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January

Board Approval of the 2018 Developer's
Extension Agreement
Oath of Office for John S. Korsmo, Jr.
2017 Surplus Declared

February

Board Award of the 104th & Bridgeport Tank
Interior Recoat Project to
Pittsburg Tank & Tower Co., Inc.
Board Conditional Acceptance of Completion of the
American Lake Gardens Tank Exterior Recoat
Project by Purcell Painting & Coatings, LLC

March

Board Award of the Sylvan Park Phase 3 R&R
Project to Fenix Earthworks, LLC
Board Adoption of Resolution No. B-1432,
Cross Connection Control Program
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Board Adoption of Resolution No. B-1443,
Reimburse Resolution
Board Award of the 2018-2019
Backflow Testing Services to
DM Plumbing & Backflow Testing, LLC

For more information, please visit our website. *

Dear Lakewood Water District Customers,

Every three months or so, we are asked to author a message to our customers regarding the wild and exciting events happening in the operation of the District. The problem this month? Nothing wild or exciting has occurred in the last three months which has not already been the subject of past epistles. So, what can we write about this time? Politics are a no-no. We have no harassment issues. The Seahawks, Sounders, Mariners, Cougars, Huskies, and Bulldogs get plenty of press elsewhere, and they don't use our water anyways!

How about "landscaping"?! Now, that's a topic that should get your heart pumping! Many of our facilities, including pumps, water towers, and, particularly, our headquarters complex, exist in residential areas. Others are located in commercial locales. We are sensitive to the concerns of neighboring property owners and, consequently, spend much time, effort, and money maintaining them and the grounds on which they are situated, so that, to the extent possible, they are not a blight on the neighborhoods in which they are located. We truly want to be good neighbors in this regard.

If "landscaping" doesn't turn you on, how about "backflow devices"? We have about 4000 customers who require inspection yearly of backflow devices protecting the District's water mains from the backflow of water from sprinklers, systems, and pools. Two years ago, we offered an inspection service at a charge roughly half of that previously charged by various independent inspectors. To date, about 1200 of our customers have signed up for that service. Those who haven't, should consider it. It's a good deal! Call the District office for information.

Next quarter's report should be more scintillating. We will have made significant progress in the planning of our transmission main providing water to the Firgrove and Rainier View water companies. And, we'll have some great new staff to tell you about. In the meantime, have a great Spring!

Sincerely,
Your Board of Commissioners

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the 3rd Thursday of each month
at the District
office - 3:30 pm.
Public Welcome



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This year, we are celebrating our 75th anniversary! Lakewood Water District began June 1, 1943 by a vote of the citizens, serving a population of 7,900, with 369 water connections, 41 miles of water main, 4 wells, and 3 water tanks with a total storage capacity of 600,000 gallons of water. Seventy-five years later, the District serves over 62,000 customers with 16,800 connections, 265 miles of main, 31 tanks, and total storage of 25.7M gallons.

We are honored to be part of the community, and to have served you, our customers, all these years. Staff is working hard to make this year special for all of us — you, our current staff and commissioners, past staff and commissioners, and vendors and consultants past and present, just to name a few! Currently, there are plans to invite the community to our District headquarters for an open house and share and show how we make it all happen. We hope you and yours will join us.

In addition to an open house, we are gearing up to participate in the 2018 City of Lakewood Summerfest to help make the day informative and fun for everyone. Summerfest is set to take place on Saturday, July 14, at the local Fort Steilacoom Park. It is an outdoor event designed to entertain the whole family at no cost. The event will begin at 11 a.m. and is scheduled to go until 11 p.m. Please share your support and pay us a visit at our booth while we educate the public and provide some good information and fun give-away goods for all. You can visit the City’s web address at <https://www.cityoflakewood.us/parks-and-recreation/summerfest> for more information, a list of additional activities, and a schedule of events

Please stay tuned for additional LWD 75th Anniversary event details in our year of celebration!



National Drinking Water Week

Please stop by our office May 7- 11 to celebrate National Drinking Water Week with us! Sponsored by the American Water Works Association, water utilities all over our country take time the first full week of May to observe this significant event in recognition of the importance of the availability of safe, clean, reliable drinking water. This year’s theme is all about protecting our source. How much do you know about where our good water comes from?

Come on by to pick up a souvenir (or some “swag” as the youngsters would say), boggle your brain with water trivia, or join in our raffle for some fantastic prizes! All raffle proceeds go directly to our Customer Assistance Program (CAP) through LASA (Living Access Support Alliance) here in Lakewood to help those who need assistance paying their water bill. Please visit our website at www.lakewoodwater.org for more details about our CAP and National Drinking Water Week. We look forward to seeing you! If these dates have come and gone at the time of this reading, we hope you had occasion to join us...and, if not, please put it on your calendar for next year!

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, All Backflow Device Owners!

The District is again making it available for you to have your backflow assembly(ies) tested for a mere \$27 per assembly. Our contractor comes to your home, tests your device(s), and the charge shows up on your water bill...it’s that simple!



Backflows Northwest has served us and our customers very well the last two years, maintaining the same price both years. This year, however, DM Plumbing & Backflow Testing, LLC came in with the lowest, responsible bid at a whopping \$0.49 less per device.

We are happy to be able to offer this valuable, easy, cost-effective service to our customers. If you’d like to join our program, you can obtain an application on our website, email us at csweb@lakewoodwater.org, or simply give us a call at 253/588-4423, and we’ll be glad to get you signed up!

New Website Address and Email Domain

At Lakewood Water District, we’re all about getting better and more efficient every day in all we do. A recent step in that direction was shortening and simplifying our website address and email domain. Our website address is now www.lakewoodwater.org...no more pesky hyphens (and yes, they were hyphens, not dashes; a dash on a keyboard is actually two hyphens...then, when you hit the space bar after the second hyphen, Microsoft Word will turn the two little hyphens into one solid dash...and the punctuation lesson is free of charge)! If you have occasion to email any of our staff, the address will simply be the first initial and last name of the person followed by, “@lakewoodwater.org.” So if you are emailing Wally Water, his email address would be wwater@lakewoodwater.org. Our old website address and email domains will continue to work...so we don’t take any chances of missing our opportunities to serve you the best we can!

