

Holmes Harbor Water Co. President's Letter

Greetings Members of Holmes Harbor Estates

2023 was a good year for the Holmes Harbor Water Co, your community-owned water system overseen by the HHWC board, with our mission to provide clean drinking water.

We have completed a hydrogeology study that showed that our wells are able to support more connections without risking salt water intrusion. This study was submitted to Island County Health and WA Department of Drinking Water, and we've been approved for up to 100 connections, which is our system's capacity. Currently we have 83 connections sold. Our two wells continue to test negative for the chemical indicators of salt water intrusion.

In 2023 our water was tested for PFAS, and no measurable level was detected. This is good news regarding the family of "forever chemicals" that have contaminated so many water sources across the country.

Our arsenic treatment system is working to keep our drinking water below the EPA limit most of the time. We hope to tweak the system in the coming year to bring that level down even further.

We continue to keep up our end of the loan/grant from the USDA with quarterly financial documents and our biannual loan payments.

We have completed the fourth (out of five) year of monitoring of the required wetland restoration along the path of the water main in community property between the ends of Shoreline Drive and Farmington Road. Our consultant continues to give glowing reports to the US Army Corps of Engineers about the successful growth of healthy native plants.

Big news this year is that King Water Company (no relation to me), our system manager for many many years, has been sold to Northwest Natural Water Co. We hope for some improvement in service and response time, and not for increased costs!

Please consider joining the HHWC Board.

It's so interesting to learn where our water comes from, and to help oversee its protection and distribution! We really could use some new people on the board to learn how we function and to take our utility into the future!

The 2024 Annual Meeting will be held on February 10, at 10 am. It will be at the Progressive Club on Bakken Rd in Greenbank. Hope to see you there!

Thank you,
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