



LAKEHAVEN UTILITY DISTRICT

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July – August 2012



WATER CONSERVATION CALENDAR POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

1st Row: Gerardo S., Mackenzie E., Raisa P. (1st Place), Marissa G., Emily O.

2nd Row: Mason K., Kylie W., Hannah T., Simon D., Paradise G., Lily T.

Back Row: Don & Patti Miller, Tim McClain, Ron Nowicki, Sandra & Len Englund, Bonnie Nowicki, Chuck Gibson

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Commissioner's Corner

Len Englund



As part of our water conservation program, the District annually sponsors a “Water Conservation Calendar Poster Contest”. The contest involves the creation of posters by local elementary school students that depict water conservation themes. This year, elementary students from sixteen schools located throughout the District’s service area participated. There were 623 entries, and judges from the community selected thirteen contest winners in mid May. The program culminated in an awards ceremony held at the Board meeting on June 14th. Congratulations to the winners and all of the students who participated in the contest!

The District holds this contest each year to promote the wise use of water as well as to partner in water conservation awareness with the next generation of water consumers. I am always amazed at the creative and thought provoking designs the students come up with. Great job kids, the message of conservation is important!! The water we conserve is the least expensive source of new water we can obtain. Along with conservation, an ample supply of water allows our community to prosper and grow.

A number of years ago, Lakehaven embarked on a bold new water supply project with partners from the cities of Tacoma and Kent and the Covington Water District. This partnership built what is known as the “Second Supply Pipeline”. The pipeline collects many million gallons of water per day from the Green River watershed for distribution to residents and businesses located in the partners’ service areas. The next phase of the project involves the construction of a water filtration facility. This modern, state-of-the-art filtration plant is being constructed at the site of the head works for the Second Supply Pipeline, just below Howard Hanson Dam.

Together with public officials from Tacoma, Kent and Covington, Commissioners from Lakehaven participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new filtration plant that, by current estimates, will be completed in 2014. As this project continues, customers of Lakehaven can be assured of clear, clean and abundant water well into the future!

Another exciting recent event was the ratification of a new six year contract between Lakehaven and the IUOE (International Union of Operating Engineers) labor union. Members of this union comprise the roughly 60% of the District’s workforce that maintain and operate the water and wastewater facilities. Leaders from the union and Lakehaven’s management spent long hours negotiating this contract. The

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agreement contains a competitive and fair package of wage and benefits for our employees that will help ensure that the District continues to attract, and retain, the very best employees in the industry to serve you!

GREEN RIVER FILTRATION GROUNDBREAKING



The Second Supply Project Partners (Tacoma, Kent, Covington, & Lakehaven) have worked in cooperation on the new Green River Filtration Facility Project to see the design phase that started in 2011 come to a successful completion and construction begin. Currently, the project that is calculated to cost about 215 million dollars is on budget and on schedule. As a partner in the construction of the new filtration facility, Lakehaven Utility District's share of the overall project cost is 11%, or about \$24 million dollars. Currently, the District has obtained \$19 million dollars in low interest loans from the Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and has applied for an additional \$5 million dollar PWTF loan for the project.

On May 11, 2012, a special "Green River Filtration Facility Groundbreaking Ceremony" was held at the construction site with over 100 participants in attendance. Hoffman Construction Company is the General

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Contractor/Construction Manager for the Green River Filtration Facility Project and substantial completion and startup of the new treatment facilities are scheduled for November 2014. Upon completion, the new Green River Filtration Plant will be the largest in Washington and Oregon.

KING COUNTY RCECC



District staff and Board members recently visited the King County Regional Communications and Emergency Coordination Center in Renton. The purpose of the visit was to ensure that all staff members are aware of the vital emergency communications and operations role of King County's Emergency Center.

CAPITAL FACILITIES CHARGES (CFC)

After an extensive review of the calculation methodology utilized in the development of the Capital Facilities Charges, which are collected from new customers as a share of the cost of existing and future facilities of general benefit, the Board adopted revised Capital Facilities Charge rates. Effective July 1st, the cost for each equivalent residential unit of capacity in the water system will rise from \$3,097 to \$3,232, an increase of just over 4%. The cost of each equivalent residential unit of sewer capacity will increase from \$2,784 to \$2,968. The Board also approved additional annual incremental increases to the water and sewer system Capital Facilities Charges through 2016.

