

## Water & Sewage

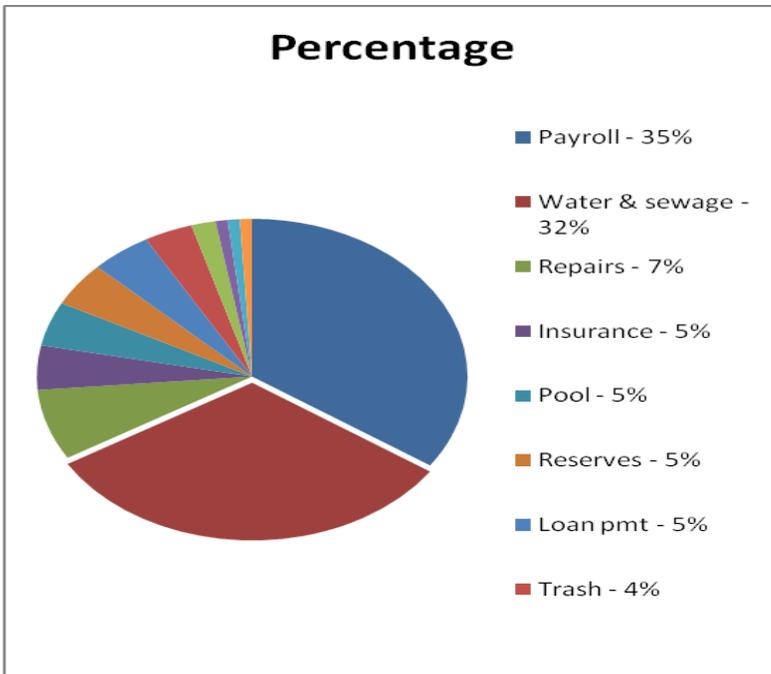
How Worcester County bills White Horse Park and other county residents in the Ocean Pines Water & Sewage district.

Worcester County sets the water price of those who are in the Ocean Pines Water & Sewer district. The county sets a base price for all lots, units that are connected to the Ocean Pines water & sewer. The base rate per lot is \$65.00 or \$195.00 per quarter for the majority of Ocean Pines Sewer & Water users; however Worcester County has given us a break and we only pay \$35.00 per lot as a base fee. It doesn't matter how much water you do not use, each unit has a base rate of \$35.00 per month.

WHP annual bill for water & sewage at this time is \$195,300.00. We pay this bill quarterly, \$48,825.00. Since 2008 the water & sewage rate has steadily increased to over \$30,000.00. It is not because of the owners using too much water; it is because of the cost of upkeep of the Ocean Pines sewage station and the price increase by Worcester County.

WHP has not had a dues increase since Jan 2008. Since that time WHP has absorbed all increases from the economy. The largest increase absorbed is the water & sewage. The cost has increased \$30,000.00 in the past years. The BOD voted, after a discussion with homeowners present at the BOD meeting 20 Oct 2012 to separate the water bill from the dues. As water rates go up they eat away at the funds available to upkeep the park. By separating the water from the dues we can keep pace with the water increase without taking away from the park funds.

Enclosed is a pie chart of where your dues have been going. Notice the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest slice is water.



Starting in January 2013; the Home Owners Association fees will be: \$90.00 for dues and \$35.00 for water & sewage; totaling \$125.00. You need not send in two checks. The office will have the receivables separated into HOA fees and water & sewage.

I hope this clears up any questions

Susan Naplachowski  
Park Manager