



LAKEHAVEN UTILITY DISTRICT

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Commissioner's Corner

Len Englund



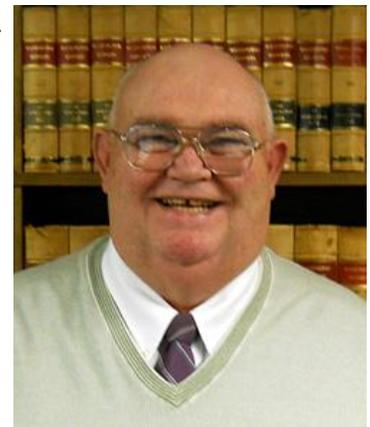
It is early October as I write this edition of the "Commissioner's Corner". As I look out the window, I see the leaves are turning colors. The vibrant reds, yellows, and oranges in the trees indicate winter will soon be with us. I would like to encourage all of you to take time out and enjoy the crisp fall days in all their splendor. As you do, please remember to begin the winterizing process to protect outdoor hose bibs, faucets, and other plumbing fixtures exposed to the outdoor environment.

Cold winter temperatures can cause severe damage to pipes if they freeze. Frozen pipes will often leak when they thaw and the repair of the damage to your home and property caused by leaking water can be quite expensive. So, as the old saying goes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. If you haven't already winterized your pipes, please take time to do it right away! Those yard and lawn sprinkler systems need attention too. The freezing weather takes its toll on them as well.

Water leaks can also raise your water and sewer bills. Remember, if you do experience water leaks, including those caused as a result of the winter cold, the District rebates 50% of the cost of water leaked on your water and sewer bill on proof that the leak has been repaired.

Last July, Lakehaven Utility District and our community mourned the loss of Commissioner Ed Stewart. Ed passed away peacefully at his home on Five Mile Lake. We all miss Ed and wish his family and friends peace.

One of the responsibilities the board of commissioners is charged with is to find suitable replacements when board positions become vacant. By law, the board is allowed 90 days following the vacancy to appoint a successor. In August, applications were accepted for the seat vacated by Commissioner Stewart's passing. Fifteen people applied to serve our community as a Lakehaven commissioner. I was personally impressed by the caliber of applicants and their qualifications to serve our community as commissioner.



**CONGRATULATIONS!
NEWLY APPOINTED
COMMISSIONER TIM
McCLAIN**

Following our narrowing of the list to six finalists, interviews were held at our regularly scheduled public meeting on September 23rd. After a careful review of the applicant's qualifications, we voted to appoint Tim McClain to the vacant seat, which he will hold until the election next fall. Tim is a

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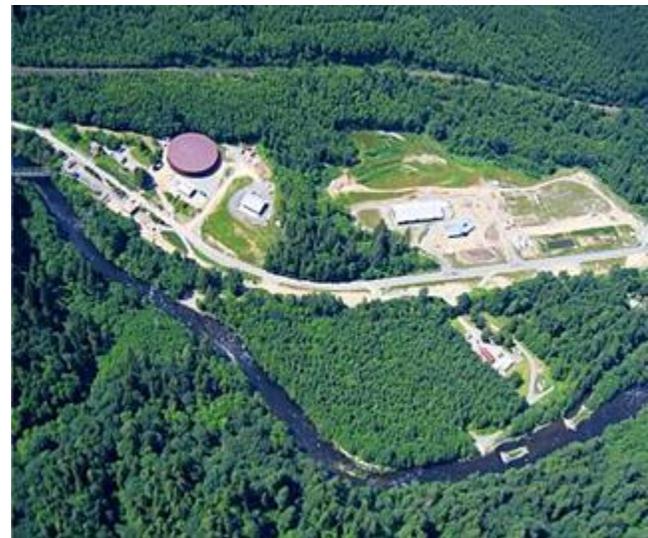
graduate of the University of Oregon and holds a degree in Business Administration. In his 40 year career, Tim has held management positions with several different companies, including Weyerhaeuser. I would like to welcome Tim to the Lakehaven Board and wish him the very best as he serves the ratepayers of the Lakehaven Utility District. I would also like to thank all who shared with us their qualifications and desire to serve our community. There is no shortage of talented people willing to serve you!

Thank you all once again!

GREEN RIVER FILTRATION ADVANCES INTO DESIGN PHASE

The City of Tacoma, Kent, Covington Water District, and Lakehaven, also known as the “Second Supply Project Partners”, have selected the design consultant, Montgomery Watson, to design the Green River Water Filtration Plant. The agencies have also qualified for low interest state loans totaling \$52 million to fund the early stages of design and construction of the new facility, estimated to cost \$217 million. Our partner agencies have also sold bonds to fund the balance of their share of the project. Lakehaven is considering a bond sale in late 2012 if the pending state approval of \$13 million in low interest loans late this year and early next year are not approved by the state legislature.

The Filtration plant is being constructed to meet federal surface water treatment rules to protect against and remove cryptosporidium, but it will also remove turbidity and potential algae that can degrade the reliability and aesthetic quality of the water. The project is scheduled for completion in 2016. Lakehaven’s share of the overall project is expected to be approximately \$24 million. The project will be located in the Green River watershed near Palmer, Washington (about 23 miles due east of Federal Way).



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WELL 15/15A CULVERT REPLACEMENT



Lakehaven Utility District recently participated in the City of Federal Way's West Hylebos Creek Headwaters Restoration Project which includes the replacement of an old deteriorating culvert under an access road leading to the District's Well 15/15A facilities. The primary purpose of the City's restoration project has been to mitigate potential flooding problems and remove fish passage barriers in tributaries flowing to the West Hylebos Creek. The City completed all of the engineering, design, and permitting work for the new culvert crossing in the spring of 2010. With permits in hand, Lakehaven Utility District crews removed the old culvert and installed the new fish passage culvert for the roadway crossing in August of 2010.

CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Throughout the year, District staff encounter customers who, through a variety of circumstances, are unable to pay their water/sewer bill. To help these customers, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to Lakehaven Utility District's Customer Assistance Program.

Also, in recognition that many in our community have extra needs during the Holiday season, the District is providing space for a donation barrel in the Customer Service area of the main office on behalf of the Multi-Service Center. The office address is 31627 First Avenue South.

The donation barrel will be available until December 31, 2010 and all items will be delivered to the Federal Way Food Bank.

Thank you for your generosity and support of those in need!

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KIDS' CORNER *TAF ACADEMY VISITS DISTRICT*

Students from the Technology Access Foundation (TAF) Academy recently visited Lakehaven Utility District to learn about water and wastewater systems. The class project was to understand ancient cities and to create a city of the future. Approximately 50 students toured the Lakota Wastewater Treatment plant and attended a lecture on water conservation and water systems at Lakehaven Center.



Engineer Stan French explains the **District's water system to TAF students.**

Your Board of Commissioners

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