



Newsletter

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Hartstene Pointe Water-Sewer District

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Board of Commissioners meetings are held on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month at 1 pm in the District Office. 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.

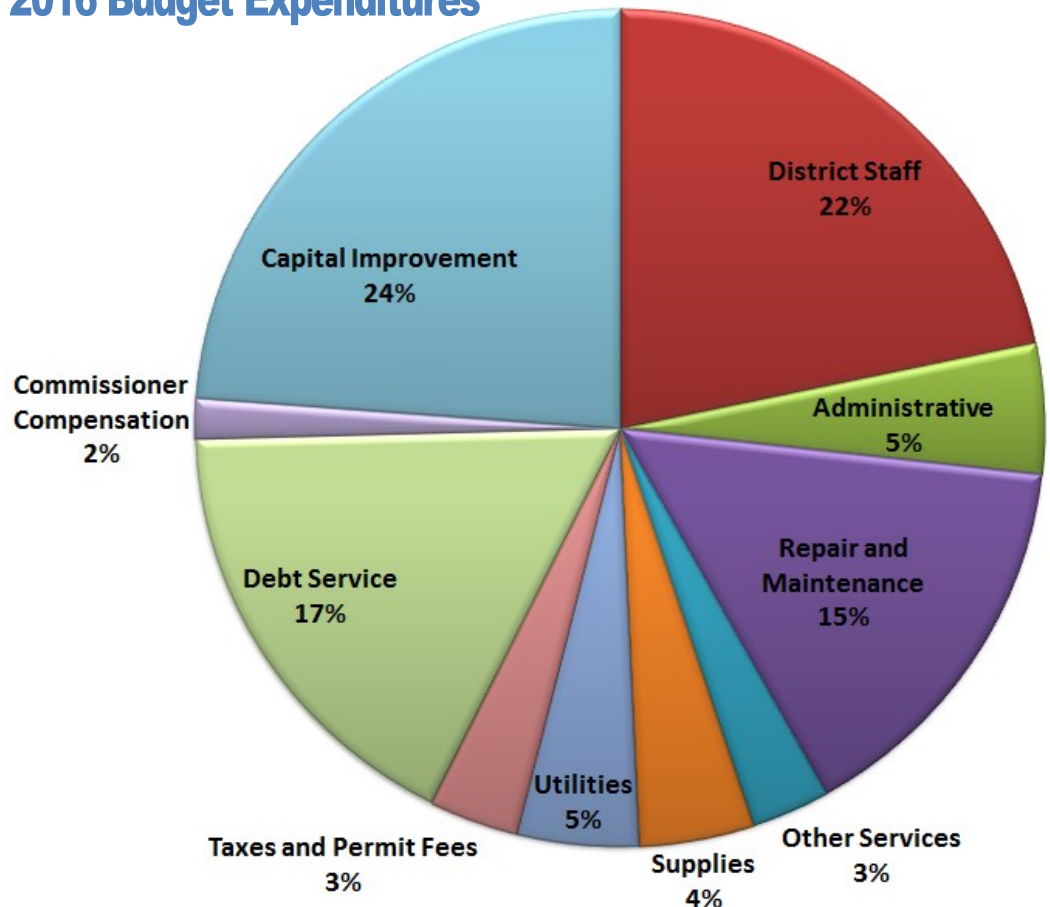
2016 Budget Adopted by Board of Commissioners

At their regular meeting on November 12, 2015, the Hartstene Pointe Water-Sewer District Board of Commissioners adopted the 2016 District Budget. The \$680,000 budget includes repair and maintenance and capital improvement projects which will improve the quality and reliability of the drinking water, sewer-collection, and wastewater treatment services for Hartstene Pointe.

The adopted budget also sets a clear plan for attaining financial reserve goals set by the commissioners in order to meet future capital needs of the system as well as to be prepared for emergencies and unforeseeable circumstances.

Copies of the full budget are available at the District Office and on the District website, hpwatersewer.com.

