

# LAKE PEWAUKEE SANITARY DISTRICT



OCTOBER 2017

A Public Hearing on the PROPOSED BUDGET for 2018 for the LAKE PEWAUKEE SANITARY DISTRICT will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 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.

	2017 Budget	2018 Budget
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Community Funding-		
Town of Delafield Tax Levy:		
Sewer Debt Service/Capital Funding	55,005	0
Lake Cleanup	146,000	181,900
Total Town of Delafield Tax Levy	201,005	181,900
City of Pewaukee:		
Sewer Service Fee	34,995	0
Lake Cleanup Contract	146,000	181,900
Total City of Pewaukee Contribution	180,995	181,900
Total Community Funding	382,000	363,800
User Fees	1,183,900	1,233,100
Other Revenues	11,280	11,380
Total Revenues	1,577,180	1,608,280
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Sewer System Operations-		
Scheduled Debt Service	0	0
Repayment of Sewer Capital Fund Advances	0	0
Other Expenditures	1,285,090	1,244,400
Total Sewer System	1,285,090	1,244,400
Lake Operations-		
Lake Cleanup	263,230	335,020
Wetland Fund	9,000	9,000
Debt Service	19,860	19,860
Total Expenditures	1,577,180	1,608,280
<b>Fees per Residential User Equivalent (RUE):</b>		
Quarterly Sewer User Charge	108.00	112.00

**LAKE OPERATIONS** - At this time our lake operations are winding down as the large crew is off to college. However, we are still in full swing with 4 full time employees that are concentrating on all the valinseria (wild celery-the long grass type plant) that uproots itself at this time of year. Although we like to do a late fall cutting to knock back any milfoil growth, we are focusing on cleaning up Mother Nature's mess right now and probably for the next 2 weeks. All the shorelines need some sort of attention so we are doing what time, staff and budget allows. We always plan to try to make it all the way around the lake doing shore clean up at least one more time before the end of October, but remember it is only if the weather conditions permit us too. Once we get frost and dangerous slippery weather conditions we are done. Making piles on the shore is the best way to assure your shoreline property gets cleaned up. We plan to do pile pick up through October - pending weather conditions.

**GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR A TAX DEDUCTION** - As the end of the year rolls around, I would like to make sure that everyone is aware of the two funds at the District that provide an opportunity for a donation and a tax deduction.

**The Water Resource Fund** has been set up to provide funds for education of water quality issues in the drainage basin of Pewaukee Lake. This fund is used specifically for our work with the local schools on programs like the Pewaukee River Restoration Projects and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade boat trips. We also do wetland restoration and enhancement projects and we work with the Pewaukee Women's Club Environmental Committee to help battle invasive species and restore our prairie lands.

This fund has provided equipment for restoration projects such as waders, shovels, rakes, saws, lopping shears, wheelbarrows, materials for boardwalks, and signage. Water quality testing requires hip boots/waders, nets, sampling trays, magnifying glasses, thermometers and water chemistry test kits. The fund allowed us to purchase ten john boats that are used annually on river trips for students of all ages. These programs have been recognized for excellence at the local, State and National level. Unfortunately the hip boots are all leaking and need to be replaced this year. The replacement of equipment can only happen with the generous donations from businesses, other non-profit groups and individuals.

Our other fund is **The Wetland Conservancy Fund**. It provides funds for the purchase and restoration of wetlands in the drainage basin to Pewaukee Lake. It has enabled us to purchase almost three hundred acres of wetlands and begin their restoration to protect the water quality of our lake. These typically came from new developments through a wetland fee per lot but the District is reaching full build-out so this funding source is diminishing.

***The District would like to send out a special thanks to the Pewaukee Lake Waterski Club, The Kiwanis's Club, The Pewaukee River Partnership and The Women's Club for their support in these programs that are educating the youth and enhancing the wetlands in the Pewaukee Lake and the Pewaukee River Watershed.***

Donations to these funds will help ensure that our most precious resource in the District is not only protected today, but it is protected long into the future.

**For more information on either of these funds, please call the District office at (262) 691- 4485 or go to [www.lakepewaukee.org](http://www.lakepewaukee.org)**

**SEWER OPERATIONS** - Sewer maintenance increases as sewer systems age. Our system was installed during the 1970's which means pumps are reaching their "useful life" and are needing to be replaced as they begin to fail. This is similar to your house and having a submersible pump in your well. If you have gotten 20-25 years out of it you can expect it to reach its useful life and fail. At that time you need to replace it in order to take showers, do laundry and flush the toilet. The Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District has 14 lift stations that all have 2 or 3 pumps in them. That is over 30 pumps, most of them have been going strong for 35+/- years, and some have been replaced. The District has been working diligently on a "project work-plan" that details items that need to be replaced. Planning properly allows us to spread this work over the next decade so minor increases can cover the maintenance without any large jumps or special assessments.

Speaking of expenditures, we are having issues with pumps being clogged by rags on the Northwest side of the lake. This is either home's on Maple Avenue, North shore or Taylors woods or in the subdivisions off Maple Avenue. Remember to throw your cleaning towelettes into the garbage, not the toilet. Manufacturers may call them flushable to sell them but trust me they do not go through pumps very well. **This is costing you money so you need to tell the cleaning people or services NOT to throw anything in the toilets!! Rule of thumb is if it goes through your body it can go down the toilet with toilet paper being the ONLY exception.**