

Commissioners' Corner



Len Englund

Up until the final days of 2021, District project and design teams were adding the final touches to the plans that will soon become the new Lakehaven Administration Building. Toward the end of this past March, the last steel beam was set on the new building, a very important milestone on the project. To mark the event, the general contractor, Lydig Construction, held a "Topping Out" ceremony at the building site. Lakehaven staff and commissioners, along with Lydig employees, celebrated by signing their

names on the beam before it was set in place. Although it will be covered up from view and never seen again, we are hopeful that this beam will serve to provide structural strength to the building for the next century (or more!) A picture of the beam and all those that signed it will be displayed somewhere in the building as a commemorative to the event!

If all goes according to plan, Lakehaven employees will occupy this new state-of-the-art building toward the end of this year. I know our staff is looking forward to having updated office and working areas that are much needed. It has been a long time coming and the excitement of occupying our new building is palpable.

Another thing changing at the District is that we continue to see staff turnover as a number of long-time employees retire and others leave to find new work opportunities. At Lakehaven, we are proud of our employees and value their service. Many of the retiring employees have been working to provide your water and sewer service for 30 years and more. Others leave Lakehaven for opportunities that allow them career advancements not currently available at the District.

Regardless of the reason for leaving, we wish them well in their lives as they move to meet new horizons. We are deeply indebted to them for the efforts they have made, which has enabled us to provide reliable and affordable water and sewer service to you for many years.

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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. Please check the website for meeting information.

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The fact that we have staff turnover means an opportunity for others to join our team; which is why I would like to mention that the District is an excellent place to work! I encourage those of you that are interested, or know others that are interested, to consider working at the District. We offer competitive pay and benefits and opportunities for you to build a career, and place in the community, with the best water and sewer utility in the state. You can find our job postings on our website at www.lakehaven.org.

Lastly, if you're out and about and find yourself along First Avenue between 312th and 320th, glance to the west and take a look as our new building takes shape.

Annual Water Quality Report

Starting July 1, 2022 you will be able to view the Lakehaven Water & Sewer District Annual Water Quality Report online at www.lakehaven.org/CCR. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2021. Please call (253) 945-1614 or dzern@lakehaven.org if you would like a paper report delivered to your home.

District Employees Retiring

While retirements are not unusual events among the more than one hundred employees at the District, we are seeing five long-time employees move to the next phase of their lives in the first half of 2022. Melinda Garcia, a lead in the Customer Service Department staff, retired at the end of March after more than 35 years at the District. Gary Cook, a lead electrician in our Electrical Department, retired in April after being with the District since 1992.

Debi Manglallan, a coordinator in our Wastewater Operations Department, will retire in May after 31 years of service. Tom Zawacki, the District's Assistant Water Operations Manager, also leaves in May with over 33 years at the District. John Jensen, the second longest tenured employee at the District, retires in June from our Development Services Department after 42 years of service. Together, these five dedicated employees represent more than 170 years of exceptional service to the District and its customers. Congratulations to all!



New Headquarters Facility Update

Progress on the Headquarters Facility continues as we transition from spring into summer. In March, the last of the steel beams was set in the building's structural frame. This occasion was marked with a "Topping Out" ceremony attended by District employees, commissioners, and employees of Lydig Construction, the General Contractor on the Project. Keeping with a tradition in building construction projects, the beam was signed by the attendees before it was lifted into place. During the coming months, the foundation and slab will be poured for the new vehicle maintenance building (to be located behind the Headquarters Facility), exterior finishes and steel framing inside of the Headquarters Facility will be completed, and the plumbing, electrical, and mechanical systems will be "roughed in". The timeline for the project points to completion somewhere towards the end of the year. After the new building is occupied, the current Administration Building will be demolished to make room for the parking lot.



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