

## After 42 Years of Dedicated Service... Commissioner Keppler is Retiring at the End of 2019



*Newly elected Commissioner Rod Keppler was sworn in as Commissioner of the Silver Lake Water District on January 11, 1978, to serve a six year term. On December 31, 2019, when Commissioner Keppler officially retires from his role as Commissioner (Position #1), he will have served seven consecutive, six year terms, for a total of forty-two years of continuous service to the District.*

When Rod first became a Commissioner back in 1978, Silver Lake Water District was a separate entity from Fircrest Sewer District, despite serving a similar geographic area centered on Silver Lake. The Water District was originally incorporated in 1935, whereas the Sewer District had been formed in 1967.

In January of 1980, Rod Keppler was elected to also serve as Commissioner of the Fircrest Sewer District. The two agencies were already sharing a building, equipment, and staffing resources. The Water District was serving a population of approximately 13,500, while the Sewer District was serving an estimated population of 4,400.

Mr. Keppler, together with the other Commissioners of each Board, had the vision to merge the two agencies into one, to better serve the public. In November 1980, the merger was approved by the voters.

This same type of foresight extended to other partnerships during Commissioner Keppler's years of service. Agreements for service and cost sharing were negotiated between the District and the City of Everett, Snohomish County, the Alderwood Water & Wastewater District, and the Cross Valley Water District. These partnerships enabled the District to provide reliable service that is also very cost effective.

In the 1980s, the geographic area of the District was poised for rapid growth. Interstate 5 (I-5) had been completed, together with the Bothell-Everett Highway, two major transportation corridors between Everett and Seattle that were located within the District. Additionally, the Boeing Plant had been constructed at Paine field, so there were good jobs nearby and a strong demand for housing.

Commissioner Keppler, who had a professional background in commercial real estate, played a critical role on the Board of Commissioners, ensuring that the District's planning and policies accommodated growth, while making sure the Developers paid their fair share for the required infrastructure.

With the population growth that ensued, the District grew—both in facilities and staff. Much of the original service area of the District that centered on Silver Lake was annexed to the City of Everett, while the remaining District grew in size by annexations to the south and the east.

In 2018, the District served an estimated population of 55,000 by means of more than 18,200 service connections. There are now more than 202 miles of water main served by three reservoir and booster station sites. There are more than 178 miles of sewer pipe and 21 sewer lift stations. The District's staff consists of 30 full-time employees that are overseen by the same three member Board of Commissioners that was envisioned in 1980 when the two Districts merged.

*From all of the District's staff, we would like to thank Commissioner Keppler for his 42 years of dedicated service, his support of District staff and for working to create a District that we are all very proud of.*

## 2019 Pass-Through Water and Sewer Rate Increase

Silver Lake Water and Sewer District purchases sewer treatment services and water from outside agencies.

- Sewage waste, once collected, is passed along for contracted treatment services by either the City of Everett or by King County Metro, through the Alderwood Water & Wastewater District (AWWD).
- Water is purchased directly from the City of Everett, or indirectly from the City of Everett—through the Clearview Water Supply Agency or the Alderwood Water & Wastewater District (AWWD).

Each of these agencies has a different methodology to determine its rates, as well as a different schedule for when their rates go into effect. All are allowed to change their rates annually. Once these increases are finalized, our Board of Commissioners reviews the rate changes and authorizes them to be passed through to our customers.

The tables below outline the 2019 Water and Sewer Rate Increase for single family customers for each sewer basin (AWWD and Everett). A complete Water and Sewer Rate Table and a comparison of 2019 Water and Sewer Rates for other local agencies can be found at [www.slwsd.com](http://www.slwsd.com).

**These new rates went into effect on May 1, 2019.**

Customers that are typically billed in even months will see the rate increase on their June bill, for services provided from May 1st through June 30th. Customers that are typically billed in odd months will see the rate increase on their July bill, for services provided from June 1st to July 31st. Commercial, industrial, irrigation, and multifamily customers that are billed monthly will see the rate increase on their May bill, for services provided from May 1st to May 31st.

### 2019 Pass-Through Increase of Water and Sewer Rates: Base Monthly Rates for a 5/8" Water Meter

AWWD Sewer Basin					Everett Sewer Basin				
Rate Description:	Previous Rate	District Portion	Pass Through	New Rate	Rate Description:	Previous Rate	District Portion	Pass Through	New Rate
Water Base Rate: 5/8" meter	\$ 7.60	-	-	\$ 7.60	Water Base Rate: 5/8" meter	\$ 7.60	-	-	\$ 7.60
Water per Unit Rate: Winter	2.00	-	0.15	2.15	Water per Unit Rate: Winter	2.00	-	0.15	2.15
Water per Unit Rate: Summer	2.45	-	0.15	2.60	Water per Unit Rate: Summer	2.45	-	0.15	2.60
Water Base Rate: 5/8" meter	56.45	-	1.20	57.65	Water Base Rate: 5/8" meter	55.45	-	2.80	58.25
Sewer per Unit over 7.5*	7.55	-	0.15	7.70	Sewer per Unit over 7.5*	7.40	-	0.35	7.75
Fire Meter 5/8" (separate meter)	5.20	-	-	5.20	Fire Meter 5/8" (separate meter)	5.20	-	-	5.20

## Please Verify Your Web Payment is through [www.slwsd.com](http://www.slwsd.com)

Credit, debit, and e-check payments made directly through the District's website at [www.slwsd.com](http://www.slwsd.com), by 3:00 p.m., will be credited to your account the same business day, including a \$3.85 Convenience Fee. However, payments made through other web-based payment processors that are independent of the District can have processing fees in excess of \$12.00 per

transaction and take over seven business days before the District receives the mailed payment. Several online processors have designed their web interface to look very much like the District's. District staff encourage customers that need to make an immediate online payment to ensure they are paying directly through the District's website at [www.slwsd.com](http://www.slwsd.com).



