



# LAKEHAVEN UTILITY DISTRICT

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**September - October 2006**

## **Commissioner's Corner**

**Tom Jovanovich**



As this edition of the Newsletter reaches you, I will no longer be a member of the Lakehaven Board of Commissioners. My resignation from the Board was necessitated by the move I made at the end of August to be closer to my work in Seattle.

Leaving the Board was a difficult decision. I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve on this Board over these past eight and a half years immensely. When I first ran for the Board in 1997, I was only vaguely familiar with the District and its operations. Like many of you, I knew I paid my water and sewer bill to Lakehaven, but little else about the utility and the sewer and water systems it operates. Over the years of service on the Board, I have come to recognize it as a remarkable public agency, with a capable staff and a board firmly dedicated to the interests of the ratepayers. This commitment, reflected in the low rates, plentiful water supply and state of the art water and sewer infrastructure, should make you all proud to be customers.

Much has happened at the District over my tenure on the Board. The largest project completed during this time has been the Second Supply Project. This project, the planning for which began long before I was elected to the Board, will bring water to serve the growing needs of our customers for many decades to come. When the long-planned aquifer storage components of the OASIS program are implemented, hopefully within the upcoming decade, the District will become a significant water resource for the region as well. Contributions to this supply system from neighboring water purveyors should do much to help to keep water rates at the low levels the District customers have grown to expect.

One of my special interests while on the Board has been the Lakota Sludge Dryer project. As you know from prior reports about the project, the sludge dryer will convert bio-solids produced at the two treatment plants into usable compost for yard and garden application. Currently, the bio-solids are transported, at substantial cost to the District, to commercial sites permitted to receive land application of the raw material. The compost rendered through the process will be a very useful product for our local gardeners and I am happy to see that it will be available before too long.

I want to thank the other members of the Board for their service to the ratepayers. With their guidance and the support of the staff, I believe that the District will continue to be a model for effective local government for many years to come.

Farewell and thank you for your support of the District.

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## HYDRANT USE IS RESTRICTED



Display Board



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In order to protect your water supply, the use of fire hydrants is restricted. Only representatives of the District and the local Fire District are approved to use fire hydrants without a hydrant permit. Because unauthorized users can degrade water quality, cause physical damage to the water system and nearby property and leak large volumes of water, all other uses require a valid hydrant use permit.

If Lakehaven has issued a fire hydrant permit, the user must visually exhibit a Lakehaven issued display board or placard when connecting to a fire hydrant. If you see what appears to be the unauthorized use of a hydrant, please contact the District immediately. The District takes reports of unauthorized hydrant use seriously. Protecting the water system is everyone's responsibility and we appreciate your help.

## 2005 WATER QUALITY REPORT SPELLING ERRORS!!!!

Lakehaven Utility District learned that a number of spelling errors were identified in our 2005 Annual Water Quality Report recently mailed to our water customers in June. The spelling errors were generated by the printing firm after Lakehaven submitted a staff approved and error free copy for printing purposes. The District apologizes for the spelling errors and customers may view an original error free copy on our web site at [www.lakehaven.org](http://www.lakehaven.org).

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## 2005 OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARDS

The District's two wastewater treatment plants, Lakota and Redondo, have recently been recognized with awards from the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) and the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA).

DOE has awarded both plants the 2005 Outstanding Performance Award. This award is for 100% compliance with all NPDES permit requirements for the treatment of the District's wastewater. This encompasses 365 days of continuous operation without violation of an extensive list of water quality requirements, the submittal of all reports and testing results on time every time, and testing of thousands of wastewater samples. Of some 300 wastewater treatment plants in the state, only 46 received these awards. In the award letters DOE states the following; "Ecology is impressed by the extraordinary level of effort you and your team demonstrated throughout 2005." Ecology staff presented the awards to the District at the August 10, 2006 Board meeting.



Left to Right: Ron McCoy, Melanie May, Jon Hays, Rich Fujimoto, Jim Fleming, Pam Schumacher, Mike Ming, Barb McCoy

NACWA has awarded our Redondo treatment plant with its 2005 Peak Performance Gold Award for year long permit compliance. This is the fourth year in a row that Redondo has achieved this award.

NACWA has also presented our Lakota treatment plant with the 2005 Peak Performance Platinum Award for five consecutive years of 100% permit compliance. This national award was presented to only sixteen wastewater treatment plants in 2005, out of the thousands of treatment facilities in the U.S.

The District is very proud to have the staff of operators, maintenance technicians, and laboratory specialists employed at our facilities. Awards of this caliber are a reflection on their dedication, commitment to performance, and team work. Congratulations to all the staff!

