



Newsletter

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Mondays: 9:00 am—2:00 pm
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Board of Commissioners meetings are held on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 1:00 pm via teleconference. Visit our website or contact the office for instructions on how to join. 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.

MDG Services



At long last, there is good news to report regarding the District's labor shortage. Following a full year of being short-staffed, the District enlisted the help of MDG Wastewater & Water Treatment to help with daily operations and maintenance of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Marty began work last month and already the health and maintenance of the treatment plant is greatly improved.

If that name sounds familiar, it's because Marty was a contract operator at the Pointe in the past. The advantage here is that he is already very familiar with the WWTP and its challenges. In addition to knowing the District's systems well, he also brings a lot of industry knowledge to the table. Marty supervises the crew at the treatment plant in Port Orchard and is certified as a Group IV wastewater treatment plant operator, the highest level for an operator in WA state.

Marty is not afraid of hard work. He has tackled maintenance tasks that have been on the GM's to-do list that staff have not been able to fit into the schedule for a long time.

This is not a long-term solution, but in the mean time, wish-list projects are getting done rapidly. See for yourself—below are before & after photos!

Thanks, Marty!



Free Shredding Event!

HPWSD & HPMA are teaming up to host a free shredding event! Lemay will have one of their trucks out at the Pointe, ready for you to bring your sensitive papers that need discreet destruction. Bring your kids—we plan to have fun!

When: Saturday, May 14th, 11am—2pm
Where: Parking lot next to the Club House
What to Bring: You & your shred-ables
(please limit to one banker box)
What to Donate: Please bring non-perishable food for the local food bank!

Representatives from the District and HPMA will be there, ready to connect with the community. The Fire Safety and Disaster Preparedness committees will have tables set up as well. Come visit us—we'll look forward to seeing you there!

General Manager's Report

Infrastructure Replacement



Every now and then, we hear through the grapevine that people are wondering about the status of our water & sewer system upgrades/repairs, which is also connected with fiber installation and road repairs. Rather than let you hear an answer through said grapevine, I want to update from the source.

In case not everyone was aware, PUD 3 brought in fiber-optic internet to the south portion of the Pointe through conduit that was previously installed. For remaining areas, PUD agreed to work with us if we have our system worked on, installing new conduit when trenches are open for work. This eliminates having to dig more than once, making it less costly. It also means any asphalt that is cut open only needs to be patched once and any new asphalt work on the roads can happen without being torn open and re-patched.

The question everyone has: when is this all going to happen? The answer is: we still don't know. A while back, it was made to sound like this would all happen within a couple years. As it turns out, that was wishful thinking.

We are working with an engineering firm, trying to get funding for all this. We have water mains that need to be upgraded in size, sewer lines that need to be repaired to eliminate rainwater from getting into them (which causes a lot of problems), but it comes with a **hefty** price tag, which this community overall does not have anywhere near the ability to pay. The Infrastructure Bill that was passed will go to poor communities first, so we can't rely on getting anything from that.

All that being said, it ultimately comes down to a matter of patience. We are actively seeking grants, but this doesn't happen quickly. We will provide any updates in our newsletters. Until then, we'll post information as it becomes available.

—Jeff Palmer, General Manager

Free Notary Service

Did you know that administrative staff at the District are notary publics? While other notaries in the community charge as much as \$5 per page for this service, we offer this service as a courtesy to members of the community free of charge. Many in the community have already taken advantage of this. Feel free to forgo the trip and cost of going into town. Contact the District and schedule an appointment for complimentary notarizations, should you find yourself in need for it. Jeff or Joe would be happy to be of service!



Drippy the Droplet's



Water-Saving Tip:

"A reminder as we approach warmer weather: Please water sparingly when gardening and consider repurposing used water instead of fresh water.

Consider also that most vegetation on the island are already drought tolerant!"

Mark Your Address!

District staff and volunteers, like many of you, spend a lot of time out working all around the community. One of our volunteers is a retired fire fighter and noticed that many houses do not have house number prominently on display. While driveway entries have house numbers posted, actually having them posted on your house is functionally important, particularly in emergency situations where EMTs, firefighting professionals, or other emergency responders need to identify your house quickly. Unfortunately, GPS is often misleading for addresses out here—for instance, if you used GPS to reach our wastewater treatment plant, you would be led directly into Puget Sound off of the boat ramp and GPS would lead you to a dead end instead of our office...We suggest you don't delay and mark your home!



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