



THE PIPELINE

Fall 2022



District Manager Steve Beck, Vice President/Treasurer Cici Kesler, President Greg Fabisiak and Secretary Jim Zimmerman.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In November, the Northwest Lakewood Sanitation District will ask voters to “debruce” the District’s property tax and allow it to retain existing and previously voter-approved revenues for the continuing maintenance and repair of existing infrastructure and to operate the District.

Debrucing eliminates limits set forth in the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR) on the amount of revenue the District can retain and spend. TABOR mandates that Colorado governments must either refund excess revenues to taxpayers or get voter approval to keep it. Most local governments in Colorado – nearly 80% of special districts and over 90% of cities – have received approval from their voters to retain and spend revenues beyond TABOR’s revenue limit.

To stay below the mandated revenue and spending cap, and to meet the refunding requirement, the District has been forced to adopt temporary mill levy rate reductions resulting in nearly \$2.4 million in uncollected revenue.

The inability of the District to collect this revenue directly impacts our ability to maintain an aging system – built in the 1950’s – that needs to be rehabilitated or replaced and to operate the District.

Debrucing property tax revenue is NOT a tax increase. The current voter-approved 7.696 mills property tax rate will remain unchanged.

There’s a famous old adage that begins with “Growing old is mandatory...” As much as we’d like to resist it, the notion remains a universal truth that also applies to the infrastructure of the District. Investment in the condition and health and vitality of **your** Northwest Lakewood Sanitation District’s infrastructure is also an investment in the health and vitality of **our** served community.

**WE’VE
GOT
A NEW
LOOK.**



The Northwest Lakewood Sanitation District is pleased to introduce our new branding and website.

www.NWLSD.us

The newly redesigned website features a more modern look, streamlined navigation, and enhanced content and resources for our customers.

Our new logo pays homage to the neighborhoods we serve in Lakewood and Wheat Ridge where wheat fields and apple orchards once stood.

xpress BILL PAY

The District’s online bill pay option saves you time and gives you more flexibility in how you pay your bills. It’s fast, it’s free, it’s easy to sign up.

To pay your bill, access Xpress Bill Pay at www.NWLSD.us.

You can also contact the Xpress Bill Pay Customer Service department at 800-766-2350 if you need assistance with your account or payment.

TRENCHLESS TECHNOLOGY: REDUCING IMPACTS TO OUR CUSTOMERS

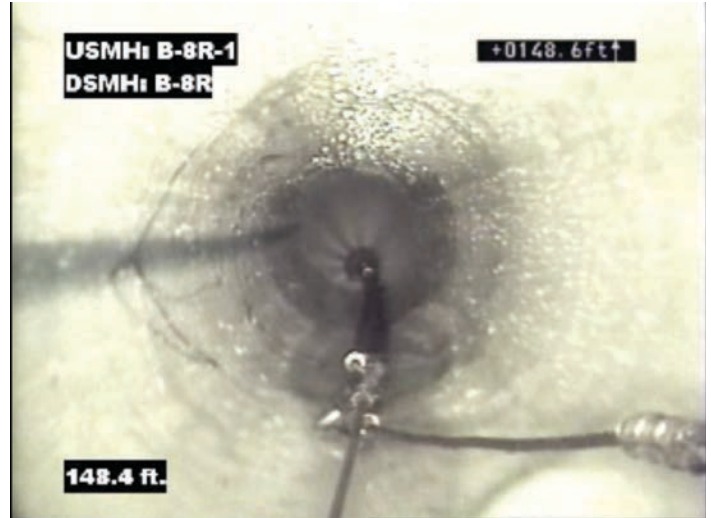
The Northwest Lakewood Sanitation District uses trenchless technology whenever possible to reduce impacts to customers and commuters when rehabilitating sewer lines. Instead of closing streets for days or months to excavate for traditional "dig and replace" pipe repairs, cured-in-place pipe technology (CIPP) allows the street to remain open with minor traffic control during each project.

CIPP rehabilitation uses very strong fabric-like material saturated with resin. Wastewater flow is temporarily restrained upstream while the material is inserted into a manhole and pulled through the existing sewer. We then expand it to take the shape of the older pipe. The resin cures and forms a tight-fitting, jointless, and corrosion-resistant replacement pipe, adding decades of useful life to the pipeline.

The District has 51 full pipe replacements planned in 2022.



Before: Fractured pipe on Vivian Ct.



After: Cured-in-place pipe repair

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE NORTHWEST LAKEWOOD SANITATION DISTRICT?

Things like:

- The history of the District
- How the District is funded
- Who is responsible for sewer line maintenance
- How to avoid back ups
- And more...

If your neighborhood association, service club or other organization is interested in a short presentation from the District, please call 303-987-0835.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

DID YOU KNOW?

Under the District's current maintenance program, approximately one-third (1/3) of the system is cleaned each year. The District uses high pressure water cleaning, tree root growth removal, and other methods to ensure that our lines are clear of debris to keep the system running smoothly. In addition, the District conducts Closed Circuit Television Video (CTTV) sewer inspection of one-third (1/3) of the system every other year (in other words, the entire system is inspected every six years).