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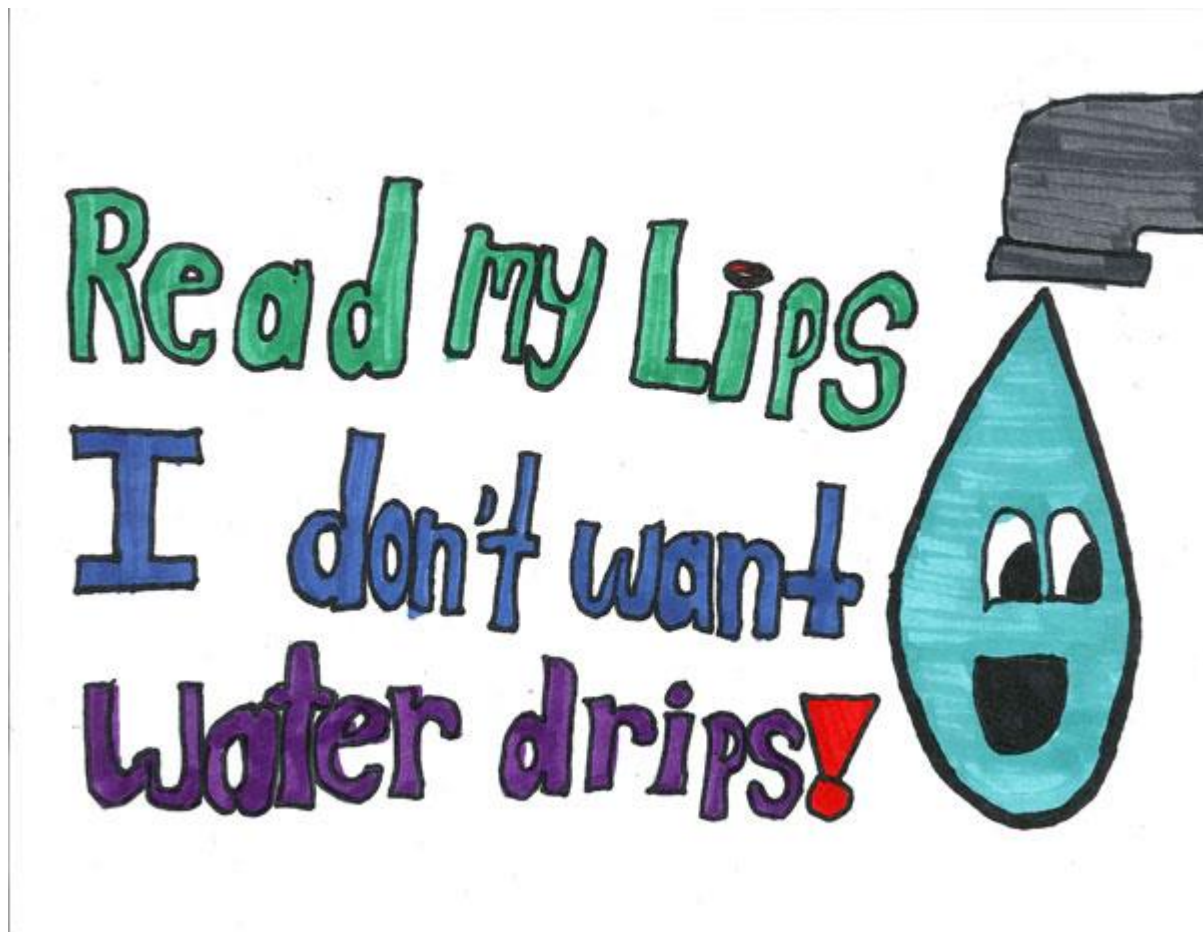


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For existing customers, the Board adopted a reduced Capital Facilities Charge rate for use in calculating the cost of rental capacity under the Capital Facilities Charge Capacity Rental Program, which is set to begin with the September/October billing cycle. Instead of the full rate of \$2,968 per residential unit, capacity rent for the sewer system will be based on a rate of \$2,304 for each residential unit of additional capacity. The rate for the water system is reduced to \$2,620 for each residential unit of additional capacity.

KIDS' CORNER - POSTER CONTEST WINNERS



Poster created by a student from Sherwood Forest Elementary School.

The winning students (and the schools they attend) are: Mackenzie E. & Marissa G., Spring Valley Montessori; Lela C. and Kylie W., Camelot; Mason K., Gerardo S. & Paradise G., Lake Grove; Hannah T., Nautilus; Joseph L., Silver

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Lake; Simon D. & Emily O., Sherwood Forest; Lily T. and Raisa P. (1st Place winner) from Wildwood.

A special thank you goes to Wild Waves, Shirtz to Go, Red Canoe Credit Union, Wal-Mart, Big 5 Sporting Goods, Trader Joe's and Pattison's West Skating for their exceptionally generous donations to the contest winners.

The posters will be included in the District's 2013 Water Conservation Calendar.

Your Board of Commissioners

Len Englund - President
Chuck Gibson - Vice President
Tim McClain - Secretary
Don Miller - Commissioner
Ron Nowicki - 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.
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