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New Website Newsletter Option Coming Soon!

As some of you may know, we have started providing our customers with an electronic newsletter option. We have had a large number who have made the switch and now we are taking further steps to eliminate the mailed four-page quarterly newsletter. We will continue the newsletter but as of this December a one page, front and back newsletter that summarizes the topics of that quarter will be the new presentation. With our brand-new website launching this fall, we have decided we will provide full articles on our website on each of the topics in the mailed and emailed newsletter if you want to read more on a certain topic.

If you have not signed up for the electronic version and would like to, please follow the steps below and you will start receiving the next newsletter through your email and no longer a mailed version.

- o Email info@swmetrowater.org
- o In "Subject" field: "E-Newsletter Sign Up"
- o In "Message" field: Your name & address where you receive the mailed Newsletter

"Imagine a Day Without Water" Continued...

We often take our invisible water and wastewater systems for granted. We turn on the tap and water comes out. We flush the toilet, and it goes away. It's often out of sight and out of mind. But, disasters like Hurricanes Maria, Irene, and Harvey, and crises like what happened in Flint, Michigan, shine a bright light on what it would be like to live without safe and reliable water and wastewater services.

During Imagine a Day Without Water, millions of Americans participated in raising awareness about the value of water and the need to invest in water infrastructure so no communities have to imagine—or live—a day without water again.

Capital Project Happening Now

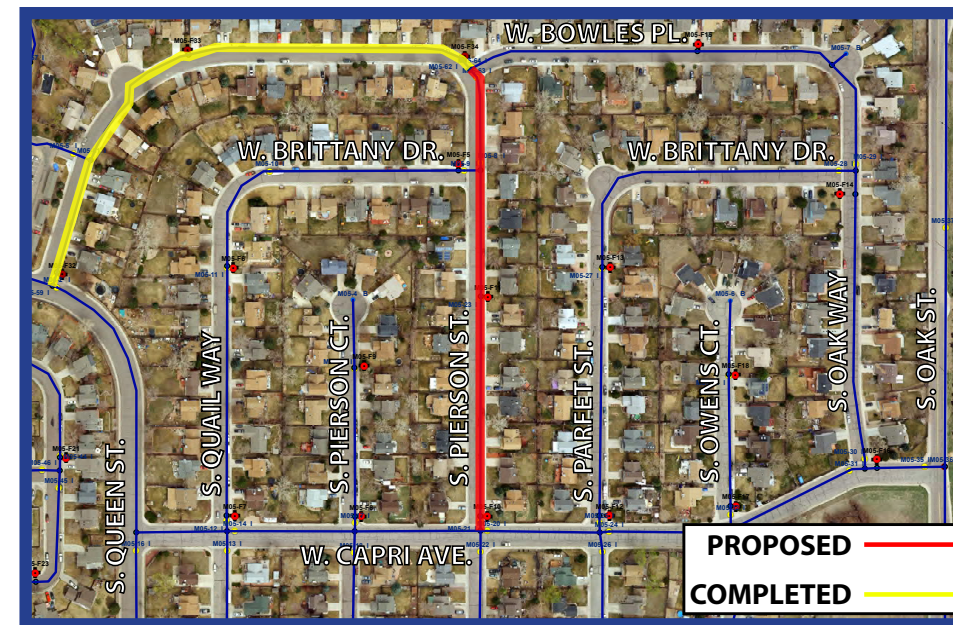
Southwest Metropolitan Capital Master plan calls for the installation of 957-feet of 8-inch PVC pipe to replace the existing 8-inch ductile iron water main in South Pierson Street and West Brittany Drive.

This project is also combined with the disconnection of two 10-inch pipes in West Peakview Drive and South Wadsworth Boulevard. The intersecting 10-inch water main will be abandoned and reconnected to a parallel 16-inch main. An air release valve and vault will also be replaced located on

South Wadsworth Boulevard 600' north of West Peakview Avenue.

The Pierson/Peakview Project will start late September 2018 and will run for approximately two months. Some homes near the project will be affected for no more than five hours when it comes to their water service, but residents will be notified early on, so they can make necessary arrangements. There could be some very minor traffic disruptions during peak hours as well.

There will be project updates on our Facebook page for those in interested in the project. Go to www.facebook.com/swmetrowater/ and "like" and "follow" for updates on this and other projects in the District.



