



# Newsletter



## Hartstene Pointe Water-Sewer District

(360) 427-2413  
772 E Chesapeake Dr.  
Shelton, WA 98584  
Email: [info@hpwsd.org](mailto:info@hpwsd.org)  
Website: [hpwsd.org](http://hpwsd.org)

General Manager:

*Jeff Palmer*  
[gm@hpwsd.org](mailto:gm@hpwsd.org)

Commissioners:

*Carl Anderson*  
[Commissioner1@hpwsd.org](mailto:Commissioner1@hpwsd.org)  
*Stefan Birgh*  
[Commissioner2@hpwsd.org](mailto:Commissioner2@hpwsd.org)  
*Stacy Swart*  
[Commissioner3@hpwsd.org](mailto:Commissioner3@hpwsd.org)

### Pay Your Bill 24/7

Online: [hpwsd.org](http://hpwsd.org)  
By Phone: 360-427-2413

### Billing Office Hours

Mondays: 9:00 am—2:00 pm  
Tuesdays: 9:00 am—2:00 pm  
Thursdays: 9:00 am—2:00 pm

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.*

## Sewer Project Well Underway, Stay Up-to-date

Construction work on the Wastewater Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project (WIRP) is in full swing. District administrative staff and representatives from Century West Engineering, Ronglin's Construction and Iron Horse LLC hold weekly meetings so that all teams are on the same page as to progress of various aspects of the project and progress of the entire project as a whole. This also provides opportunities for teams to make requests and coordinate work with each other for the week ahead.

Following the weekly meetings, updates will be posted to the District's website and the newly installed sewer project update bulletin board next to the mailroom (see below).



**Weekly Updates to be posted at the Mailroom & Website**

Continue to expect trucks and equipment on streets, which will always have cones around them. No roads are anticipated to be closed and no digging or excavation will take place at this time. Workers will continue performing inspections, tracing sewer laterals toward houses with their equipment so they can pinpoint exact locations of laterals; you may see workers around your property tracing sewer lateral routes. CIPP lining is underway as well, beginning at the south end of the Pointe, following camera workers moving toward the north.

If you have concerns, please reach out to Century West Engineering's on-site representative, Steve H., at (425) 626-3241 or HPWSD GM, Jeff, (360) 549-6047.



[www.hpwsd.org/news/wirp/](http://www.hpwsd.org/news/wirp/)

## Upcoming Commissioner Position Opportunities



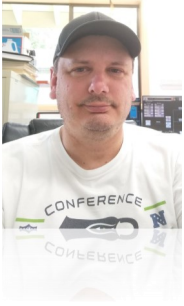
The District announces upcoming vacancies on the three-member Board of Commissioners. This is an opportunity to serve your community in a significant and unique way. The Board is tasked with ensuring the overall efficient operation and financial well-being of the District. Commissioners prepare for meetings by reviewing contracts, billing & financial reports, policy updates, regulatory changes and other items related to water & wastewater utility management.

Position #2 will be on the County General Election ballot in November this year for a two-year short term beginning 1/1/26 and Position #3 will be on the ballot for a full six-year term, also beginning on 1/1/26. Filing to run for the position is open the week of **May 5-9, 2025**. To qualify, a candidate must be a citizen and a registered Mason County voter living within the District.

All interested individuals are encouraged to contact the District Office to express their interest and receive support in the exploration of candidacy. The Board meets for two to three hours on the first and third Thursdays at 1:00 pm, at the District Office.

# General Manager's Report

## Sewer Rehab Project Underway



As has been noted in our email blasts and newsletters (and is quite obvious from all the trucks and equipment around the Pointe), our sewer project is well under way. And so I just wanted to address some things about it.

I understand that not everyone is thrilled with it, and understandably so. It's expensive, it's inconvenient to have roads either partially or fully blocked, it's inconvenient to move boats out of storage lots, it's upsetting to see trees removed—the list could go on. We realize this is not easy for everyone here. Please remember, it also affects your 3 District Commissioners as well, all being full-time residents here.

These feelings could be anticipated, but we do not take them lightly. The sewer system at the Pointe had been in serious need of help and the rehabilitation is finally happening, because we were able to secure funding for the project at a low interest rate and on an extended repayment schedule. We ask for your continued patience over the next year while the work is going on. Our contractors intend to follow HPMA rules as best they can and are trying to be respectful. Century West Engineering has someone on-site Monday through Friday to monitor the project and will accept any and all concerns or questions.

Also, while I am often available to address questions, please consult the website and mailroom posts first, as much information about the project is already available. You can call my phone, email me or come up to the office. As operations allow, I can briefly explain any part of the project, or any other aspect of the water or sewer systems.

—Jeff Palmer, General Manager



visit [www.nacwa.org/toilets](http://www.nacwa.org/toilets)

# TOILETS ARE NOT TRASHCANS™

Only Flush the 3 P's: Pee, Poop, & Toilet Paper



## Drippy the Droplet's Water-Saving Tip:

**"Dishwashers typically use less water than washing dishes by hand. Newer dishwashers can save even more water, while also saving on energy costs.**

**(Bonus: newer models can be much quieter too!)"**

## PFAS Found Dumped to Environment



As researchers are learning even more about the prevalence of PFAS (a.k.a. "forever chemicals") in products used in households every day, another culprit was found that could be contributing PFAS to the environment: *toilet paper*. PFAS are introduced to toilet paper during the wood-to-pulp conversion process.

Researchers are concerned that PFAS find their way into the environment and in some places into drinking water sources. Drinking water samples from the District's treatment system have already been tested for PFAS and none were detected as of yet.

PFAS are found in numerous household items, including water-repellant clothing, certain non-stick cooking equipment...and now certain toilet papers. They can also be found in industrial environments, sometimes in large concentrations, such as in firefighting foam.

More research will be done regarding the presence of PFAS in everyday items and how they affect the environment. The EPA may regulate PFAS in the future and require removal from Drinking Water and Wastewater systems, regardless of the source of origin.



Read more: [www.wateronline.com/doc/research-finds-toilet-paper-is-contributing-to-pfas-levels-in-wastewater-0001](http://www.wateronline.com/doc/research-finds-toilet-paper-is-contributing-to-pfas-levels-in-wastewater-0001)

## Saving Water in the Bathroom

### Fix Leaky Toilets

A toilet leak can waste as much as 200 gallons of water per day—pouring food coloring dye in the upper tank can help you determine if it drips into the bowl

### Take Showers *Instead* of Baths

A bath can use about 70 gallons of water, but a short, five-minute shower goes through between 10-25 gallons

### Install Efficient Showerheads

A 1.5gpm showerhead uses one-third less water than regular showerheads

### Fix Leaks

Each second that water drips adds up fast—more than 3,000 gallons of water per year!

### Install Low-Flow Aerators on Faucets

Swap a screw-on aerator in a flash—look for a 1gpm unit