

The Drain Report

NEW OUTFALL WILL HELP US ALL !

By: Ken Kase

Excitement is growing in anticipation of construction of the final segment of the District's new 48" diameter outfall. Permits have been obtained, a contractor and construction manager have been selected, and the stage has been set for construction to begin in the summer of 2007. This project has been in the works for over 10 years.

You may wonder why it has taken so long to get this project going. This is due to the effort expended to ensure that no endangered species, their habitat or the general environment that support them suffer as a result of construction or operation of our outfall. The District has secured the services of a Senior Marine Biologist to constantly monitor construction and any disturbance to the environment, to minimize and prevent any permanent damage.

The City of Des Moines has been helpful with this project in that they have granted an easement for the outfall and allowed construction to take place within the Des Moines Beach Park. Access to some Normandy Park homes on the beach just north of the park will need to be coordinated with construction. We will do our best to accommodate the park patrons and neighbors of the park.



Construction workers joining 2 sections of 48" concrete cylinder pipe

Best of all, construction of the new outfall will make the old outfall available for transfer to the Des Moines Creek Basin Committee. They plan to use our old outfall as a stream "high flow" bypass. The old outfall, when used in conjunction with their large detention pond, will equalize stream flow and help to prevent damaging floods that can wipe out entire stream habitats and the ecosystems they support.

Bye Bye Ms. Hamilton

By: Ken Kase

Deanna Hamilton has been working for the District for over 27½ years. She has seen the District go through many changes over the years. During her time here at Midway she has seen the area develop, technology improve, and staff come and go. She has had to learn how to use many different computer software programs whenever an upgrade or switch was made. She has always been willing to adapt to her changing environment.

One thing that never has changed was her commitment to customer service. She was always ready and willing to help the District customers. She plans to retire from the District at the end of May, 2007. She will be missed! We all wish her a happy and long retirement. She has deserved it.



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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.

WE HAVE A SANITARY SEWER PROBLEM

by: George Landon



The District is aware of a reoccurring problem with the sewer in certain areas. During rainstorms we have seen the sewer flows quadruple when compared to typical summertime flows. More than once, sewage has overflowed due to this excessive flow. We have spent a lot of time looking for the sources of the problem and we think we know where it is.

Sanitary sewers are supposed to collect all the wastewater from indoor plumbing fixtures like sinks, showers, toilets, laundry and dishwasher machines. Lets call this the "right water". Sanitary sewers are not supposed to collect surface and ground water that can come from sources like catch basins, roof drains, foundation drains, sump pumps, cracked and leaky pipes, or uncapped cleanouts. Lets call this the "wrong water", which is also known as infiltration and inflow. The picture below shows several sources of "wrong water".

The sanitary sewer collection system in your neighborhood has ample capacity for the **right water**, but it can not handle all the **wrong water** that is somehow getting into the system. We want to eliminate the **wrong water** from the sanitary sewer system so we can prevent sewer overflows.

We can't do it alone. We need your help. If we contact you please allow us access to your property so we can try to detect any sources of **wrong water**. If we do find some problems we will assist you with the solution. If we don't find any problems then you can rest assured that you are not part of this environmental problem. Together we can solve this problem and protect you, your family and the environment from future sewer overflows.



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