

LAKE PEWAUKEE SANITARY DISTRICT NEWS OCTOBER 2011

REMEMBER - PAYMENT FOR THIS BILL MUST BE RECEIVED (NOT POSTMARKED) IN OUR OFFICE BY 3PM ON NOVEMBER 1ST. IF NOT, THE BALANCE DUE, WITH LATE CHARGES AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE WILL BE PLACED ON YOUR TAX BILL. THE DISTRICT CANNOT ACCEPT YOUR PAYMENT AFTER THAT DATE AND TIME.

A Public Hearing on the PROPOSED BUDGET for 2012 for the LAKE PEWAUKEE SANITARY DISTRICT will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at 6:15 PM, at the Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District Admin. Building, located at N25 W27534 Oak St., Pewaukee, WI. A detailed copy of the PROPOSED BUDGET is available for inspection at the Administration Building Office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00AM and 12:00 Noon and 1:00PM and 3:00PM. The Commissioners encourage residents to attend the hearing and offer their comments.

The following is a summary of the LPSD Tax Levy, Service Fees, Expenditures, and Other Fees based upon the PROPOSED BUDGET.

	2011 Budget	2012 Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>		
Community Funding-		
Town of Delafield Tax Levy:		
Sewer Debt Service/Capital Funding	58,382	58,080
Lake Cleanup	90,500	97,570
Total Town of Delafield Tax	148,882	155,650
City of Pewaukee:		
Sewer Service Fee	35,578	35,550
Lake Cleanup Contract	90,500	97,570
Total City of Pewaukee	126,078	133,120
Total Community Funding	274,960	288,770
User Fees	931,800	975,200
Other Revenues	16,220	13,710
Total Revenues	1,222,980	1,277,680
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Sewer System		
Scheduled Debt Service/Repay Advances	246,070	251,280
Debt Prepayment	560,000	0
Total Debt Service	806,070	251,280
Other Expenditures	795,590	830,990
Total Sewer System	1,601,660	1,082,270
Lake Cleanup	176,320	190,410
Wetland Fund	5,000	5,000
Total Expenditures	1,782,980	1,277,680
<u>Fees per Residential User Equivalent (RUE):</u>		
Quarterly Sewer User Charge	90.00	94.00

The overall budget shows an increase in user fees from \$90.00 per quarter to \$94.00 per quarter which reflects a 4.44% increase in the budget and a \$4.00 increase per quarter in the user fees. Please remember that the user fees have not increased since 2009 to help our customers in the hard economic times. However the cost of fuel to operate our equipment increased 35%, maintenance costs for equipment increased approximately 10% and the cost of health insurance are all factors that have inevitably driven the budget up. The increase in the budget actually averages to a 1.48% increase over the past 3 years. This budget is required to provide the same level of service next year as we had this past year.

Lake Operations

At this time we are continuing to provide pile pick up on Mondays and Fridays (weather permitting) and we plan to continue this service into October. Your assistance in creating piles has increased the efficiency of our lake clean up operations. The faster we can remove piles, the more time our staff can spend on shore clean up and harvesting. **Thank you to all the people that have participated, its hard work, it is appreciated, and you're making a difference for all the people that enjoy the lake.** We will still try to make one more round of shore clean up around the whole lake in October, as always, weather permitting. We will also continue to harvest into late October, once again weather permitting, in an effort to stunt the growth of the milfoil in the spring and early summer. This year was a heavy weed year and this late season effort should help us to get ahead of the game when spring arrives and before the college students join our forces.

Keep the Leaks down and you'll keep the Costs down

One of the few things that can help keep the cost of sewer operations down is to keep our sanitary sewer flows down. At the District we continue to look for ground water leaks into the system and when they are found, we make the repairs immediately. We inspect private laterals and if they are found to be leaking, we will work with the homeowners to make the necessary repairs.

We are constantly checking for illegal sump pumps, which are the sump pumps that are connected so they discharge to the sanitary sewer. These sump pumps add thousands of gallons to our daily flow and all the users pay for the illegal discharge of a few users. This water is clear water and should be discharged on the lawn or into the storm sewer system.

Did you know that an American home can waste, on average, more than 10,000 gallons of water every year due to running toilets, dripping faucets and other household leaks?



Every Drop Counts

Homeowners can also help by practicing conservation of our water resources. Repairing leaky faucets and toilets can make a substantial difference. A running toilet may put a gallon of water a minute in the system. That amounts to 1440 gallons per day or the equivalent of seven homes worth of flow. When upgrading fixtures such as toilets, water softeners, washing machines and dishwashers check to see how efficient they are for water usage and consider “doing the green thing” by purchasing the most efficient fixture. Even small amounts of running water can add up to considerable savings in waste water conveyance and treatment costs. The District has over 2400 customers so when you look at the big picture, by reducing a little flow and multiply it by 2400 users it equates to a huge reduction in sanitary sewer flows.

Finally, since most of our customers are on private wells there is an additional savings on pumping costs (more efficient fixture = less water used) which would be reflected on their electrical bill.