

Newsletter



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Board of Commissioners meetings are held on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 1:00 pm in the District Office, 119 E Liberty Rd. All meetings are open to the public.

Hartstene Pointe Water-Sewer District is not associated with or governed by the Hartstene Pointe Maintenance Association. Please direct water-sewer service related questions to the District.

Hartstene Pointe Water-Sewer District is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Conserving Energy Across District Facilities

During Evergreen Rural Water of WA's (ERWoW) fall conference, a presentation was given by City of Yakima's Wastewater Division. The presentation shared the results of an initiative to examine ways to save electricity costs across their facilities. The results were compelling. By upgrading equipment, scrutinizing routines and completing other projects, there is a lot of energy savings potential.

The District also utilized ERWoW's energy consultant, Lynn Stuart, for a tailored energy audit, which was cost-free to the District. The consultant toured the District's facilities, examined equipment, reviewed a year's worth of electricity bills and based on his observations, pointed out various energy-saving opportunities.

Following Yakima's report and Lynn's suggestions, the District completed several projects that will help conserve energy. Even a small task, like weather stripping entry ways to better insulate heated spaces, can make a difference.



Jeff wraps up analyzing data in the LED-lit WWTP laboratory

Earlier this year, an efficient ductless heat pump was installed at the District's office. This replaced inadequate and high-electric-consuming wall heaters. Recently completed, all of the District's fluorescent fixtures were replaced with LED efficient lamps. In comparing LED lamps with the T-8 and T-12 lamps, LED lighting saves between 44% and as much as 72% in energy consumption. LED replacement of incandescent lamps can save even more. In addition to the energy benefits, the LED lamps provide

much more light to facilities, including a few that were previously poorly lit—this means a safer work environment.

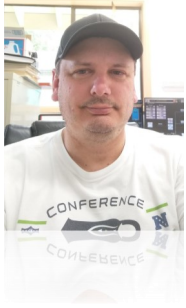
Examining routines can help as well. Are there rooms where lights are routinely left on, even when unoccupied? Adding timer devices where appropriate can help save energy as well.

Utility Districts of all types promote conservation. We usually focus on water conservation, but we encourage you as home owners to be environmental stewards and look for ways to save on energy consumption as well.



LEDs replace ancient, failing lighting in Well filter rooms

Sewer Repair Fund Sourcing



Due to our aging sewer system and its improper installation, we encounter many ongoing problems with it. Two years ago we hired an engineering firm that has produced a proposal for repairs and replacement. However, it's not an inexpensive project, so we've been seeking funding to supplement our reserves. To maximize our effort, one of your commissioners and I attended the 3-day WA State Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC) conference last month. Under the theme *Building Back Together*—a direct reference to the Am. Infrastructure Act—the conference gathered funding agencies, city/county staff, operators & professionals, project managers, and consultants across all utilities to review funding program requirements and hear directly of specific dire infrastructure needs across the state. Since 1986, the conference has been connecting local governments with federal funding programs to address infrastructure needs.

A roundtable Tech Team meeting was conducted on our behalf and we presented our infrastructure projects for discussion. The funding agencies outlined a functional funding strategy for us with a goal of meeting needs, timelines, and requirements of all involved. The team was made up of representatives from the Dept. of Ecology, USDA Rural Development, Dept. of Commerce, and WA Public Works Board. They listened to the history of our system, the dramatic problems we face, and the engineering firm's plan to correct it. The feedback we received was quite positive and reassuring. All agreed that we must move forward with these projects.

We have applied for funding through the Dept. of Ecology Grants & Loans program. The information that was shared in the Tech Team meeting will be considered strongly. We hope to be notified of our funding status in January and we hope to update you in our February 2023 newsletter.

—Jeff Palmer, General Manager



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2023 Fee Schedule Adopted

At the Board of Commissioners open, public meeting on November 17, commissioners adopted the 2023 fee schedule. Beginning January 2023, the residential base rate will be as follows:

Water Service:	93.80
Sewer Service:	85.50
Total Monthly Base:	179.30

The combined water and sewer rate for undeveloped lots will be 74.60 per month.

The Board of Commissioners also increased how much water is included in the base rate. 500 cubic feet of water per month will be included in the base water service rate, beginning in January—that's an increase of 100 cubic feet.

For those who have their bank send payments on their behalf, please update your bank bill pay to reflect the new rates and verify payments are sent to the correct remittance address:

PAYMENT PROCESSING CENTER
HARTSTENE POINTE WATER-SEWER DISTRICT
PO BOX 1213
PLEASANT GROVE, UT 84062-1213

All other administrative and miscellaneous fees remain unchanged.

Put Your Pipes on a Fat-Free Diet

Pouring grease down the drain can be the recipe for a sewage disaster. Many sewer blockages can be traced to fats, oils and grease. Raw sewage attaches to fats, clogs pipes and causes problems for sewage treatment plants.

You can help keep fats from clogging pipes by disposing of it properly:

- * *Never* pour fats, oils, or grease down the drain
- * *Never* flush fats, oils, or grease down the toilet
- * *Always* put grease in the trash

Pour hot oils or grease into heat-proof containers, such as a tin can, and cool before putting it in the trash. You may even freeze the grease for easier disposal. Wipe greasy pans and dishes with a paper towel before washing them and discard.

These tips can help prevent expensive plumbing repairs and sewage overflows. Save yourself repair bills, keep our rivers and streams clean. Put your pipes on a fat-free diet.

Dispose of grease properly! Source: Dept. of Ecology