

NKWD HONEYSUCKLE HILLS WATER IMPROVEMENTS NEWSLETTER

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform property owners and residents within Honeysuckle Hills service area of upcoming construction associated with replacement of the water system.

BACKGROUND

In June, 2005 members of the Honeysuckle Hills Homeowners Association (HHOA) voted to transfer and sell substantially all of its water system assets to North Kootenai Water District ("District"). HHOA retained a portion of their assets that they plan to sell and distribute the proceeds from these sales to the members of the association as of March 31, 2005. For information regarding the disposition of these funds, eligible members should contact HHOA acting President, Jim Frame at 208/772-7228.

On November 8, 2005, NKWD conducted an annexation election for the properties within HHOA. 94% of the votes were in favor of annexation. After the annexation was completed, the District formed a Local Improvement District (LID) around the annexed properties in order to finance the water system improvements that had been planned by HHOA since 2003. Annexing into the District and forming and LID allows the project costs to be distributed across all properties that receive benefit from the project instead of just existing water users as originally planned by HHOA. The result of LID financing is that existing customers will have lower water rates.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project will replace approximately 11,500 lineal feet of existing depreciated steel 4 and 6 inch waterline with new 6 and 8 inch PVC pipe. The project will also install new water services and hydrants. The project will result in decreased water leakage, and improved water system reliability.

PROJECT TEAM

The District Board of Directors and District Manager, Mike Galante, will direct the project construction. The District and HHOA selected Welch Comer Engineers, Coeur d'Alene, to design the water system improvements and observe the contractor's work during construction. HHOA and the District awarded the construction contract to Norm's Utility Contractor, Inc. ("Norm's"), Post Falls, Idaho. Norm's will subcontract portions of the work to SI Construction, Inc., Hayden, Idaho, in order to complete the construction project before winter shutdown.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Welch Comer Engineers have already been on-site staking out the proposed waterline construction. Norm's will start construction the week of July 17, 2006. Norm's plans to begin construction on a segment of water main located in the vicinity of Cooper's Bay.

On or about August 1st, Norm's will move crews to start construction in the Lower Hayden Lake Road between Half Mile and Moen Roads. Waterline work through this area (including Weeping Willow and Jacob's Ladder) is schedule for completion by the end of September in order for Lakes Highway District to complete paving this year. While waterline construction is taking place on Lower Hayden Lake Road, a second set of crews will complete work in other areas, beginning with Tobler Road in early August, then moving to Clarkview and Half Mile in September. Moen Road is scheduled for completion in late September.

The Contractor is scheduled to have all segments of the waterline installed and the roads paved by the first week of November. The construction schedule will be updated regularly during construction and will identify the sequence in which each of the pipe segments will be constructed so that residents can plan ahead. The schedule and updates will be available on the Welch Comer website at www.welchcomer.com as well as the District website at www.nkwsd.com. A door hanger notice will be left at each residence a minimum of 48 hours prior to any scheduled water outage.

In order to prevent cutting or patching of the new pavement in Lower Hayden Lake Road once the project is complete, all utilities (including power, gas, cable, phone and sewer) have been notified of the project scope and schedule. Thus, some of the utilities will take advantage of this opportunity to complete any necessary extensions or upgrades. Hayden Lake Recreational Water and Sewer District (HLRWSD) has contracted with Norm's to complete the replacement of a segment of gravity sewer line in Lower Hayden Lake Road. This replacement is separate from the water project and will be completed at the Sewer District's expense.

LOWER HAYDEN LAKE ROAD

In order to minimize disruption during the Lower Hayden Lake Road segment of the project, sections of the road will be closed to through traffic while construction is taking place, typically about one week. Emergency and local access will be maintained, but the District asks that residents plan ahead and try to minimize traffic through the construction zone. Also, it will be necessary to take the existing water main out of service to allow for installation of the new main. Water service will be maintained through temporary hose connections, but the District will be issuing boil water notices as a precaution. The boil water notices will be lifted as each service is connected to the new, disinfected water main.

POINTS OF CONTACT

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VACANT LOTS/SERVICE STUBS

This project will include installation of service stubs at all vacant, buildable lots within the construction limits. Within the next week, all owners of vacant lots will receive a letter and schematic showing the proposed location of their stub. These property owners should respond promptly if they would like the stub installed at a different location.

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Mission Statement

North Kootenai Water District is a well-organized, financially sound, and efficiently managed public utility district that has a solid reputation of providing safe, reliable, high quality domestic water to our customers at a reasonable and justifiable price. We endeavor to service the domestic water needs of northern Kootenai County in a manner that protects the interests of our constituents. We are a growing entity that structures its decisions upon consideration of the current economic situation, future economic and service implications, and the opportunity to improve, through water service, the quality of life for our current constituents and those petitioning for our assistance.