## **QUALITY SERVICE**

The District has an invasive plant species removal program in our wellfields. Removal of species such as English Ivy, Holly, English Laurel, Knotweed, and Yellow Archangel is important for the health of trees in the wellfields.

This spring, a heavy construction period will start beginning with the Pumphouse Replacement Project in the District's McKinnon Creek Wellfield. The District also plans infrastructure upgrades at the City of Lake Forest Park L60 culvert replacement project along 44<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and NE 178<sup>th</sup> St.

# EMERGENCY RESPONSE - PORTABLE WATER FILLING STATIONS

The District has designed emergency water filling stations that can be easily stored, transported and attached to fire hydrants. Multiple units could be put into service after a regional emergency if there is drinking water available from our system. This is innovative, cost-efficient and effective design from our staff!



## **COMMUNITY COMMITMENT**

### **2020 ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEWS**

2019 WATER PROTECTOR AWARD AND NEW MEMBERS FOR 2020



The 2019 LFPWD Water Protector Award was awarded to ADCOM member Armand Micheline. Armand is a founding member and has attended many community events promoting our drinking water and raising awareness of the importance of our water source to the LFP community and region. Armand has also been a driving force behind LFPWD's science curriculum for elementary students. Our Commissioners and staff thank him for his service to the community.

ADCOM members advise the District on matters regarding protection of water quality and District wells and educate our community regarding our drinking water. This year the ADCOM has welcomed new members **Regina Fletcher**, **Dana Campbell and Brian Saunders**. Look for our team at future events!

3/21/2020 Green Fair @ Commons 10 AM-2 PM 3/26/2020 LFP Elementary SCIENCE FAIR 6-8 PM 3/31/2020 Brookside Elementary Science Classes 6/6/2020 Pack The Park Fun Run Water Stations

## **ENSURING THE FUTURE**

Beginning March 1, 2020, Capital Improvement Fees increase from \$20.00 a month to \$22.00 a month.

The increase is directly related to increased construction costs for the McKinnon Pumphouse Replacement and Sitework Project.



**Proposed Pumphouse Building** 

This project will improve the District's pumping efficiencies, replace aging infrastructure and consolidate control functions and water quality instrumentation.

Also beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, the District will cease collection of the 6% City of Lake Forest Park Franchise Fee that appears on your water bill.

In 2019, the Franchise Agreement between the District and the City of Lake Forest Park expired. In anticipation of entering into a new franchise agreement with the City, the District made a determination to continue to collect this fee. At this point the District and the City have been unable to agree on the terms of a new franchise and at the February 25, 2020 LFPWD Board meeting, a decision was made to reallocate these accumulated funds into the District's Capital Improvement Fund and cease collection of the Franchise Fee.

## **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

### WATER CONSERVATION

The District encourages planting of native species. These plants require less water and reduce garden chemicals as they are acclimated to grow in the local environment. See a list of potential species at <a href="https://www.wnps.org">www.wnps.org</a> at the WA Native Plant Society website.



#### **NATIVE PLANT DONATION**

As part of the District pumphouse project in the McKinnon Wellfield we will be removing invasive species and replanting of native species. We have a Native Plant Drop Off intended to supplement native plantings in the wellfield. If you have any natives to donate please leave potted plants in the special area marked in our office parking lot.

#### **GARDEN PLANT EXCHANGE!**

After a success last year, the District will again provide space at our office for a plant exchange. From APRIL until SEPTEMBER, as you tend your garden and divide plants, consider taking part.. The District has 'seeded' the project with contributions from District staff's own yards. Empty 1 gallon pots are available at our office. We ask that you identify your donations as best you can with tags and leave as many plants as you take.

# ADDITIONAL WATER SAVING TIPS

- Repair leaky toilets and faucet drips
- Mulch your garden to maximize effective watering
- Set your irrigation to water in the late evening or early morning to minimize evaporation
- Wash only full loads of laundry
- Install timers for your yard watering



LFPWD is a member of the National Groundwater Association. Find out more at <a href="https://www.ngwa.org">www.ngwa.org</a>

You are receiving this Newsletter because you are either a District customer; reside within our Wellhead Protection Area or are within our corporate boundaries.

Our Commissioner Board meeting time has changed to the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6 PM at the District office. LFPWD Board meetings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend.

## LAKE FOREST PARK WATER DISTRICT



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