

35 YEARS with North City Water District

These days, there aren't many opportunities for an employee to start from the ground up, and grow their skills into a life-long career. The exception? Special purpose utility districts: where job security, excellent pay and benefits, and a supportive work environment still exist. Just ask Bob and Mike—who we're honored to have on our team for 35 amazing years!



Bob Heivilin

When Bob says the water industry has changed, he's speaking from experience. His first job with the District was reading water meters on-site, which is now done remotely in the office, thanks to our electronic water meters. Smart phones have eliminated paper maps and pagers, "heck we've even changed the way we dig holes," said Bob, "rather than a backhoe, we have a giant 'vacuum on wheels' that allows us to dig smaller holes that are much safer around other utilities." Another improvement set up by Bob enabled backflow tests to be submitted electronically and tracked with software—saving time and money for the District. "Even though our industry has changed quite a bit in 35 years, our mission remains the same," he said proudly, "to provide safe, clean drinking water and adequate fire flow to put out fires when needed."



Mike Oberstadt

After 35 years, Mike's extensive knowledge of our water system was instrumental during all of the research and coordination for the District's lead service line inventory in 2024. That same level of knowledge is currently being put to excellent use in upgrading our Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping technology—which will save time and money on countless operational tasks. Mike echoed Bob regarding the constant state of change in the industry, even though many of the changes aren't noticeable to customers. "All the growth in our area requires ongoing system upgrades," he attested, "yet the majority of these upgrades are underground, out of sight, and out of mind." Thankfully, Special Purpose Water Districts, the state Department of Health, cities, engineers, laboratories, and countless others are all working together behind the scenes every day to ensure we have clean water today and into the future.



On Tuesday, August 12, we were honored to be one of the sponsors of the 17th annual North City Jazz Walk again this year, and delighted to host Greta Matassa in our conference room. Members of our community joined together to offer wine and snacks in memory of Larry

Schoonmaker, a former District Commissioner and one of the founders of the North City Jazz Walk—back when he and his wife Patricia Lewis owned the North City Bistro and Wine Shop. Outside, our outdoor "water filling station" was a big hit given the record temperatures that evening.



Last Free Gardening Class of 2025 Perma-what? Designing Your Own Permaculture Paradise

Thursday, September 11
Learn more and register at www.northcitywater.org



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From Our Board...

Patricia Hale, Board President

This year has been busier than ever here at North City Water District, thanks to multiple capital improvement projects in the Ridgecrest and Sheridan Beach neighborhoods. These projects, along with a few additional projects that we hope to start later this summer, are all part of our comprehensive plan which has been studied, proactively strategized, and budgeted well in advance, so we're very much looking forward to getting them completed. Other activities have included updating our Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping technology with "as-built" information to make future location requests more efficient, completing our part in updating King County's Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, ongoing valve and fire hydrant maintenance, and our favorite—meeting all of you at our booth during various community events in and around Shoreline and Lake Forest Park.



Mike and Christian at the Lake Forest Park Elementary School Science Fair

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Projects, Projects Everywhere...

How we ensure optimum circulation, fire flow, and water quality

North City Water District has been incredibly busy with a number of developer-funded projects to expand and enhance your water system infrastructure. In fact there are so many projects, either underway, awaiting final paperwork, or recently completed, that it deserved its own full spread in this newsletter.

