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Commissioner's Corner

Chuck Gibson



As the cover page of this Newsletter reports, Lakehaven has lost a Board member with the recent passing of Ed Stewart.

Ed's passing is a very somber and sad occasion for us at the District. I came to know Ed during the nearly four years I served with him on the Board of Commissioners. It did not take long after my appointment to the Board in 2006 to recognize that Ed possessed characteristics, knowledge and experience that I appreciated as a fellow commissioner. He was a critical thinker, keenly interested in how the water and sewer utility systems operated. As an engineer with years of experience in the design of mechanical and electrical systems, Ed was able to understand much about the water and sewer infrastructure and how it worked. During project discussions, the Board and staff could count on Ed to give his views on what improvements were necessary to provide the best result, and what systems were not. He spoke from a base of knowledge, and his viewpoints on the appropriate operation and maintenance of the systems were a source of considerable value to our deliberations. Although he had been retired for a number of years before he was on the Board and wasn't as familiar with the complex control and data systems that are used in the industry, particularly in applications like process controls, I was impressed that



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he could quickly grasp the fundamental value of the technology and the uses of it that were being discussed.

Ed brought an awareness of the local community to the position that served us all. He had lived in the area for over 60 years and was very familiar with the history of growth and development of the region. He appreciated the District's important role in the development of this community and was committed to the belief that the Board must maintain a record of responsible stewardship of the public's utility. When discussing the actions of the Board to fulfill this mission, he was always careful to use "we" rather than "I".

Most of all, Ed cared deeply about the ratepayers of this District. He never lost sight of the fact that the ratepayers are the real owners of the water and sewer utility and it is their interests that are to be regarded above all else.

To learn a little more about Ed, I urge you to go to our website, www.lakehaven.org, and view the Commissioner Corner in the May/June Newsletter. Ed was a fairly private person, however in this article he relates a little bit about himself and his personal history. It is interesting to read and gives you a measure of insight into our departed colleague.

Ed, thank you for your service on the Board. You will be missed.

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The District lost a dedicated commissioner and a great friend with the passing of Ed Stewart on July 24th. He was 86 years old.

Ed was appointed to the Board in 1999 to fill the seat vacated upon Mark Miloscia's election to the Washington State House of Representatives. Ed grew up in Bozeman, Montana, and, following military service as a combat engineer in Europe during World War II, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Montana State University. Ed moved to property originally owned by his grandparents on Five Mile Lake in 1949, where he remained until his death. Ed worked for the Milwaukee Railroad for several years and later as an engineer at the Tacoma Boatbuilding Company and Todd Shipyards. He is survived by his son Don, daughter-in-law Lisa, and grandchildren Emily and Evan.

In his service on the Board, Ed combined his long experience as a local resident with his interest in the community. He cared greatly about the District and its customers and was an able resource for the Board and staff alike. He will be missed greatly.

TRIANGLE PROJECT

This summer the Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is starting construction on Phase 1 of a major intersection improvement project known as the "Triangle Project" at the intersection of I-5, State Route 18, and State Route 161. Lakehaven is working with WSDOT to modify/relocate two water mains that conflict with new WSDOT facilities. One water main interferes with a new WSDOT retaining wall. The other water main conflicts with the footing of a new bridge pier. While we cannot guarantee a reliable flow of traffic, we will be working hard to ensure a reliable flow of water to our customers during the construction work. The schedule has not been approved yet, but the water line work is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

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DEWATERING AT REDONDO WWTP

Recently, at the Redondo WWTP facility, the residual solids handling equipment that has been in place for over 20 years was failing and was replaced. The prior equipment was a belt filter type device that used hydraulic press to squeeze the water out of the sludge prior to transport to eastern Washington for land application via truck transportation. The new Rotary Screen Press manufactured by Fournier Industries is dramatically different in design. The equipment is proving to be vastly more efficient in power, polymer and manpower costs. Due to the more efficient design of the new equipment the solids are considerably drier by content and will pay for its self in disposal costs savings over the next two years of operation. Neighbors of the facility should appreciate the reduced truck traffic in and out of the plant.

CAPITAL FACILITES CHARGE

The Board of Commissioners has determined to extend the suspension of the Capital Facilities Charge Rental Program for the remainder of the year. During this period, staff will continue to work on the credit allocation database and study further issues associated with the implementation of capacity rent for the water and sewer systems. It is anticipated that the staff will present an update to the Board before the end of the year and that the Capital Facilities Charge Rental Program will resume in January.

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KIDS' CORNER POSTER CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to Stella H. of Lake Dolloff Elementary School who submitted the winning entry (out of 517 elementary school applicants) in the District's annual Water Conservation Poster Contest. Congratulations should also go to her Teacher, Ms. Blanton. The drawing above will be featured on the front of the District's 2011 Water Conservation Calendar.



Your Board of Commissioners

Don Miller - President
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Regular Board of Commissioners meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.
These meetings are held at the Lakehaven Center at:

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31531 First Ave. S.
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