DAF Monthly Message

WATER TREATMENT PLANT, NEW PRE-TREATMENT SYSTEM

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What do I need to know?
The trees atop where the new Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) water treatment plant site are coming down now. That is Job 1 in this 18-24 month construction process. That means some big (as in logging truck big) rigs coming and going.

What else is going on?
This month our contractor (Stellar J) will finish connections to the sediment tank to keep any pollutants from construction activities out of nearby woodlands and creeks. They will have a survey sub-contractor on-site to mark the limits for tree removal and corners for the new DAF building. Once that’s done, a different sub will begin clearing the brush and trees to make room for the new buildings. We expect that the fencing will be completed as soon as the tree removal is done, which will limit access to the work zones for safety purposes. There will likely be more vehicle traffic in and out with extra personnel on-site along, with construction equipment visible. You may hear chainsaws and chipping as brush, limbs and trees are cleared. And soon we’ll have our signs up to alert you to potential hazards, and to share more about the project and our partners. More details to come!

And! We’ll have a Safety Drill on Tuesday, Dec. 20 - so you could hear alarm horns and see on-site safety activities taking place.

Then what?
Next month excavation begins where the trees once were. That will bring entail additional construction equipment and workers on-site. Weather conditions may always influence activity at the site, but you can typically expect to see workers on the job approximately 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays (not including holidays.)

And... why are we doing this?
This is to make sure the City’s drinking water - drawn from Lake Whatcom - is as clean and safe as it can be. We’re building a DAF pre-treatment plant to remove as many as particulates as possible from the water, in order to maximize the City’s Water Treatment Plant efficiency. For more project information, click here.

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Look closely... can you see the worker in the tree?