

# LAKE PEWAUKEE SANITARY DISTRICT



OCTOBER 2018

**REMEMBER - PAYMENT FOR THIS BILL MUST BE RECEIVED (NOT POSTMARKED) IN OUR OFFICE BY 3PM ON NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>. 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 2019 for the LAKE PEWAUKEE SANITARY DISTRICT will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 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.

	2018 Budget	2019 Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>		
Community Funding-		
Town of Delafield Tax Levy:		
Lake Cleanup	181,700	187,000
City of Pewaukee:		
Lake Cleanup		
Contract	181,700	187,000
Total Community Funding	363,400	374,000
User Fees	1,233,100	1,262,400
Other Revenues	11,380	11,070
Total Revenues	1,607,880	1,647,470
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Sewer System Operations-		
Operating Expenditures	1,015,400	1,002,250
Replacement/Capital Fund		
Contributions	229,000	271,000
Total Sewer System	1,244,400	1,273,250
Lake Operations-		
Lake Cleanup Operating Expenses	216,620	230,280
Replacement Fund Contributions	118,000	115,000
Wetland Fund	9,000	9,000
Debt Service	19,860	19,940
Total Expenditures	1,607,880	1,647,470
<u>Fees per Residential User Equivalent</u>		
<u>(RUE):</u>		
Quarterly Sewer User Charge	112.00	114.00

## Lake Operations

At this time we are focused on pile pick up which is on Mondays and Fridays (weather permitting) and we plan to continue this service through October. Due to so many floaters and piles this is taking more than just Mondays and Fridays so we are starting on Thursdays, then Friday and then again on Monday and Tuesday. The good news is this aquatic plant called 'Vallisneria' (also called eel grass or wild celery) is a native plant that is choking out the Eurasian Water milfoil. The ducks love it and the aquatic life likes it. Its way of reproducing is in fall it becomes buoyant and floats up and drifts around and reseeds itself to allow it to flourish. It does help us choke out the invasive Eurasian Water Milfoil. That is all great, however - the negative part is that it becomes a nuisance to boaters, swimmers, fisherman and it becomes a burden for our limited lake help to pick up along the shores around the whole lake. When we lose our summer staff, it's hard to find help for 2 months of labor intensive work. So please remember you're your frustrated with your shoreline, remember we have limited resources and our first reaction is to criticize the lake staff. If we lose the help we have then we are really in trouble, so please be polite. They didn't plant the weeds and they are killing themselves to try to clean up the lake. To the folks that make piles or hire help (to hire help for your shoreline - call John at LakeWeed Whackers 262-395-4247) to make piles, 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, but we have limited staff so there's no guarantee. We will also try to harvest into late October in an effort to stunt the growth of the milfoil in the spring and early summer. This late season effort should help us to get ahead of the game when spring arrives and before the college students join our forces once again.

## Sewer Operations

### **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.



### **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.

**Sanitary Sewer** - Please don't throw wipes into the toilet. Toilet paper is the only biodegradable paper that can go through our system. We will be cleaning our stations this week so let's keep the system clean through the Holidays so nobody gets and back-up problems when they have their families home for Thanksgiving or the Christmas Holidays!

**Employment** - Want to join the lake staff for the last moth of Lake clean-up? We can use some help. Call Rita at (262)691-4485