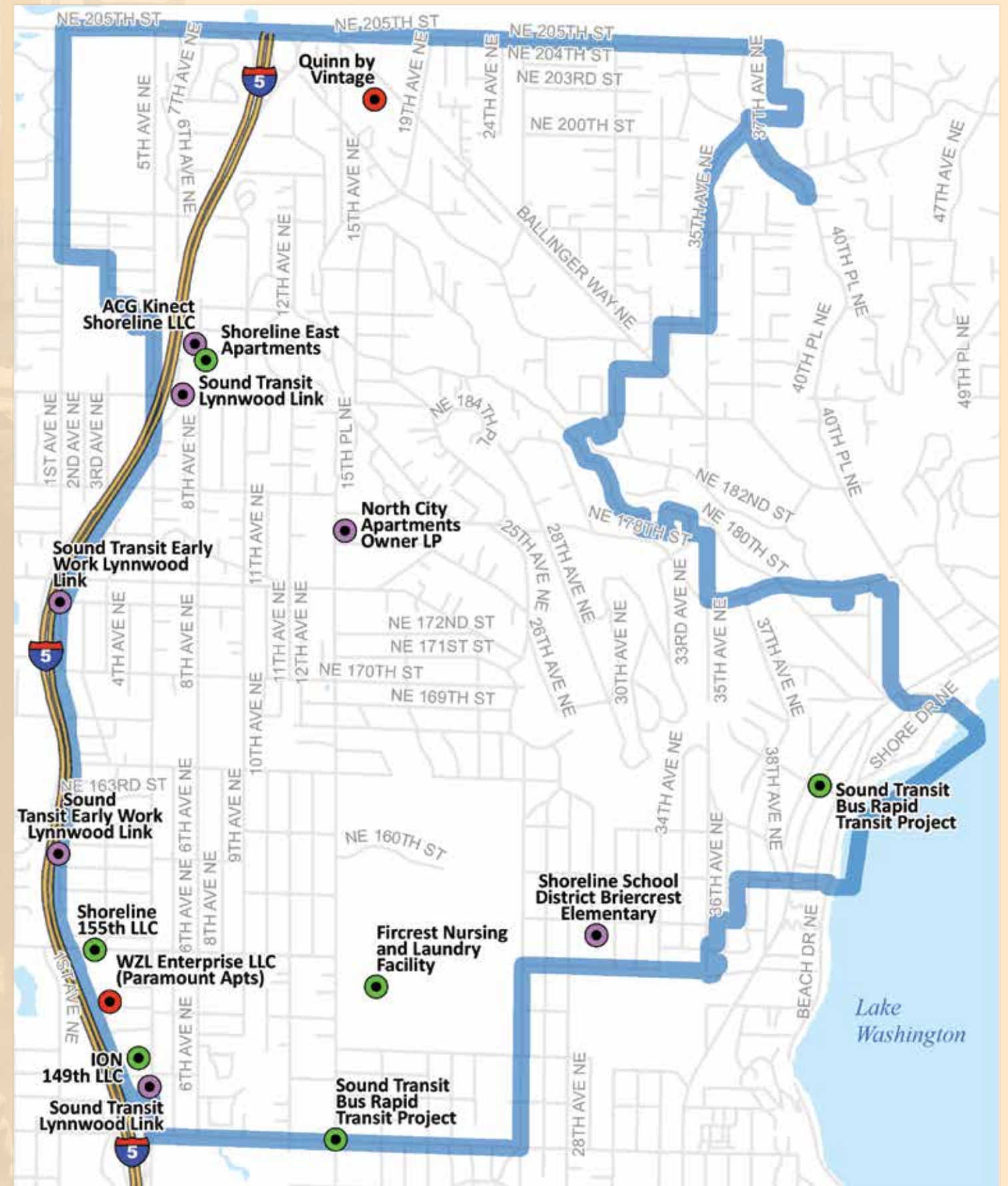
In some of these projects, our water mains were already upsized to improve water circulation, enhance quality, and/or create system redundancy, so the developer was simply able to connect to our existing water system after paying the connection charge. In other cases, the developer was required to make improvements to the existing water system in order to ensure adequate fire flow capacity for their new development.

Projects marked "physically complete" are finished, but need final paperwork submitted before we can officially close out their development. All other projects are either ongoing or have been completed in the last two years.



As with all of our projects, if water service to a residence or business will be impacted for any duration during construction, we will notify them several days in advance with an estimated time they'll be without water. Should you have any questions about these projects, feel free to give us a call at 206.362.8100.

- **Sound Transit Bus Rapid Transit Project**
 - Multiple locations along NE 145th Street from I-5 to 17th Avenue NE (Shoreline)
 - Multiple locations along Bothell Way from NE 165th Street to 41st Avenue NE (Lake Forest Park)
- **Ion 149th LLC**
252 unit apartments at 345 NE 149th Street
- **Shoreline 155th LLC**
12 townhomes with 64 unit apartments at NE 155th Street and 2nd Avenue NE
- **Shoreline East Apartments**
299 unit apartments at 18580 8th Avenue NE
- **Fircrest Nursing and Laundry Facility**
120 bed nursing facility and 1 story laundry facility at 15230 15th Avenue NE
- **Sound Transit Early Work – Lynnwood Link**
 - 1st Avenue NE and NE 174th Street
 - 1st Avenue NE between NE 159th and 161st Street
- **Sound Transit – Lynnwood Link**
 - Shoreline South Station and Parking Garage 147 5th Avenue NE
 - Shoreline North Station and Parking Garage 710 NE 185th Street
 - Multiple locations throughout Shoreline from NE 145th to 205th Streets
- **ACG Kinect Shoreline LLC**
240 unit apartments at 1880 – 78th Avenue NE
- **North City Apartments Owner LP**
230 unit apartments at 17712 15th Avenue NE
- **Shoreline School District Briercrest Elementary School**
New Water Line adjacent to sports field 2715 NE 158th Street
- **WZL Enterprise LLC/Paramount Apartments**
35 unit apartments at 304 NE 152nd Street
- **Quinn by Vintage**
227 unit apartments at 20057 Ballinger Way



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