

HOLLY HILLS WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

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Welcome to the Holly Hills Water and Sanitation District's Community Update!

The District maintains over 9 miles of underground sanitary sewer lines throughout the community. Since these lines are out of sight, much of our work goes unnoticed — which is a good thing! It means everything is running smoothly with no service interruptions or issues.

However, because our work happens behind the scenes, you might wonder where your taxes and fees go. That's why we created this newsletter! The District's Board of Directors wants to take a moment to say hello and share how we're working hard to keep things running efficiently for years to come.

Keeping Our System Running Smoothly

The District conducts routine maintenance to ensure the system functions properly. In 2024, we jetted and video-inspected 19,005 linear feet of sanitary sewer lines, just over three and half miles! Looking ahead, the District aims to clean approximately one-third of the wastewater system each year.

To protect the system from damage, the District also performs utility locates, using paint and other markers to identify the location of sanitary sewer infrastructure. In 2024, the District performed 12 tap inspections, performed 798 locates and 10 bore locates, and inspected 31 grease traps.

Despite our best efforts, occasional issues still arise—but when they do, we're here to fix them. In 2024, we responded to 4 emergency calls for potential back-ups, most of which were caused by tree roots infiltrating the system.

Beyond routine maintenance, the District completed a manhole improvement project, replacing the frames and covers of 15 manholes. Future projects are in the works but remain in the design phase.

Where Does the Money Go?

We often receive this question, and it's a valid one. Let's highlight some key aspects.

Each year, the District prepares a budget for the following year. To ensure sufficient funding, the mill levy, and fees are adjusted accordingly. In 2025, the District anticipates total expenditures of approximately \$1.6 million, with wastewater collection as the largest operational expense, totaling just under \$270,000.

To support future improvements, the District charges a Facilities Renovation Fee (FRF) of \$25 per quarter to all customers. Revenue from this fee is set aside for capital projects. One project is currently in the design phase. This project would consist of replacing the sewer line and associated manhole on Holly Street, north of Yale. The current project is estimated to cost the District between \$4 to \$5 million. Due to the size of this project and despite rising material and labor costs, the FRF has remained unchanged. As a result, discussions about a potential increase have begun. The District is also considering alternative funding methods.

For additional details visit the District's website: <https://hollyhillswsd.org/>.

Why These Improvements Are Needed

Much of the District's infrastructure was originally installed in the mid-1950s. Many of the standards and practices used at the time are now outdated. Future projects aim to modernize these designs, bringing them up to current standards and ensuring the District is well-equipped for the long term.

Join the Holly Hills Water and Sanitation District Board!

The window for self-nominations closed on February 28th, and the District received fewer nomination forms than available seats. As a result, no election will be held in May.

However, a board seat remains open, and the Board has the authority to appoint eligible candidates. If you're interested in helping oversee critical infrastructure in your community, this is your chance to get involved!

Join your neighbors in making a difference! Contact us today to learn more about this opportunity by emailing elections@publicalliancellc.com. Be sure to mention your interest in Holly Hills!

Future Updates

If you'd like to keep receiving these updates, visit the District's News page (hollyhillswsd.org/news) and sign up to have this newsletter delivered directly to your inbox.

Prefer to catch up at your own pace? No problem! All updates will be posted and archived on the same page, so you can read about the District's latest activities whenever it's convenient for you.