

Commissioners' Corner



Tim McClain

Have you ever turned on your faucet and wondered what it takes to get water to your home or business? Have you seen Lakehaven vehicles on the streets in your neighborhoods and wondered about the people that maintain the water system and keep the sewers operating so that you can flush your toilet? For me, getting to know these "people" has been one of the great privileges of serving on the Board of Commissioners. With that in mind, I thought it might be worthwhile to introduce three of our employees and highlight what they do to keep our systems operating.

Jon Kercher is a Senior Operator and has worked at the District since 2008. His first three years were spent helping to keep our wastewater pump stations operating at peak levels. He then moved over to the treatment plants as a wastewater plant operator. Over the years, he took the classes and obtained the certifications necessary to move up to the Senior Operator level. In this position, he oversees other operators in running the treatment plants. He also coordinates work on new projects at the plants to ensure they are executed according to plan. When asked what he enjoyed most about his job, he responded with excitement and great enthusiasm over the challenges of his day-to-day activities. Simply talking about the daily challenges that he and his fellow operators encounter was enough to make his eyes light up. Jon is married with two girls and enjoys bow hunting in his spare time.

Roger Neigel is a Lead on the Field Maintenance Crew. Roger went to work for Water District 124 in 1980. He started work in field maintenance and has continued in that capacity his entire career. As a lead, he coordinates the different jobs that his crew performs each day. If you see the dump trucks, backhoes, and a crew working around a hole in the ground, you are probably looking at one of Roger's crews repairing or replacing underground pipe.

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Our Mission

The Lakehaven Water and Sewer District is committed to the continued delivery of safe, reliable and high quality drinking water and environmentally responsible sewer service to our customers.

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Regular Board of Commissioners meetings are held at 6:00 p.m the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at the Lakehaven Center at 31531 1st Ave South, Federal Way.

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He drives the dump truck and operates the backhoe that he tows to and from each job site. When asked what made him interested in this career, Roger reflected that his dad worked for a small water district and would take him on jobs when Roger was five years old. His greatest satisfaction is seeing the system he helped build, mostly underground, operate as planned. What he enjoys the least about his job, understandably, is working in the rain and cold.

Stan French is our Water System Manager. He came to us from Idaho in 1990 with a degree in Earth Science/Geology. His responsibilities have been in water quality and the management of our water supply. He is a licensed hydrogeologist and was particularly involved in the development of our ground water and surface water supply systems. He relates his greatest responsibility as the duty to make sure that the water supply was safe, clean, and drinkable every single day. He enjoyed both the day-to-day operational challenges and overseeing the different water supply projects he manages. Stan is married and has two grown children. By the time you read this, Stan will have retired from Lakehaven after 29 years of service. Thanks for doing a great job and we wish you well in the future Stan!

Water Operations Manager Retires

Relocating to Washington in 1990, Stan French arrived at the District with over 12 years of water utility experience gained in his home state of Idaho. He was hired as the District's Water Quality Engineer and tasked with the responsibility to oversee the provision of high quality and safe drinking water to customers. He took this job very seriously and devoted himself to the job of answering customer water quality questions and concerns over the years. His talent for distilling the complex chemistry of the District's multiple water sources and treatment systems down to a language that customers can understand made that job possible.

In the early 1990's, as stricter regulatory requirements required attention to new water quality challenges and the community's water demands increased, the days of producing raw untreated groundwater ended. With these changes, Stan was tasked with implementing new corrosion control reduction methods, wellhead protection, filtration to remove excess mineral from select wells, disinfection systems, and the job of blending our new Green River surface water with our existing groundwater supply.



Stan French, Water Operations Manager

After nearly 30 years with Lakehaven and over 40 years in the water industry, Stan will be retiring as Water Operations Manager to enjoy time with his family. The District will miss his experience, dedication, and congeniality and wishes him all the best in his retirement. As Stan's final task, he passed the torch to our new Water Operations Manager, Tim Osborne, who was selected as Stan's replacement in April. Tim, a licensed Professional Engineer, has worked in the Engineering Department with Lakehaven for the past 13 years (following six years of water operations experience with the City of Auburn). The District looks forward to maintaining the same high level of water service with Tim at the helm.

Water Quality Report

Starting July 1, 2019 you will be able to view the Lakehaven Water & Sewer District Annual Water Quality Report on-line at www.lakehaven.org/CCR. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2018.

Please call (253) 946-5442 if you would like a paper report delivered to your home.