

The Pipeline



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Keeping Lakewood Water District Customers Informed

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Notes from the Superintendent

Cannon Construction recently completed the School Street R & R project. The project included the replacement of 2,275 feet of water main in addition to 5 new fire hydrants and 47 water service connection upgrades.

Starting this fall, Lakewood Water District will be working on the Bridgeport Way R & R project in coordination with the City of Lakewood's Bridgeport Way sidewalk project. Lakewood Water District will be upgrading the water mains, hydrants, and service connections on Bridgeport Way between 59th Avenue & 100th Street.

Lakewood Water District has completed the Angle Lane Filtration Plant constructed by Pease & Sons. The filter will remove iron and manganese from the S1 well and will add 750 gallons per minute to the distribution system.

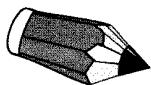
Minor earthquake repairs are being made to the Farwest and Oakbrook elevated tanks. FEMA is paying for 85 percent of the costs involved.

Touch-Read Meter Update

Lakewood Water District has been upgrading our meters over the past year. We have completed over 3,000 meter upgrades this year and now have approximately 4,200 in our system. This is about 1/4 of our District customers.

This progress is resulting in increased accuracy and timeliness in reading our customers' meters.

If you have any questions about your water meter, please give us a call at 588-4423



Looking for an easy way to pay your water bill?

See the back of this newsletter to sign up for Automatic Withdrawal

Ready for Fall and Winter?

Now is the time to begin preparing your home to "weather" the weather this winter. As you clean up your yard from summer fun, here are some easy tips that will help you save water, avoid frozen pipes, and keep you and your family warm and cozy this winter.

- Disconnect and drain your outdoor garden hoses.
- Wrap all outside faucets or protect them with faucet covers.
- Know where your master water shut-off valve is for easy access in case of emergency.
- If you will be gone for an extended period, have someone check your home regularly.

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The Board of Commissioners meets the 3rd Thurs. of each month at the District office - 3:30 pm. Public Welcome
Add'l meetings, Sept. - Dec., 2002: first Thurs. of each month, 9 am.

From Your Commissioners

Dear Lakewood Water District Customer,

In our last newsletter, we told you your Commissioners were putting the fluoride issue on the ballot this November. That action has been placed on hold, pending the outcome of an environmental review currently being conducted by the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health. The original order requiring fluoridation has been rescinded, while the Health Dept. is conducting the review to determine if having fluoride in the water poses a risk to the environment in the form of run-off from lawn sprinklers, car washing, septic tanks, and sewer outflows into Puget Sound, etc.

At this time, we don't know if, or when, the fluoride mandate will be re-instated by the Board of Health. Accordingly, we decided to wait and see what the Health Board decides to do before putting fluoride on the local ballot. We hope they will respect our request to allow the people affected the opportunity to vote on the issue. However, you can be certain that if the Health Board re-issues the order to mandate fluoridation of community water systems, we will put the measure on the ballot as soon as we can, even if it requires a special election. Your Board of Commissioners still believes quite strongly that any decision to add optional chemicals to your drinking water should be left up to you.

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