

## Southwood Park Water District Spring 2023 Newsletter

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#### **Our Water District**

The Southwood Park Water District is a special district located in unincorporated Clackamas County, serving 298 water connections. It was established to provide water for domestic use and fire protection to the residents of the District.

The Board of Commissioners is comprised of 5 elected citizens who reside within the District's jurisdiction. These elected officials serve a 4-year terms. Water District Board meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Meadow Springs Community Church, 12647 SW 62nd Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Maintenance and water operation services are contracted through Hiland Water Corporation of Newberg, Oregon.

### Call Before You Dig

The Utility Notification Center is the one-call agency dedicated to safeguarding citizens and construction personnel who work around utilities, as well as safeguarding the underground infrastructure of pipes, mains and lines which bring utilities to your community. Please call 811 or 800-332-2344 before beginning any excavation and prevent damage to underground facilities, service interruptions & bodily injury. The Utility Notification Center is open 24 hours a day, every day, and accepts calls from contractors, homeowners, or anyone planning to dig in Oregon. Calling before you dig ensures that any publicly owned underground facilities will be marked according to the APWA color code so that you can dig safely. Visit www.call811.com for more info.

# Interested in public policy? Community-minded? Good communication skills?

Southwood Park Water District is looking for volunteers for our Water District Board. The Southwood Park Water District is governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners. Commissioners are elected at-large from the District during elections held in May of odd-numbered years. Two Board positions are up for election in May 2023. Board members are all volunteers who live within the Southwood Park Water District boundary. The Board meets monthly on the last Wednesday of the month. The meetings are held in person and virtually and are open to the public, and input from the public is encouraged at the meetings. If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact us at: spwd.chair@gmail.com.

## Need assistance paying your utility bills?

Contact 211, or St. Vincent De Paul Society in Portland is a resource that may be able to help. Contact them at <a href="https://www.svdppdx.org/utilities">https://www.svdppdx.org/utilities</a> for more information. Southwood Park Water District is not eager to shut off anyone's access to water, but we are a small utility which must pay for maintenance & repairs from customer revenues.

## Let's Stay In-touch...

The Southwood Park Water District Board holds monthly meetings on the last Wednesday of the month at Meadow Springs Community Church at 7pm. The meetings are also held via Zoom. Please visit our website at <a href="https://spwd.specialdistrict.org">https://spwd.specialdistrict.org</a> Our website is full of useful information for you to contact us and remain informed.