



West Point Capital Improvements

United Indians of All Tribes Seafair Indian Days Powwow

Date: July 19-21, 2024

Location: Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center, 5011 Bernie Whitebear Way, Seattle, WA 98199

Attendance: West Point staff engaged over 200 Powwow visitors during the event between Friday and Sunday.

Purpose of the event:

King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) attended the Seafair Indian Powwow and hosted an information booth to promote West Point's operations and current and future construction projects with the public. Visitors were able to ask questions and take information about career opportunities, projects, and learn about our sewer system.

Key topics included:

- General education about how our sewer system works and what is okay to flush down our pipes.
- Career opportunities offered by WTD workforce development and the Operator-In-Training (OIT) Program.
- Summary of the West Point Power Quality Improvement project and overview of other capital improvement projects at West Point Treatment Plant.



Event format:

Visitors to the County booth were able to participate in a “What to flush” experiment, spin a wheel for prizes, and receive flyers for the OIT and Workforce Development program as well as materials with the QR code to the King County jobs page.

Summary of feedback:

People visiting the booth were grateful to see King County out in the community and were interested in learning about our sewer system. Most community members were aware of what not to flush but were unfamiliar with how the wastewater treatment system worked. People were curious why wipes could be advertised as flushable if they should not be flushed. People were also interested in tours, having WTD visiting their workplace or schools, and other educational opportunities with WTD.



People visiting the booth asked how the work at West Point Treatment Plant ties in with topics surrounding environmentalism. Some approached with questions regarding wastewater spills and how West Point Treatment Plant addresses and limits spills.

Many people were interested in the workforce development program, appreciating the OIT program. Aside from the OIT program, environmental engineering careers opportunities came up most frequently.