



# Newsletter

**November/December 2014**

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Board of Commissioners meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 HPWSD.*

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

## 2015 Proposed Budget and Budget Hearing

The District will host its annual Budget Hearing on November 8th at 10:00 am at the HPMa Clubhouse, 202 E Pointes Drive East. District commissioners and managers will provide an update on District projects and accomplishments as well as a presentation on the proposed 2015 Budget. There will be a time for public comment and questions following the presentation. All subscribers are encouraged to attend.

### Proposed 2015 Budget at a Glance:

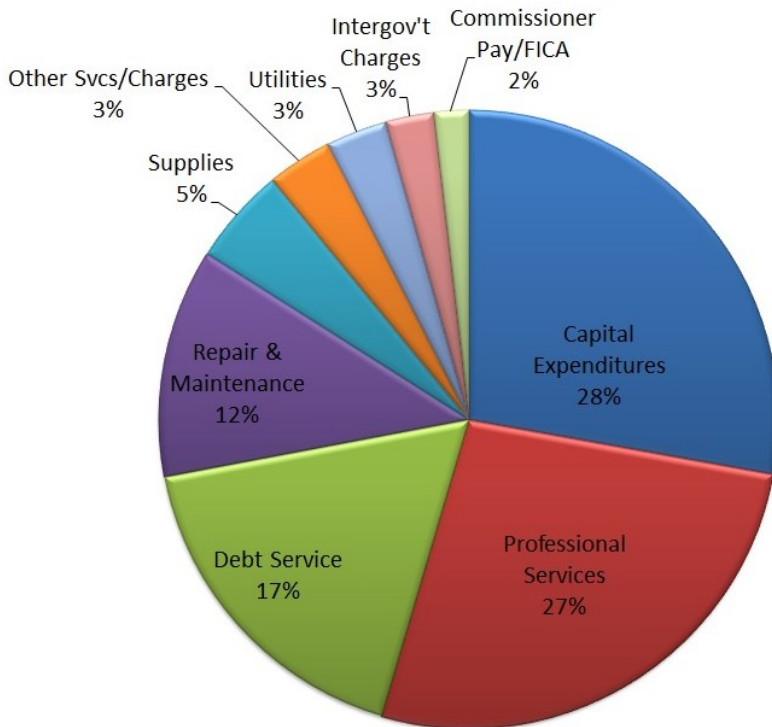
	<b>Proposed 2015 Budget</b>	<b>2016 Projections</b>	<b>2017 Projections</b>	<b>2018 Projections</b>
Beginning Fund Balances:				
Operating Funds	221,217	86,011	21,063	(19,967)
Reserve Funds	252,440	215,440	236,240	177,240
<b>Total Funds Begin. Bal.</b>	<b>\$473,657</b>	<b>\$301,451</b>	<b>\$257,303</b>	<b>\$157,273</b>
Revenues:				
Operating Revenues	521,197	522,326	523,451	524,510
Debt Proceeds	595,000	0	0	0
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,116,197</b>	<b>\$522,326</b>	<b>\$523,451</b>	<b>\$524,510</b>
Expenditures:				
Commissioner Pay/FICA	12,518	12,518	12,518	12,518
Supplies	35,350	23,809	20,975	21,394
Services	313,911	315,921	291,158	296,981
Intergovernmental	17,435	28,037	17,641	17,993
Debt Service & Transfers	121,190	121,190	121,190	121,190
Capital Expenditures	193,000	65,000	160,000	100,000
Financed Capital Expend.	595,000	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,284,470</b>	<b>\$562,541</b>	<b>\$619,548</b>	<b>\$566,143</b>
Ending Fund Balances:				
Operating Funds	86,011	21,063	(19,967)	(32,093)
Reserve Funds	215,440	236,420	177,240	143,800
<b>Total Funds End Balances:</b>	<b>\$301,451</b>	<b>\$257,303</b>	<b>\$157,273</b>	<b>\$111,707</b>

## 2015 Proposed Budget and Budget Hearing (Continued)

The proposed 2015 Budget includes a net loss of \$168,273, requiring the District to dip into its cash reserves for necessary capital outlay.

The Board of Commissioners is not proposing a rate increase for 2015, however the District will need to address its declining cash balance in its 2016 Budget planning.

### Proposed 2015 Expenditures Chart



For a copy of the complete proposed 2015 Budget, visit the District website, [www.hpwatersewer.com](http://www.hpwatersewer.com), call the District Office at (360) 427-2413, or you may send an email request to [info@hpwatersewer.com](mailto:info@hpwatersewer.com).



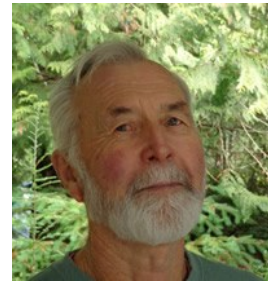
### Drippy the Droplet's Water-Saving Tip:

**"Insulate hot water pipes for more immediate hot water at the faucet and for energy savings."**

Watch for more of Drippy's tips in future newsletters and on the District website, [hpwatersewer.com](http://hpwatersewer.com).

## District's New Meter Reader

You may have recently noticed a new face reading meters around the Pointe. The District's manager, Jeffreys Management Services, has hired Martin Kinser to perform monthly readings of the District's water meters. You will recognize him by the bright yellow vest zipping up and down the road in the golf cart.



As a reminder, the meter readings are used for usage information and conservation purposes only and not for calculating billings.

## Rate Study Task Force Makes Recommendations to the Board

At the September 25th regular meeting of the District Board of Commissioners, the Rate Study Task Force made its recommendations to the board. The commissioners had requested the task force to make recommendations on a number of topics including levels of customer service, existing District policies, connection fees and capital facilities charges, financing future capital projects, and water/sewer rates.

The District thanks the task force for its hard work and dedication to serving the District and its subscribers. Copies of the task force's recommendations are available at the District Office.

## District Finds Significant Savings

The high (and rising) electrical cost of operating the District's wastewater treatment plant recently caused District's wastewater treatment operator to examine whether changes could be made in the plant's operations to save electricity and money.

The operator ceased using the plant's jet pumps, which are used to anaerobically mix the wastewater, relying instead on only the air pumps to circulate the wastewater in the sequential batch reactors. So far lab results show no significant difference in the final makeup of the plant's effluent, while the plant's electrical bills have been reduced by roughly 50%, or approximately \$500 per month.

Meanwhile, the District's Accounting and Administrative Services Manager, while studying the State's WACs regarding Public Utility Taxes, discovered that the District, since its inception, had been paying too much to the state in excise taxes. The District was able to amend its state tax returns from 2010 through 2014, resulting in an expected refund of over \$25,000 plus interest. Additionally, going forward the District will pay approximately \$7,000 less every year in state taxes.

**Reminder: The District Office does not maintain regular office hours, but voicemails will be returned within 24 hours. Call our 24 Hour Emergency Number, (360) 876-2545, if you experience problems with your service.**