

The Drain Report

THANKS FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION

By: Ken Kase

The District has been doing a lot of construction recently and that has placed a burden on the very community we serve. This construction has slowed traffic in some areas and kept people up after normal work hours in other areas and has temporarily compromised the public use of the very beautiful Des Moines Beach Park.

While this construction can be inconvenient, one thing I have noticed is how understanding and cooperative most people have been. I think it is a reflection on the people who make up this community. I have met a lot of nice and friendly people who have taken the imposition of this construction in stride. In general people understand that the work being done is important infrastructure improvements that are being built to serve the community. Sorry about the inconvenience. We promise to hurry up and finish our work and clean up our mess. Thank you for your understanding!



Thanks to the Construction Worker!

By: Ken Kase

It has been my experience that most of the construction workers I have met are incredible people. They work hard, are very conscientious, and goal oriented. They are willing to get up early and work in extreme conditions all day long. Their work is often dirty, demanding and dangerous.

If you must slow down or stop for a construction worker I would suggest that you thank them for the work they do instead of honking at them, yelling at them or worse. These men and women are working hard to build the infrastructure that makes this great nation work. We would be in big trouble without them. These people are building America. We should appreciate what they do!

Lien Fee Increase

By: Cordelia Ford

If you don't pay your sewer bill for an extended period of time the District will attempt to collect the debt by filing a lien against the property. This will ultimately result in a much greater expense to the customer than paying the sewer bill in a timely manor.

The lien fee added to the Midway Sewer account of customers will increase, effective July 15th. Liens filed against properties by Midway Sewer are sent for recording with King County Records. King County Records is raising the fee for recording documents from \$33.00 to \$41.00. For liens filed after July 15th, the \$41.00 fee will be added to the account. This fee applies to record and also release a lien.

For those customers who have difficulty paying their Midway Sewer District bill, they may be eligible for assistance thru our MAP (Midway Assistance Program) Fund. Screening and determination of eligibility is done by the Salvation Army. Donations can be made to the MAP Fund by adding an additional amount to your check and noting the "MAP Fund Donation" section on the payment stub. More information, including contact information for the Salvation Army, can be found at our web site, www.midwaysewer.org.

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Special points of interest:

- Midway Sewer District has one of the lowest monthly rates in the state.
- The Board meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Please contact the office for the meeting time.
- Midway serves the Cities of Des Moines, SeaTac, Kent, Federal Way, Normandy park, Burien, and the Port of Seattle's SeaTac Airport.
- There has not been a rate increase since 2005!
- You can expect fast personal service when you need it.
- Our employees care about their customers.
- We have a single focus of providing quality sanitary sewer service and have been in business since 1946.

Everyday Household Products and Medications Stay In The Environment



Clean water is held in high regard in our culture. We would never want our bays, rivers, lakes or ground water to be polluted. We have devised ever more sophisticated methods of testing and detecting unwanted compounds in the water. What we are discovering is the very same products that we use or consume everyday are being discovered in our water. The effects of these compounds are still largely unknown.



What are the sources of the compounds being detected? One of the largest sources is thought to be the typical household. Antibiotics, steroidal hormones, medications for pain, depression and colds, caffeine, hair products, cleaning supplies and pesticides have all been detected in the water in our environment.

At Midway Sewer District we use mechanical and biological processes to treat your wastewater to an acceptable level prior to discharge. When you dispose of unwanted pharmaceutical or household products down the drain they end up at our treatment plant. These products may hamper the treatment process or they may pass through our treatment system without being removed at all. They ultimately end up in our environment. Nobody wants that.

If you care about the environment you may want to be careful how you dispose of unused medications and other products. King County has a hazardous waste disposal program. Some pharmacies have a take-back program for medications. If you must throw these products in the trash please keep them in their original containers with the lids on. Scratch out any patient information. Place the unwanted items in a re-sealable plastic bag. This is not the preferable method but it is less harmful to the environment. Certainly flushing this stuff down the drain is a poor choice. It is ironic that the very products developed to enhance our lives may be indirectly hurting us by harming the environment. Please be a responsible user of the sewer system.



Thank you,
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