

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A PROSPEROUS AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

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2009 BUDGET - The budget for 2009 was passed as presented at our October meeting. Based on the total equalized value available at the time the budget was proposed, the rate per thousand dollars of assessed value on the tax levy was anticipated to increase by less than 1%. The tax levy supports our debt retirement and the lake operations.

The sewer user charge will be raised to \$90.00 per quarter beginning with the bill you receive on April 1, 2009. This represents an increase of just over 4%. The user charge covers the operations and maintenance costs of the sewer system. Those items that affected the budget the most were insurance (auto, liability, workman's compensation, and health), utilities (electric and natural gas) and fuel. We pay for treatment of our sewage at the Brookfield treatment plant and their costs have risen as well. Our quarterly charge is still one of the lowest in the area and we will strive to keep it that way.

SUMP PUMPS CONNECTED TO THE SANITARY SEWER ARE ILLEGAL!

Many of you who have read these newsletters over the years have seen this before but it continues to be a problem so I have included it once again.

One of the ways we can hold down the costs of treatment and transportation is to eliminate sump pump connections. Ordinance 101 of the Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District as well as state plumbing codes make it illegal to connect a sump pump to the sanitary sewer. These types of connections require the District to pay for treatment and transportation costs of clean ground water. A sump pump that discharges at an average rate of one gallon per minute adds daily flow to the sewer equivalent to seven homes. Since the pump owner only pays for one unit, all District residents pay for their illegal activity.

We will continue to look for and identify these illegal connections with our sewer camera. If you have a sump pump connected to the sewer, disconnect it now. If you are unsure about a connection we will be happy to inspect it for you. For information on sump pumps or any other sewer related issues, please call our office at (262) 691-4485.

SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT- After January 1, 2009, we will be taking applications for jobs in our summer lake operations. These are full time summer positions that are normally filled by college students but we also accommodate retirees that would like to supplement their income. Although we can have a flexible schedule on the days of the week worked, because of the nature of the operations, all employees must work a full eight hour day. These jobs do not provide benefits. For more information please call the office at (262) 691-4485.

A WELL DESERVED RETIREMENT - After working the summer season as our “on lake supervisor” since 1990, John Miller will be retiring. This will be the second retirement for John. He started with us after working for many years as a driver for Greyhound Buses. His knowledge of the lake, maintenance ability and patience keeping our young summer help in line will be greatly missed. We sincerely thank him for his years of dedicated service and wish him the best of luck during his travels in the future.

CLEAN BOATS, CLEAN WATERS – I am looking for people that would be interested in participating in a program known as “CLEAN BOATS, CLEAN WATERS”. Volunteers in the program are trained to educate lake users about invasive species, such as zebra mussels and milfoil. The boaters are then provided with information on how to check and remove them from boats and trailers so they are not transported from lake to lake. The education takes place at the various launch sites around the lake during the boating season. The District would provide the training and all related materials. If you are interested in helping prevent the spread of these nasty critters and plants, please call the office at (262) 691-4485.

DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS – In an effort to provide continuing educational opportunities for area residents, we have in the past provided informational programs on lake and watershed related issues. To improve the programs and tailor them to your needs we need your help. Below is a form that I would ask you to fill out and send back with your sewer bill. I need to know the topics that are of most interest to you and when it would be most convenient for you to attend. I have included an area for comments or for additional topics I may not have thought of. If you are interested please take a moment to fill it out and send it back to our office so that we may better serve your needs. You may also call Rita at the office with your comments if that is more convenient. (262) 691-4485

Topics. Please check those of interest or add your own.

Pewaukee Lake History _____ The Watershed _____ District Wetlands _____

Native Shoreland Restoration _____ Area Wildlife _____ Fish _____

Aquatic Plants _____ Other _____

Best Month. March _____ April _____ May _____ June _____ July _____ August _____
Other _____

Best Evening of the week. Mon ____ Tue ____ Wed ____ Thurs ____ Fri ____

Best Starting Time, between 3:30 and 7PM _____

Additional comments and /or contact information