## NEW COMMISSIONER – RON NOWICKI

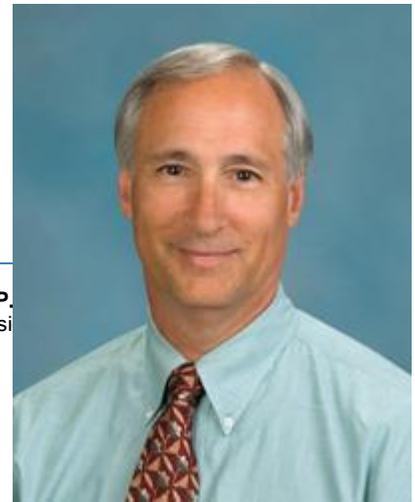
Ron Nowicki was sworn in at the July 13th meeting of the Lakehaven Utility District Board of Commissioners to fill the seat vacated by the departure of Dick Mayer. Mayer, a Lakehaven Commissioner since 1994, resigned in May of this year to relocate out of the area.

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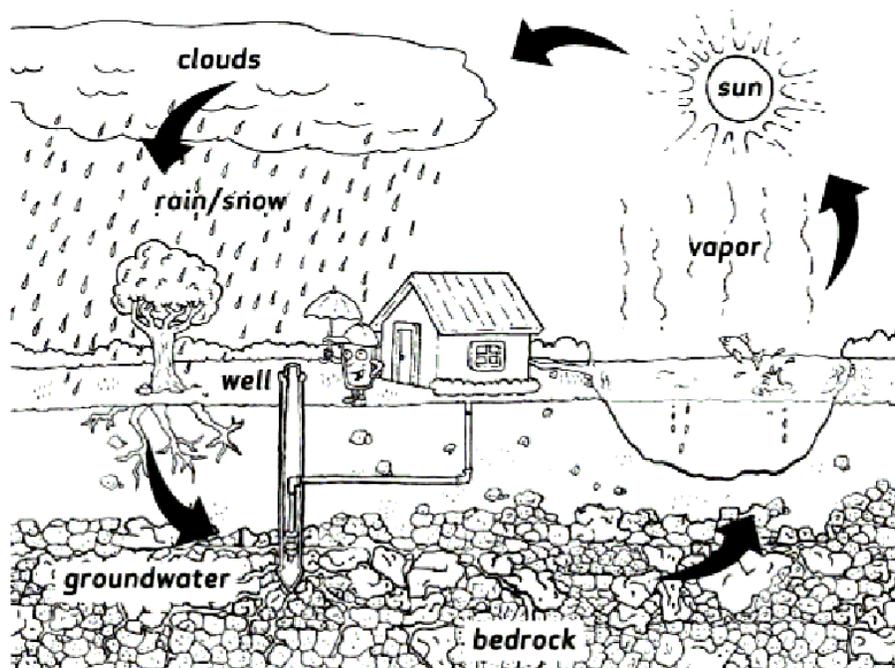
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Mr. Nowicki, an electrical and mechanical engineer, brings a background of experience in the field of environmental engineering. He and his family have lived in Federal Way since 1980. Nowicki has previously served on advisory committees for the City of Federal Way, the Federal Way School District and Lakehaven. On his appointment, Ron notes "I have been interested in opportunities to be more involved in community service for a number of years. As both a commercial and residential customer of the District, I have long admired the way Lakehaven has been able to combine excellent service with low rates. Now that I have been provided the chance to serve on the Board, I look forward to helping the District continue this tradition of service."

Board President Bev Tweddle believes that "Ron has a strong knowledge of the engineering and utility rate-setting fields and has the added familiarity with customer service that comes from being a small business owner in the community. The combination of these skills and experiences will be of great benefit to our ratepayers and we are pleased that he was interested in service to the District." Commissioner Ed Stewart, also an engineer and an appointee to the Board in 1999, considers Nowicki "a good fit on the Board and very well qualified to do the job".

## KIDS' CORNER

Graphic of the water cycle process: Clouds-Rain/Snow-Groundwater-Bedrock-Vapor-Sun.



## TIPS TO SAVE & CONSERVE WATER

- Install covers on pools and spas.
- Plant in the fall when conditions are cooler and rainfall is more plentiful.
- Turn off faucets tightly after each use.

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## WATER CONSERVATION ACTIVITY

- City of Federal Way Festival Days: August 25-27, 2006 at The Commons.

## Your Board of Commissioners

Beverly J. Tweddle - President  
Don Miller - Vice President  
Vacant - Secretary  
Ron Nowicki - Commissioner  
Ed Stewart - Commissioner

Regular Board of Commissioners meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.  
These meetings are held at the Lakehaven Center at:

Lakehaven Center  
31531 First Ave. S.  
Federal Way at 6 p.m.

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