## Keeping Vegetation Under Control

The District has an ongoing program to clear brush and trees on sewer and water easements annually in order to keep these areas accessible for routine maintenance and emergency repairs. Customers may see a District Track machine with a large mower attachment mowing these easements each year. The typical easement is generally 10' to over 20' wide in places.





## Planning an Outdoor Project?

If one of your spring or summertime outdoor projects includes building a deck or new fence, planting trees and shrubs, installing drainage, or removing an old tree stump, be sure to call 811—the Call Before You Dig Hotline—or visit their website at [washington811.com](http://washington811.com).

Per Washington State RCW 19.122, anyone proposing excavation is required to call 811 to inform Utilities to come mark the location of their lines in order to avoid striking or digging up underground utility pipes or lines. This service is free to homeowners and contractors.

### Here's How it Works:

Call 811 at least two days prior to excavation.

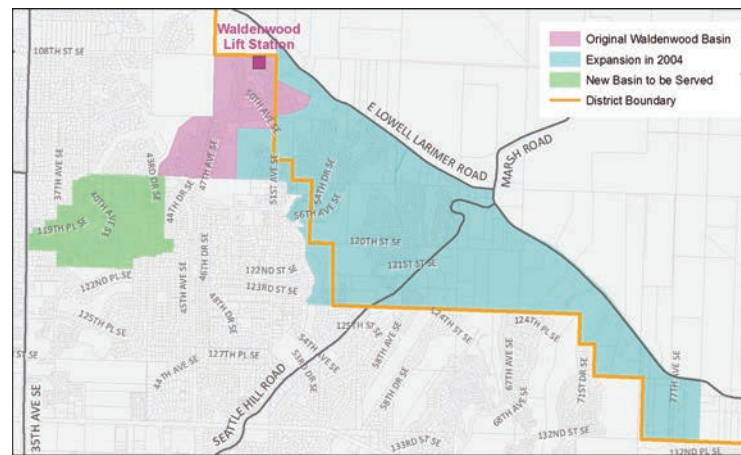
Please assist the locators by using white paint to mark the proposed area of excavation. Most hardware stores carry inverted tip spray paint for marking the ground.

Representatives from different agencies will respond to your 811 call by painting a color that indicates their utility line location, according to the color chart below.

Silver Lake Water and Sewer District marks water and sewer lines in right-of-way areas and easements only. We do not mark on private property. The District maintains sewer as-built drawings of side sewer connections that are available for your review and use at our District office. These as-built drawings are very useful when planning additions or improvements to your home. The District does not maintain any records of water service line as-built drawings on private property.

### Paint Colors Used in Location Requests:

Proposed Excavation
Temporary Survey
Electric Power
Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum
Communications, Alarm or Signal, Cables or Conduit
Potable Water
Reclaimed Water, Irrigation, Slurry Lines
Sewer and Drain Lines



## Waldenwood Lift Station Replacement Scheduled

*Wastewater lift stations are designed for pumping wastewater or sewage from a lower to higher elevation when a gravity system is not feasible.*

Originally constructed in 1999 to serve the Plat of Waldenwood, the Waldenwood Lift Station's service basin was expanded in 2003 to receive flows from the Lowell Larimer Service area in Cross Valley Water District (shown on the above map in blue). Due to its expanded flow and age, the District identified the need to replace this lift station with a new facility on the same site.

The new station will be above-grade concrete block construction with a gabled roof structure to house the station controls. The original station will remain in service during construction, and its existing generator will be relocated within the new structure. The structure will enhance the aesthetic appearance of the lift station site and reduce the noise level when the generator facilities are in use.

The design of the new station will also allow us to eliminate a second lift station that currently serves a small portion of the Pioneer Trails community (shown in green) by diverting their flows through a future gravity main improvement to the Waldenwood Basin.

### FREE Water Conservation Kits Available!

Stop by our office to pick up any or all of the following:

- **Indoor Kit:** Low-flow shower head, 2 bathroom faucet aerators, and teflon tape.
- **Outdoor Kit:** Timer, hose nozzle, and moisture meter.
- **Toilet Kit:** Dye strips or tablets to test for leaks.



## Silver Lake Water & Sewer District

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Mill Creek, WA 98082-1888

#### Phone

425-337-3647

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425-337-4399

#### Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Closed Saturday, Sunday and major holidays.

### Public Meetings

Silver Lake Water and Sewer District's Board of Commissioners' meetings are held the on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the District office. We welcome the public to attend these meetings to learn more about your water and sewer district and our efforts to provide facilities that meet or exceed all government and regulatory requirements.

### How to Pay Your Bill

#### Types of Payments Accepted

Cash, check, money order, and credit card  
(Visa, MasterCard, American Express)

#### Pay By DropBox

A payment drop box—for checks and money orders only—is available in the parking lot of our office at 15205 - 41st Avenue SE in Bothell.

#### Pay By Mail

P.O. Box 13888  
Mill Creek, WA 98082

#### Pay Online

[www.slwsd.com](http://www.slwsd.com)

#### Pay By Phone

1-877-814-9773

#### Pay With Your Own Bank Bill Pay System

Please allow 7 business days for delivery

#### Pay In Person

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Bothell, WA

#### Transaction Fee

There is a \$5.85 per transaction convenience fee when you pay with a debit/ credit card (whether by phone, website, or in person).

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### In Case of Emergency

District staff are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to assist you with water and sewer emergencies.

**(425) 337-3647**

If you are calling after hours, press "1" to hold for an Emergency Operator.