

Water on Whidbey

Welcome to the WIWSA October 2021 Newsletter!

During these challenging times when we cannot meet in person, Whidbey Island Water Systems Association is sending a monthly newsletter to keep our community up to speed with water news. We send this newsletter to our email list and post it on our website. We aim to provide an easy place to find all the month's news and upcoming events.

Please share this newsletter with your fellow water system board members, commissioners, operators, members, friends, neighbors, and anyone who drinks water on Whidbey and beyond, and encourage them to [subscribe](#).

News from Whidbey Island Water Systems Association

Billing

- 2021 invoice reminders will be going out shortly by snail mail to those who have not yet responded to the emails. We have added an option to pay by credit card through PayPal. You don't need a PayPal account to use this feature. If your water system's contact information needs to be updated, please use the [Membership Application/Renewal/Update](#) form.

Scholarship/Apprenticeship Program

- WIWSA is partnering with ERWoW/RCAC and SMAs and water systems on Whidbey Island to offer a scholarship and apprenticeship for persons interested in pursuing a career in drinking water. We are still seeing interest in this program. We are looking at ways to broaden the impact of this program in 2022. Look for an update at our December Member Meeting.

Dates and plans for 2021 member meetings:

- The December meeting will be via zoom. We hope to return to in person meetings in 2022.
- Our next Member Meeting will be the Annual Meeting December 16th, 2021, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm via Zoom. Please save the date. We will post an agenda and send an invitation email closer to the meeting. Remember that to receive the invitation email with the meeting link you need to [subscribe](#) to this email service.
- We will look at including a discussion of water system security in one of our meetings in 2022.

News from our Partners

- **DOH Office of Drinking Water**
 - October 21 is national [Imagine A Day Without Water](#). We have free graphics and bill stuffers you can print yourself or order from us for free on our [Water System Marketing Resources webpage](#).
 - The DWSRF Program is accepting Construction Loan applications. Submit your application using the DWSRF on-line system, WALT. The program guidelines, application worksheet, EZ-1 Form, and WALT Users Guide are available on the [DWSRF Webpage](#). Application deadline is November 30, 2021.
- **EPA**

- [PFAS Strategic Roadmap: EPA's Commitments to Action 2021-2024 | US EPA](#)
On October 18, 2021, EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan announced the agency's PFAS Strategic Roadmap—laying out a whole-of-agency approach to addressing PFAS.
- The roadmap sets timelines by which EPA plans to take specific actions and commits to bolder new policies to safeguard public health, protect the environment, and hold polluters accountable. The actions described in the PFAS Roadmap each represent important and meaningful steps to safeguard communities from PFAS contamination. Cumulatively, these actions will build upon one another and lead to more enduring and protective solutions.
- Read an overview of the PFAS Strategic Roadmap and learn more about key actions [here](#), or read the complete [PFAS Strategic Roadmap \(pdf\)](#).
- Drinking water actions are listed [here](#).
- **AWWA Pacific Northwest Section**
 - The [October newsletter](#) and [Fall 2021](#) Water Matters are out. We suggest you subscribe to the AWWA-PNWS newsletter [here](#).
 - **The Northwest Washington Subsection of PNWS-AWWA** is offering [Quarterly Virtual Trainings](#)
- **AWWA**
 - Links to the latest AWWA publications can be found [here](#).
- **BC Water News** is a great resource. We suggest you sign up for a [free subscription](#).
- **NRWA's** Rural Water Wire is another great resource. Click the subscribe link at the top of the email.
- [Wateroperator.org](#) is also well worth a subscribe. Click the subscribe link at the top of the email.

Podcasts

Podcasts are a great way to catch up with news while giving your eyes a rest. Here are some of the best water podcasts. You can also find the links on the resources page of our web site.

- **Circle of Blue** [What's Up with Water](#) “What’s Up With Water” condenses the need-to-know news on the world’s water into a weekly snapshot.
- **Water Environment Federation** [Words on Water](#) A podcast featuring conversations with influential and interesting people from the water sector and news from the Water Environment Federation.
- **The H2duO** [Water in Real Life](#) Award-winning communication professionals, Arianne Shipley and Stephanie Corso, aka The H2duO, chat with thought-leaders from both inside and outside of the water industry to serve as a resource for both personal and professional growth. Water in Real Life was created for water professionals who believe that if you desire to build the right relationships with your community, and thereby overcome many of the challenges you face, then your ability to connect with them through storytelling is essential.
- **(Don’t) Waste Water** weekly water podcast covers case studies, market trends, and technology breakthroughs.

Do you have news you want to share?

If you have water news you'd like to share with the water drinkers of Whidbey Island, please send a message to mail (at) whidbeywatersystems.org

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Please [subscribe](#) to receive our emails including this monthly newsletter and quarterly meeting invitations.

Join!

We encourage water systems, private well owners, and companies serving water systems to become members of WIWSA. Please use the [Membership Application/Renewal/Update](#) form to apply.