



# Highline Water District

## *The WaterLine*

Fall/Winter 2012/13

### **Commissioner's Corner**



*Vince Koester*

#### **McMicken Heights Well & Treatment Plant**

Highline Water District is one of the few purveyors in the metropolitan Seattle area that is in a position to reduce its demand on the regional water system by developing its own existing sources of supply.

The McMicken Heights well and new water treatment plant capital improvement project became operational in September, 2012. The well is capable of pumping 500 gallons of water per minute (gpm) on a continuous

basis, with the possible future expansion to 650 gpm upon approval by the Department Ecology.

The new treatment plant includes filtration for iron and manganese removal, on site generation for chlorine disinfection, fluoridation, and pH adjustment to accommodate blending with SPU water sources. The project also includes security improvements, an emergency generator, and all necessary appurtenances to make a complete supply and treatment system.

The well and treatment plant meet the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act and Washington State DOH regulations governing the delivery of potable water supply to the public.



*Treatment Plant System Controls*

Completion of this project provides a fourth ground water well to Highline's system, and is part of the District's overall water resource management program to reduce dependency on Seattle's regional water system.

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### ***Water District Office***

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7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



### ***Board of Commissioners***

Vince Koester, President  
Daniel Johnson, Secretary  
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George Landon  
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### ***Board Meeting Schedule***

1st Wednesday at 9:00 am  
3rd Wednesday at 4:00 pm  
4th Thursday at 9:00 am

***“Providing safe, clean water to South King  
County residents since 1946”***

# 2013 Rate Increase

Effective January 1, 2013, the District will raise water rates by approximately 3%.

Average single family residential customers using 600 cubic feet (6ccf) of water per winter month and 850 cubic feet (8.5 ccf) of water per summer month will see their monthly bill increase by \$1.15 per month or \$2.30 for a two month bill.

The primary reason for the rate increase is to pay for needed capital improvement projects and to keep up with inflationary expenses, such as wholesale water from Seattle Public Utilities.

Meter Size Single-family Residential	2013 Monthly Base Rate	2013 Winter Rate	2013 Summer (0 – 5 ccf)	2013 Summer (6+ ccf)
		<b>10/1 – 5/31</b>	<b>6/1 – 9/30</b>	<b>6/1 – 9/30</b>
Low Income - Sr / Disabled	\$9.90	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$4.14
5/8" or 3/4"	\$13.90	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$4.14
1"	\$24.72	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$4.14
1.5"	\$41.96	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$4.14
2"	\$64.00	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$4.14

## Water Meter & Fire Hydrant Access

According to District Code 6.13.010, customers must maintain a minimum two-foot wide pathway from the road to the meter box and a one-foot wide area around all sides of the meter box. Additionally, at least six feet above the pathway and meter box must be kept clear of vegetation and other obstructions.



*Meter boxes cleared of surrounding vegetation.*

The same holds true for fire hydrants. District personnel clear a 3 foot circumference around district hydrants. Obscured by tall grasses and bushes, hydrants are difficult to find. Precious moments are lost when

the location of the nearest fire hydrant is not obvious. If you see or know of a hydrant in need of maintenance, please take a moment to clear the vegetation (3 foot radius when possible), or give us a call at 206-824-0375.

Access to fire hydrants and meter boxes can help minimize property damage by allowing emergency personnel to respond quickly. Please help us help you by maintaining clear access to your water meter and neighboring fire hydrants.



*This hydrant could be hard to find at night*

## Beat the Freeze... Time to Winterize

Insulate water pipes, especially those that are exposed and are in unheated areas (garage, basement, and crawl spaces). You can use insulating tape, a heat producing electrical cord, to cover the pipes. In place of insulating tape, you can use fiberglass insulation, molded foam rubber sleeves, rags, or plastic.

Disconnect garden hoses. Insulate and cover hose bibs.

If water pipes are not insulated leave the water on and allow it to trickle when

the temperature falls below freezing. Although this can add to your water bill, you can reduce the likelihood of having frozen pipes by keeping the water moving.

Regularly monitor your water flow. Check if there is a frozen pipe anywhere in your basement, in the crawl space, or under the kitchen and bathroom cabinets. When you have located the frozen pipe, use a hair dryer to blow heat to the pipe. **Do not use an open flame.**

Water can freeze at the water meter during severe cold weather. If this is the case, call for customer assistance at 206-824-0375.

