

LAKE PEWAUKEE SANITARY DISTRICT



OCTOBER 2016

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 2017 for the LAKE PEWAUKEE SANITARY DISTRICT will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, 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.

	2016 Budget	2017 Budget	Budget % Change
Revenues:			
Community Funding-			
Town of Delafield Tax Levy:			
Sewer Debt Service/Capital Funding	54,906	55,164	0.47%
Lake Cleanup	141,000	146,000	3.55%
Total Town of Delafield Tax Levy	195,906	201,164	2.68%
City of Pewaukee:			
Sewer Service Fee	35,094	34,836	-0.74%
Lake Cleanup Contract	141,000	146,000	3.55%
Total City of Pewaukee Contribution	176,094	180,836	2.69%
Total Community Funding	372,000	382,000	2.69%
User Fees	1,121,500	1,183,900	5.56%
Other Revenues	9,680	11,280	16.53%
Total Revenues	1,503,180	1,577,180	4.92%
Expenditures:			
Sewer System Operations-			
Scheduled Debt Service	7,100	0	
Repayment of Sewer Capital Fund Advances	0	0	
Other Expenditures	1,214,080	1,285,090	
Total Sewer System	1,221,180	1,285,090	5.23%
Lake Operations-			
Lake Cleanup	265,440	263,230	-0.83%
Wetland Fund	9,000	9,000	0.00%
Debt Service	19,860	19,860	
Total Expenditures	1,515,480	1,577,180	4.07%
Fees per Residential User Equivalent (RUE):			
Quarterly Sewer User Charge	106.00	108.00	1.89%

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 through October. Remember if it is too windy or there are storms the pile-pick up may have to wait till the next day. If weather doesn't improve it will be the next day. We are not risking lives or damaging boats, piers, or lifts to pick up a weed pile. We unfortunately do not do "special requests" either. We have a schedule based on whole lake evaluations and problematic areas. We then give attention to these areas based on making our way around the lake while keeping the element of fairness in mind. Things can get changed around and we may skip an area due to wind directions. It is noted and documented and we return to that area when the winds allow the work to occur.

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. Crews may start at 9:00 a.m. on cold frosty mornings as the machines can be slippery. We will also consider harvesting in late October (weather and staff permitting), in an effort to stunt the growth of the milfoil in the spring and early summer. This year the only area of focus would be in the Kopmeier area at the confluence of Coco Creek. The harvesting will also be contingent on the milfoil and wind directions as we will not create any floaters to add to what is naturally occurring right now. What we are seeing over the last month is the Vallisneria (also called wild celery or eel grass) floating up to the surface. It has a very shallow root system and as time goes on the plants "grass like leaves" hold oxygen and in the fall the plant actually uproots itself and comes to the surface. This plant is also a big staple (food source) for ducks and coots. They like to pull the plants out as well. Some of the plants are from prop chop from boaters and fishermen but most of it is naturally occurring. Our harvesters haven't cut anything in the last month and we were caught up on the shorelines a month or so ago, we see exactly what is going on everyday so we know these facts. Sometimes we hear other perceptions and that is o.k., we just feel it's good to share the facts to whoever cares to hear them. We plan to continue to try to get all the floaters but I do see quite a bit on the village side of Kopmeier and the village operations are shut down due to their summer staff being gone. These floaters both will be put in piles (and picked up by LPSD) or they will float to the beach when the piers come out or they will come our way if the winds are easterly. So unfortunately we are not done with the floaters.

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 your electrical bill.