New Website Update

Our new website is almost here, and we cannot wait to broadcast it to our customers. Our website is set to launch in early October so stay connected to our Facebook page for our exact date launch! This website will not only look fantastic but will provide easy and fast access to all you need. There will be dedicated tabs for residents and contractors, so you won't have to deal with searching the entire site for one simple topic.

Check out page 4
for information
on a new feature that will
be on our new website!

Could you Survive a Day Without Water?



Imagine a Day Without Water
October 10, 2018

Do we really understand how much we rely on water? Most of us can answer honestly and say no we don't.

More than 6 million people living in rural communities have water contamination problems.



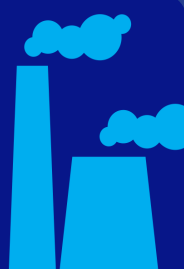
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The average American uses 17.2 gallons of water every time they shower.



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1/5 of the US economy would grind to a halt without reliable water infrastructure.



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Imagine: No water to drink, or even to make coffee with. No water to shower, flush the toilet, or do laundry. Hospitals would close without water. Firefighters couldn't put out those huge fires and farmers couldn't water their crops.

Imagine a Day Without Water 2018 is the fourth annual day to raise awareness and educate America about the value of water.

Last year, October 12, 2017, 750 organizations came together for Imagine a Day Without Water, the third annual day of action hosted by the Value of Water Campaign that asks Americans and our elected leaders to think about our often-overlooked water systems.

Across the country, municipal water agencies, city halls, coffee shops, breweries, schools, nonprofits and more hosted events in their communities, called on their elected officials, and engaged their networks on social media—all in the name of valuing water! **...continue on page 4**

Want to Save Money?

Get a Wi-fi Based Sprinkler Controller

Smart sprinklers and irrigation controllers can simplify home lawn and garden care, and reduce water consumption. A smart sprinkler controller can automatically regulate—and likely reduce—the water use of your in-ground lawn sprinkler or irrigation system, as well as let you more easily control schedules, remotely manage your system, and integrate irrigation with other smart-home tasks.

Instead of fixed timers, these systems draw on data from sensors, weather forecasts and plant-care databases to determine watering needs and deliver just enough moisture at just the right time. Lower your water bill and check up on your plants from anywhere in the world using mobile and web apps.

Because everyone has different preferences, there is not one single controller we recommend. There are many out there, so we suggest doing your research and purchasing the one that seems to fit in with your needs and capability.



Recommendations to Avoid or Mitigate Damage from A Sewer Backup

- Review homeowner's insurance policy to verify coverage for sewer backups
- Don't plant deep rooted trees over or immediately adjacent to sewer service pipes
- Do not wash grease, fats or oils from food preparation down the drain. Deposit these materials in the trash.
- Have your sewer service pipe video inspected by a reputable firm and clean the pipe when necessary.
- Keep the telephone number for Southwest Metro W&S District and a reputable sewer service contractor handy in case you do experience a backup.

Denver Water Celebrates 100 Years with a Bash at Waterton Canyon!

This August, Denver Water celebrated its 100th anniversary! That is a huge achievement that will continue into centuries to come. Denver Water has many undertakings, but their goal is to preserve and protect our water supply for generations to come.

Denver Water has some impressive stories from the past: The longest underground tunnel in the world, the tallest dam in the world (at time built), even a project built with a blast from President Calvin Coolidge. But between those remarkable engineering feats, they've built something unparalleled: A system that delivers safe, clean water to a quarter of all Coloradans. And now, a century later, DW is expanding a dam, undergoing a planning process to guide our water system for 50 years, modernizing the north system and using revolutionary sustainability practices in their new operations complex.

Denver Water celebrated their 100th anniversary this year with an all-day event at Waterton Canyon and extended an invitation to the staff and families of all their Distributors. Most of Southwest

Metro staff enjoyed this event with their families and their co-workers.

This celebration of a century at Waterton Canyon was on Friday, August 10th and was closed to the public.

Denver Water premiered their 45 minute documentary, "Written in Water: Reflections on a Century of Service." There were also tours of Strontia Dam facilities and several other activities to enjoy such as biking, fishing and hiking around the Canyon. This was a great opportunity for our District to learn more about Denver Water history, how the distributors are part of it all, and the importance of the entire drinking water system to the Front Range community.

As a distributor of Denver Water, SW Metro wants to say thank you for including us in your celebration. Our families enjoyed walking through history and learning where our water comes from! We would like to congratulate Denver Water on a successful 100 years of service!

