

THE WATER LINE

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Nob Hill Water Association

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Annual Meeting Information



Wednesday March 16, 2022

Red Lion Hotel
607 East Yakima Avenue
7:30 p.m.

This year's annual meeting will be held at 7:30 PM, Wednesday, March 16, 2022, located at the Red Lion Hotel. All Association members are invited to attend. Each year a Board member's term expires and an election must be held at the annual meeting to fill the position. This year Jeff Stevens' term is expiring. Jeff Stevens has been on the Board of Trustees since 2003 and is interested in serving another term. Any member of the Nob Hill Water Association is eligible to serve on the Board of Trustees. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please call our office at 509-966-0272 by March 7, 2022 so that a list can be generated and given to the Proxy Committee. An interview with the Proxy Committee is advised and can be arranged through our office. The financial statement will also be available to members at the annual meeting or upon request.

NEW Automated Payment System



Nob Hill Water will **now** be offering an automated payment system that will allow customers to make a payment 24 hours a day. Payments can be made with debit or credit cards and checking or savings accounts. Payments will be reflected on your Nob Hill Water account within 24 hours of payment.

All you will need is your Nob Hill Water account number and your form of payment.

There will now be a flat \$2.95 fee to use a card or bank account on any payment up to \$300.00. For those needing to make payments over \$300, multiple payments will need to be made in order to pay the full bill amount.

Call our payment line directly at **1-888-970-0679**

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Nob Hill Water Board of Trustees

Mike Kokenge, President

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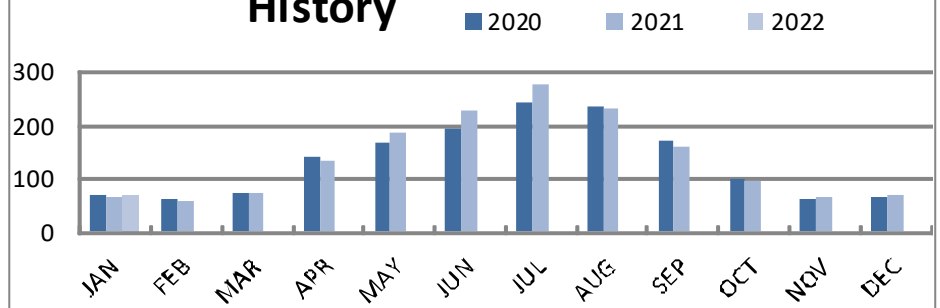
Jeff Stevens, Sec./Treas.

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Nob Hill Water Annual Usage

History



Dear Nob Hill Water Customers,

The \$17 infrastructure fee is projected to raise an additional \$1,200,000 per year to help with the cost of replacing aging infrastructure. At this time, there are four major projects that need funding.

Currently, we have over 22,000 feet of pipe that are considered high risk for failure and additionally, there are over 70,000 feet of pipe reaching the end of its useful life. Our goal is to replace between 6,000 and 8,000 feet of pipe per year for a total annual cost between \$960,000 and \$1,200,000. While the Association has been replacing mainline over the past ten years, it has not been nearly enough. If the Association continues pipe replacement at the current rate, by 2050, 15% of our total 980,000 feet of pipe would need to be replaced. It is important that to maintain our water system, we start working on pipe replacement at a much higher rate.

The Association has been renewing approximately 100-150 meter services per year for the past five years at an annual cost between \$250,000 and \$350,000. This program will continue and prices have increased substantially this year. This program has also helped the Association reduce lost water. The Association has reduced our lost water from leakage from 22% to below 9.3% in 2021.

The oldest reservoir in our system was rebuilt in 2020 at a cost of \$4,000,000. The next reservoir will need to be replaced in the next five to ten years at an estimated cost of \$4,000,000 to \$6,000,000. The design of this reservoir will begin in the next two to three years.

Finally, our automatic meter reading system is also reaching the end of its useful life within the next five to seven years. While studies are still underway, this project is anticipated to cost between \$4,000,000 and \$6,000,000.

An annual report will be provided to all customers that will detail the amount of funds collected and how they were spent for that year. If all of the funds are not spent during the year collected, they will be saved and used later for larger projects such as the new reservoir or the meter replacement program.

In closing, no one likes to see price hikes. Least of all our board members, who each pay for Nob Hill water to be delivered to their homes. So you can be assured that we try our best to set rates at the lowest levels consistent with maintaining – both for today and the years ahead – a reliable system for the delivery of safe, clean drinking water to all our customers. While we are aware of the stress placed on many family budgets whenever utilities fees rise, we feel we must do so now for the reasons laid out above.

Sincerely,

NOB HILL WATER ASSOCIATION

Michael Kokenge

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President

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