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### Board Meetings

- Board of Commissioners 5 PM Wednesday, February 15
- Board of Commissioners 5 PM, Wednesday, March 15
- Board of Commissioners 5 PM, Wednesday, April 19

### What's Happening in the District?

We have completed adding AV equipment to our Conference Room to be able to hold hybrid meetings

Starting with the Board meeting January 18, the Commissioners will meet in person as prior to March 2020, and the public can attend either in person or join the meeting virtually on Zoom

*Do you need assistance with our On-Line Bill Pay Service? Please contact us at 503-292-2777 or at [customer.service@wswd.org](mailto:customer.service@wswd.org)*

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Also, check the website for our newsletters past & present !



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## Water Main Replacement on Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway

This March, the District's construction contractors, Emery & Sons, will begin work to install over a mile of new water main replacing the old water main installed



in the late 1940s. The work will last through September 2023. Most of the installation will take place in the center turning lane but at times a lane of traffic will need to be restricted. The project will take place on the highway between SW Scholls Ferry Road and SW 91st Avenue. None of the work will take

place on weekends, but work through an intersection with a signal light will be completed at night to avoid a lot of traffic disruption. Work in front of Jesuit High School is planned to take place during Summer Vacation to limit traffic back-ups during regular school hours.



Throughout the project, the District will maintain a construction schedule update on the District's main webpage ([www.wswd.org](http://www.wswd.org)) to keep customers and area citizens up to date on traffic pattern changes, project stages, night work, and overall progress with the project. Look for these posts to begin in February. We know a project of this size and complexity will create some delays and inconveniences for some. Our goal is to complete the work in a timely fashion to the high standards West Slope customers expect while keeping disruptions to a minimum where possible. When you have some questions about the project, feel free to call the District office during regular business hours. Thank you in advance for your patience !!

## Board of Commissioners Election—May 16, 2023



The West Slope Water District Board of Commissioners is a governing body of five elected officials who live in the West Slope service area. Each Commissioner is elected by voters in the West Slope service area. The next election is set for **Tuesday, May 16, 2023**. There will be two positions up for election on the May 16 ballot: Position #1 currently held by Andrew Smith and Position #2 currently held by Carol Wild. Anyone wishing to be on the May 16 ballot must file with the Washington County Elections Division by **Thursday, March 16**. The deadline for content to be included in the Voters Pamphlet is **Monday, March 20**. If you have any questions, please contact the General Manager at 503-292-2777.

## Have Your Water Pipes Frozen or Fractured This Year?

We have heard from a number of customers already this year following the freezing temperatures in December. Of course, it is only January, and we are not out of the effects of Winter yet. If you have not prepared your water pipes for the cold weather by now, please take some time today to take care of these tasks:

- 1) Locate your emergency water shut-off valve at the outside edge of your home's foundation or inside your house (crawl space or inside a wall or garage), keep your pipes safe and insulated, cover foundation vents, and disconnect and drain outdoor hoses, sprinkler systems, and backflow devices.
- 2) When temperatures plunge below freezing, temporarily turn on your faucet located furthest from your water meter so that it has a slow and steady drip – this will keep water moving and make it less likely to freeze in your pipes.
- 3) Periodically, open kitchen & bathroom cupboard doors to allow pipes behind the walls and under the floors to get additional heat from inside your house.

### How to Tell if You Have a Frozen Water Pipe:

Turn on faucets located throughout your home; if some of them work and others do not, it is likely that you have a frozen pipe somewhere in the home. If there is no water to your home, the frozen area may be in your service line between the water meter at the street and your home. If you have questions, please contact the West Slope WD office.

### How to Safely Thaw a Frozen Water Pipe:

To thaw plumbing lines safely, use a hair dryer on a low setting. Move the hair dryer back and forth, moving in 12" – 16" sections until water flows freely from the affected tap. **NEVER** thaw a frozen pipe with an open flame like a blow torch. Remember to leave a little water on once the pipe has thawed so that it does not refreeze. Turn on the faucet in your home to a steady, slow drip to keep water moving through your pipes.

### When You Begin to Repair a Broken Water Pipe:

If you need the water to your home shut off **at the water meter** to fix a broken pipe or customer service line, please contact West Slope WD to shut the water off. We know how to do this safely, and we respond to customer calls when there is an emergency 24 hrs/ day. Otherwise, you can turn the water off & on to your home as needed during repairs at your own shut off valve next to your house's foundation or in a crawl space or garage.

To avoid more problems this Spring, conduct a careful inspection of your irrigation system for pipe and fitting breaks **BEFORE** you start using your system for watering your plants and lawn. Discovering and repairing damage to your irrigation system before it is turned on for the irrigation season will spare you a very large water bill this summer.