2016 Budget Expenditures



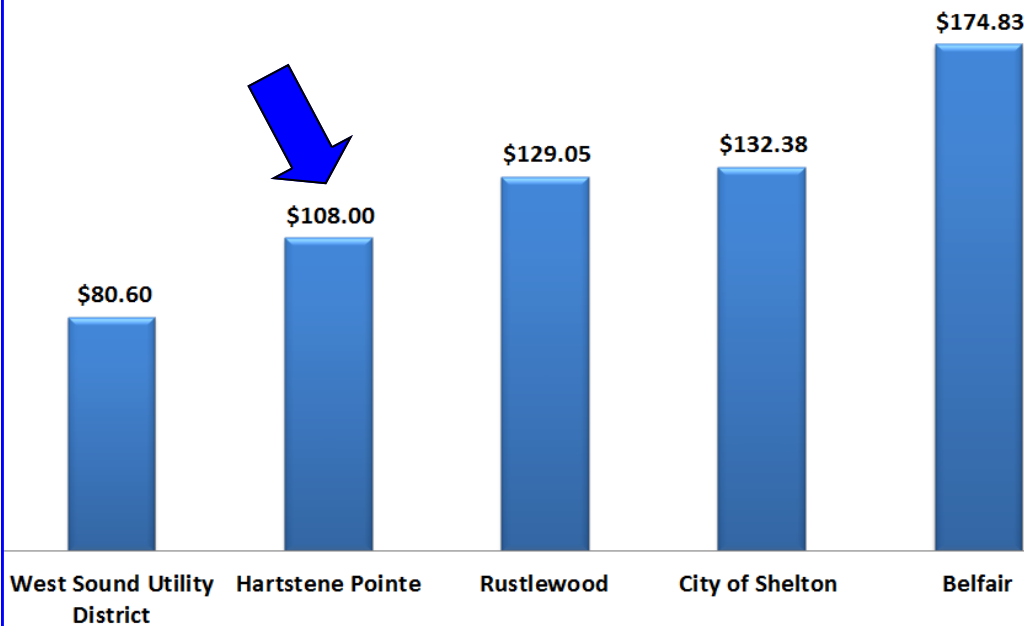
Rate Increase for 2016

At the November 12th regular meeting of the District Board of Commissioners the board approved a rate increase beginning January 1, 2016. This is the first rate adjustment in five years.

Monthly charges for full water and sewer connections will increase by \$13, from \$95 to \$108. Beginning January 1, 2016 the bi-monthly bill for full water and sewer service will be \$216. Monthly charges for vacant lots with prepaid water and sewer connections will increase by \$5, from \$40 to \$45. The bi-monthly bill for vacant lots with prepaid water and sewer connections will be \$90.

Neighboring Water/Sewer System Monthly Bills

■ Average monthly bill based on 3/4 in. meter base rates and 1000 cu. ft./month water use



Customers enrolled in the District's AutoPay program will have the new rates charged to their debit/credit cards or checking accounts beginning in January 2016.

The Board also approved an increase in Capital Facilities Charges and Connection Fees for new service connections from \$4,200 to \$4,600. These fees are assessed on new connections to the water and sewer systems to ensure new customers pay an equitable share of the current system infrastructure, debt service paid-to-date, and future capital improvements paid for by the current ratepayers.

Commissioner Cary's Term Ending

Founding Hartstene Pointe Water-Sewer District Commissioner Mary Alice Cary's second term in office ended on December 31, 2015. Commissioner Cary was instrumental in the formation of the District and has dedicated herself to its success and sustainability.

The District would like to thank Commissioner Cary for her over seven years of invaluable service.

District Audit

The Washington State Auditor's Office spent a week in December at the District office performing the District's bi-annual Accountability Audit. The areas examined during this audit were the District financial condition, utility billing/receipting, 3rd party cash receipting, procurement/bid law, and contracted services. Once completed, the official Audit Report will be available on the State Auditor's website.

New Commissioner Elected

David McNabb won the Hartstene Pointe Water-Sewer District Commissioner Position 2 election in November. Commissioner McNabb will be sworn in at the first meeting of the year of the Board of Commissioners on January 7, 2015 at 1:00 pm at the District Office.



Drippy the Droplet's Water-Saving Tip:

"Install an instant water heater near your kitchen sink so you don't have to run the water while it heats up. This also reduces energy costs."

Watch for more of Drippy's tips in future newsletters and on the District website, hpwatersewer.com.