



LAKEHAVEN UTILITY DISTRICT

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July - August 2013

WATER CONSERVATION CALENDAR POSTER CONTEST WINNERS



L-R 1st Row: Alayna N., Katie E, Shivanah P., Rhaya A. (1st Place), Sean S., Nate H., Sua M., Justin L., Emmanuel S., Christian O., Alora G., and Eugene Y. L-R
2nd Row: Commissioner Ron Nowicki, Susanna C., Commissioner Don Miller, Commissioner Tim McClain, Commissioner Len Englund and Commissioner Chuck Gibson

Commissioner's Corner

Tim McClain



Having been involved in overseeing workplace safety matters in my own career, I have

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taken an active interest in the area of workplace safety at Lakehaven. Because of the nature of the work performed here, we take workplace safety seriously and I would like to share information with you about the safety and security programs at the District. Once a month, we have a meeting of our Safety Committee, which is made up of representatives of each of the departments. The Safety Committee discusses issues associated with the safety of our employees in the workplace. We also review safety suggestions submitted by employees aimed at making the District a safer place to work. Each year, the Safety Committee ranks the safety suggestions and recognizes the employee who submitted the highest ranked suggestion. We also review any recent accidents involving employees or District property and discuss ways to prevent these from occurring in the future. The operations groups hold a safety meeting conducted by a professional safety consultant each month. These meetings last approximately an hour and cover such topics as: personal protective equipment, proper lifting techniques, safe driving habits, crane safety, outdoor heat illness symptoms, and working with electricity. I try to attend as many of these employee safety meetings as I can to keep myself updated on what is happening with our safety program.

One of the impressive things I have noticed at Lakehaven over the past three years has been our response to safety audits. Our safety consultant performs safety audits of the plants or different job sites where District employees are working. The purpose of these audits is a self check to make sure we are continuing to follow safe practices in all areas of our operations. The results of these audits are then written up and emailed to everyone involved in the safety program. When these audits show a need for a better practice to be adopted, or a corrective action to be taken, I have found that the employees take it upon themselves to make these corrections immediately. It is reassuring to me to know that if our employees identify a corrective action that needs to be taken, or simply identify a better way of doing something, their ideas will be listened to by managers and supervisors at the District.

The Board of Commissioners and the employees of the Lakehaven Utility District are firmly committed to protecting the assets of the District at all times. In the turbulent times we seem to be living in today, we are seeing more thefts and vandalism and, consequently, we are trying to be as proactive as we can with our efforts to provide the best security possible to protect these assets. We maintain computerized programs that monitor our wastewater treatment plants, sewer lift stations, well sites, and water storage tanks for unauthorized intrusions. These monitoring programs notify us immediately of an unauthorized intrusion into any of these critical facilities so that we can respond immediately to address the situation before problems arise. We also have cameras set up to monitor areas where we believe we are likely to experience theft and vandalism problems. These record and notify us of any unauthorized entry onto District properties. We have recently changed the identification cards of all of our employees and updated them so that each of us has our own access codes for entry into our buildings and plants.

You can trust that we are committed to making sure we do everything we can to protect the people and property of the Lakehaven Utility District. Have a great, and safe, summer!

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IN MEMORIAM, BILL MARTIN



The District was saddened to learn of the loss of one of its former managers, Bill Martin, who passed away on June 8th. Bill, who was 91 at the time of his death, was the manager of Water Districts 100 and 124 from 1964 through 1985. He ran the water utility during the period of its most significant growth and much of the infrastructure that provides water to our current customers was installed during Bill's leadership of the utility.

A lifelong resident of Federal Way, Bill was both quick with a smile and always willing to lend a hand to help those less fortunate. He was active in many community organizations devoted to civic and charitable interests and few of the many people in the area who called him a friend weren't called on by Bill to buy raffle tickets for a cause he supported. He will be sorely missed.

ANGELA PETERS RETIRES

Congratulations to Angela Peters on her retirement after 29 years of service with Lakehaven Utility District. Angela began her career in 1984 as a Records Coordinator for the Lakehaven Sewer District (before it merged into a water and sewer utility). Over the last 20 years, Angela worked in the Water Operations Department as an Operations Analyst and was a friendly, helpful voice to customers calling with questions or concerns about water quality.

We thank Angela for her dedicated service to the community and wish her the best in her retirement.

2013 POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Lakehaven Utility District presented awards to local elementary students participating in its 17th annual Water Conservation Poster Contest at the District's June 13th Board meeting. The purpose of the contest is to help children understand the importance of

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water conservation through the development of posters containing a water conservation message. The artwork is featured each year in the District's Water Conservation Calendar.

Approximately 85 members of the community, including students and their families, teachers and principals attended the District's Board meeting. There were 596 poster entries submitted from 17 Federal Way Elementary Schools. The poster entries were judged by a panel of four members and thirteen winning posters were selected.

Board President Charles Gibson presented the awards to students. Commissioners Don Miller, Len Englund, Tim McClain and Ron Nowicki were also in attendance.

A special "Thank you!" goes to Wild Waves, Shirtz to Go, Red Canoe Credit Union, Woodstone Credit Union, Big 5, Costco, Commons Mall and Trader Joe's for their generous donations to the contest winners.

The posters will be included in the District's 2014 Water Conservation Calendar.

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KIDS' CORNER - 2013 POSTER CONTEST CEREMONY



1st Place Poster Contest Winner, Rhaya A. of Mark Twain Elementary, with family and Commissioner Gibson

Winning students, their families and teachers attended the District's 17th annual Water Conservation Calendar Poster Contest. The picture above shows Rhaya's art work that was transferred on to the T-shirt she is holding. All 13 poster contest winners received T-shirts with their art work. Rhaya's picture will be featured on the front cover of the 2014 Water Conservation Calendar.

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Chuck Gibson - President
Tim McClain - Vice President
Don Miller- Secretary
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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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