



Hartstene Pointe Water – Sewer District

Water-Sewer Update January 2012

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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 HPWSD.

Hartstene Pointe Water Sewer District is an equal opportunity provider

District Says Good Bye to A Founding Leader

District Commissioners welcomed the newest member of the Board and bid farewell to another at their last meeting of 2011. Nancy Nelson was sworn into office at the December 19 meeting and will serve six years. Immediately following, a reception was held in honor of outgoing Commissioner Bill Parisio.



2012 Board of Commissioners (l-r) Mary Alice Cary, Roger Ray, Nancy Nelson

Nancy Nelson was elected in November as a write in candidate to fill District Commissioner, Position 1 left vacant by Parisio's departure. Nelson came to Hartstene Pointe in 2003 after retiring from The Aerospace Corporation, a non-profit aerospace research and

development firm. She holds a BA and MBA from California State University. "I look forward to serving and hope I can continue to contribute at the level of my predecessor", said Nelson.

Parisio's service to the District goes beyond his four years as Commissioner. Parisio served as chair of the HPMU Utilities Committee, the group responsible for investigating the feasibility and petitioning for the District's formation. "We did a lot of investigation before making a recommendation to form the District", said Parisio. "Then it took some heavy negotiations to deliver what we promised homeowners", "We promised we would get the utility at no cost and without encumbrances, get all our reserve funds and the County would continue to operate the utility until we could get our feet on the ground".



Bill Parisio

"Bill laid a lot of the groundwork for establishing the District" according to Commissioner Roger Ray. "As a Commission, we drew a lot from his 35 years of management experience."

Commissioner Cary appreciated Parisio's teamwork. "Commissioners and the community appreciate and benefited from his background and knowledge. He's been such an anchor and base for the development of the District. We all worked well as a team."

When asked if he had any parting advice for the 2012 Board, Parisio stressed that same work ethic. "Study, study, study; devote the time necessary to meet (continued)

your required fiduciary responsibility of the rate payers' money. Get plenty of facts and let the facts drive the decision."

IMPORTANT: Is Your Water Heater Up to Code? Meter Installation and Thermal Expansion

All HPWSD customers will have a one-way check valve installed at their service connection in conjunction with each water meter installation. A check valve is the first line of defense to protect the community's water supply from contamination due to household water flowing back into the public water supply. Water expands in volume as the temperature rises. The extra volume caused by thermal expansion must go somewhere. If not, the heated water creates a potentially dangerous increase in pressure. When a check valve, pressure-reducing valve or backflow preventer is installed in the service pipe, provisions must be made for thermal expansion, usually a thermal expansion tank. Water heaters installed in compliance with the current plumbing code will have a thermal expansion tank to prevent an over pressure condition in the home plumbing. Without the thermal expansion tank, homeowners may experience a dangerous increase in pressure. Should you develop a problem with your household plumbing or water heater after the installation of the water meters contact a licensed plumber. For more information, go to:
www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/Publications/water_heater.pdf

SCADA Control System Replacement Underway

Commissioners chose Bothell based firm, Evolution Controls to replace the computer systems that monitor waste water treatment processes, known as SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition). SCADA systems give District operators remote, real time information on system status and the ability to remotely control system processes. These important functions have experienced erratic failures not showing a consistent pattern. After having the system assessed, Operators found it had been corrupted and a complete replacement is needed. The \$50,000 project will be completed by February. Waste water collection and water filtration processes are also monitored by SCADA systems and are planned for overhaul in phase 2 of the project.

No Immediate Plans for Billing Changes

District Commissioners wish to remind homeowners there are no immediate plans to move from billing water service at a flat rate to billing based on water use following installation of water service meters. Water meters are the most effective way to monitor efficiency, identify leaks and potential waste of this precious resource. Establishing and meeting water use efficiency goals is required by state law. The meters will help the District establish meaningful goals and meet state requirements to prevent water loss. Though water service meters are necessary for developing a usage based rate structure, Commissioners stress there will always be a base cost of operating and maintaining the system. Current rates cover those costs and gathering water usage data over a long period will be necessary before considering a base plus usage water rate structure that will continue to pay for fixed costs.

REMINDER! Commission Meetings Change Location
Beginning with their January 12 meeting, Board of Commissioner meetings will be held at the new District Office, 772 Chesapeake Dr. (Inside fence, next to tennis courts.) The public is always welcome to attend the twice-monthly meetings.