

# LAKE PEWAUKEE SANITARY DISTRICT



OCTOBER 2019

A Public Hearing on the PROPOSED BUDGET for 2020 for the LAKE PEWAUKEE SANITARY DISTRICT will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at 6:15 PM, at the Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District Administration 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 2020 PROPOSED BUDGET.

	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Budget % Change
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Community Funding-			
Town of Delafield Tax Levy:			
Lake Cleanup	187,000	192,000	2.67%
City of Pewaukee:			
Lake Cleanup Contract	187,000	192,000	2.67%
Total Community Funding	374,000	384,000	2.67%
User Fees	1,273,500	1,306,700	2.61%
Other Revenues	11,170	11,140	-0.27%
Total Revenues	<u>1,658,670</u>	<u>1,701,840</u>	2.60%
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Sewer System Operations-			
Operating Expenditures	1,002,290	1,048,540	
Replacement/Capital Fund Contributions	282,160	269,000	
Total Sewer System	1,284,450	1,317,540	2.58%
Lake Operations-			
Lake Cleanup Operating Expenses	230,280	235,800	2.40%
Replacement Fund Contributions	115,000	118,000	2.61%
Wetland Fund	9,000	9,000	0.00%
Debt Service	19,940	21,500	
Total Expenditures	<u>1,658,670</u>	<u>1,701,840</u>	2.60%
<b>Fees per Residential User Equivalent (RUE):</b>			
Quarterly Sewer User Charge	<u>115.00</u>	<u>118.00</u>	2.61%

## 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 invasive Eurasian Water milfoil. The ducks love it and the aquatic life likes it. Unfortunately the way it reproduces is becoming buoyant and then it floats up and drifts around and reseeds itself which allows it to flourish. It does help us choke out the invasive Eurasian Water Milfoil, that is a plus, however - the negative part is that it becomes a nuisance to boaters, swimmers, fisherman and it becomes a huge 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 understand when 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 trying to clean up the lake. To the folks that make piles or hire help 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.** To hire help to make piles call John at Lake Weed Whackers 262-395-4247. 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 at least a little, into late October in an effort to stunt the growth of the milfoil in the spring and early summer. This late season effort help's us get ahead of the game when spring arrives and before the college students join our forces once again. Any aquatic plants removed decreases the nutrient loadings that promote excessive plant growth. It also reduces the amount of sediment build-up . This sediment build up can make it hard and harder to reach the shallow areas.

## 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.

**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!

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