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Commissioner Meeting Highlights

April

Board Approval of Piper Jaffray as District Underwriter for Revenue Bonds Board Adoption of Resolution No. B-1439 (Sick Leave Policy) to include Defining Language/ Criteria for Retirement

Board Conditional Acceptance of Completion of Thorne Lane R&R Project

May

Board Award of Arrowhead Phase 1 R&R Project to Johnson & Maddox

Board Award of American Lake Gardens Tank Recoating Project to Purcell Painting & Coating

June

Issuance of District Revenue Bonds for Capital and R&R Project Funding

Board Award of Tank Assessment Project
For more information, please visit our website. *

Dear Lakewood Water District Customers:

On June 1, 2018, our Lakewood Water District will be 75 years young! As we move toward that date, look for announcements regarding the various ways we will be celebrating our 75th anniversary as your very own Special Purpose District. And, at this time, we thought you might enjoy being reminded of what makes your District "special."

Water districts are just one of a number of special purpose districts formed under specific statutory authority. Others include ports, public utility (PUDs), school, library, fire, irrigation, lake management, and public facilities districts, to name a few.

Among these, water districts are even more "special." Why?

As a special purpose water district, we do not levy taxes on our constituents. Most other special districts rely on property taxes to fund their activities. Water districts must live solely on revenue realized from the sale of water at rates established by them, and they are the only government entities in Washington that do just that. We are able to deliver high-quality, reasonably-priced water services to our owner/customers while maintaining a well-trained staff and efficient facilities...**all on our rates alone.**

Special purpose water districts do have the authority to collect on Utility Local Improvement Districts (ULIDs), and a new district may charge a fee for the building of its initial infrastructure, but assessments for ULIDs and infrastructure are different from taxes. These are levied for a specific purpose and for a limited time. Once the project has been completed, the assessment stops.

Our Lakewood Water District, however, does not collect on ULIDs because it has no need to do so; and, we are not a new district, so there are no initial infrastructure costs to be considered.

Our Lakewood Water District, like all special purpose districts, is governed by an elected board of commissioners. Each commissioner must be a resident and registered voter within the district boundaries. We say "**our** Lakewood Water District" here, because we three Commissioners are residents, registered voters, and rate-payers of the District along with you. We are proud to support the District and serve you, and we look forward to sharing more with you in the days ahead regarding our special purpose district and its upcoming 75th anniversary.

At the time of this writing, it seems the rain is on sabbatical for a while; so bask in the sunshine when and while you can, and have a good summer.

Sincerely,
Your Board of Commissioners

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



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Do You Have Runaway Sprinkler and Irrigation Water “Thieves” in Your Yard?

Do you have a sprinkler or irrigation water system? If so, perhaps you’ve just turned it on for the summer (or are about to). Please beware that there may be certain “thieves” running off with your water...called “leaks.” To apprehend these water thieves, please check your system...check your sprinkler heads when the system is not watering...to see if your system is being an overachiever and watering when it’s not time to water (aka, leaking). Check your timer to make sure your system is not “water-partying” all night long on your lawn...at your expense! And if you really want to be a water-thief sleuth, check your meter when no water is running anywhere inside or outside your house...if that meter is spinning with no water turned on anywhere, you probably have one of those pesky water criminals afoot!



As always, if you have questions or need help confirming your system is water-thief-free, just give us a call at 588-4423. We'll be glad to help you determine if any leaky scoundrels are lurking in your system and even help you log into our customer portal so you can “police” your water usage and any suspicious behavior at any time!

We are very proud—and we hope you are too—of our staff, a team of dedicated, skilled, multi-talented, and caring individuals that is proud to serve you safe, dependable drinking water at the lowest price practically possible, every day.



Our office staff gather to greet you.



Ryan and Seth flushing your water mains to help ensure the highest water quality.



Leak detection helped our LWD team find and fix a main break in Lakewood Towne Center.

Automatic Backflow Testing Available

Last year, the District embarked on a two-year trial automatic backflow testing program. After a first successful year, the District is once again offering to test your backflow assembly in the April 2017-March 2018 year for \$27/per device.

If you have not yet joined this very beneficial program and are interested in doing so, you can find the agreement on our website at www.lakewood-water-dist.org, pick one up in our office, or request one be mailed to you by calling (253) 588-4423.

If you have a backflow device, we encourage you to take advantage of this easy, cost-effective, and time-saving service so we can keep this program open and available to you!