to rely on neighbors after a disaster. This website has a great planning document that outlines the steps for organizing your neighborhood to be prepared for emergencies:

www.beprepared.com/media/wysiwyg/PDF/NeighborhoodEmergencyPlan.pdf

BE PREPARED

BUILD A KIT

Plan to be on your own for at least 7-10 days

Water (1 gallon per person, per day)

Food (non-perishable)

Medications

Medical equipment

First aid kit

Can opener

Radio

Flashlight

Personal hygiene items

Tools

Pet supplies

Small bills

Toilet paper

Identification & important documents

Sturdy shoes

Extra batteries

Warm clothes

Fire extinguisher

seattle.gov/emergency

1 Keep a 7-10 day kit at home — also have smaller kits in your vehicle and at work

Our New North City Pump Station Gets a New Name

Introducing the North City/Denny Clouse Pump Station—in honor of one of our most dedicated employees.

In our last newsletter, we were thrilled to report that our new North City Pump Station is live: not only is it helping us meet fire flow and water pressure needs throughout our district, it will also help us address future development that will follow the new light rail stations in our community.



But there was still one last, important step. As of October 2017, we're pleased to give this facility a very special name, in honor of a very special employee: our Operations Manager, Denny Clouse.

During the eleven years since Denny came to us from the Medford Water Commission, he has mentored our staff, and worked hard to improve operations, helping our District become a model of a well-run public utility.



In 2011 he received the George Warren Fuller Award from the Pacific Northwest Section of American Water Works Association. In recognition and gratitude for all that Denny has done for our District, our Commissioners voted to formally call our newest facility the North City/Denny Clouse Pump Station.

No More Street Light Billing in 2018

As explained in an August 2014 article in our newsletter and blog, North City Water District had been asked to invoice 260 customers in our service area, some since 1956, for selected street lights in Shoreline and Lake Forest Park. (For the full story, visit our website and type "streetlight" into the search field to locate the article.)

We are pleased to announce that in the coming months, both the City of Shoreline and the City of Lake Forest Park are preparing to assume billing responsibilities for the streetlights in their respective areas (14 in Shoreline; 49 in Lake Forest Park, which have been lighting the way for a total of 260 of our water utility customers).

Beginning in 2018, North City Water District expects to be "streetlight free" — customers who have had a line item for streetlights on their water bill will no longer see it!



Public / Neighborhood Meeting New Maintenance Facility on the former Northwest Church Property



Come join us at a public Open House / Neighborhood meeting to discuss North City's New Maintenance Facility, being planned on the site of the former Northwest Church on 15th Avenue NE in Shoreline. Learn about where we are in the design and construction process, and give us your input!

Wednesday November 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm
Held at North City Water District
1519 NE 177th Street in Shoreline