# LFPWD Lake Forest Park Water District



# News

Good Water, Naturally!

# **SPRING 2021**



# **WATER PROTECTOR AWARD**

Customers of Lake Forest Park Water District enjoy untreated well water because we pump from an aquifer that has consistently produced an adequate supply of quality water. We value this resource and in an effort to encourage the protection of it, each year the district recognizes someone that has made a prominent effort to protect it.

This year our award was presented to Dr. Julie Hungar for her dedication as a past president and member of the board of commissioners and founding and current member of the advisory committee where she engages in education and public outreach. Julie is a long-time resident of Lake Forest Park and has taken an active role in the District and the community for many years, bringing leadership and direction to the District.

So, we are honored to present the 2020 Water Protector Award to Dr. Julie Hungar "With appreciation for your visionary guidance and continual source water protection advocacy".

# **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

For several years now the Advisory Committee and District staff have presented a 4th grade science unit at LFP Elementary. This program includes lessons about water resources, source water protection, aquifers and other water related instruction.

Due to current classroom challenges, we are developing a video series to be presented in lieu of hands-on training, and hope to share with other local schools.

We are always eager to educate our community about water, and what we can do to preserve our exceptional resource.



# **ANNUAL PLANT EXCHANGE**

In 2019 we started an annual plant exchange which was a great success. Thank you to the many participants and the variety of their contributions!

Beginning in **APRIL** and running until **SEPTEMBER** consider taking part in this exchange as you tend your garden, and divide plants. Come down and peruse the plants at our office near the entrance gate.

The District has 'seeded' the project this year with native plant starts of:

Broadleaf Bluebells – Mertensia platyphylla
Prairie Violet – Viola adunca
Salal – Gaultheria shallon
Hairy Honeysuckle – Lonicera hispidula
Coast Gumweed – Grindelia integrifolia
Beach Pea – Lathyrus japonicus
Broadleaf Penstemon – Penstemon ovatus
Henderson's Checkerbloom – Sidalcea hendersonii

Our list of guidelines is short, please continue to:

Identify your donations as best you can with tags. Bring your plants in pots. (We have 1 gallon pots available if you need them

Leave as many plants as you take.

Please don't bring invasive or noxious weed species (see more below)
The community of LFP is legendary for its gardens and generosity, let's share
the wealth here!

Please practice social distancing during your visit this year.



**Noxious weeds** -Please help control noxious weeds – King County has information and identification guides to help you. Use the QR to visit our website for more information and links.



# **BOARD MEETINGS**

Our Commissioner Board meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6 PM. Meeting agendas and call in information if needed is posted on the District's website at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

#### 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. Now is a great time to plant native species. Plants have a much easier time acclimating this time of year and let nature do the watering!

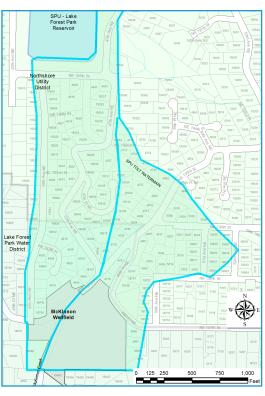
See a list of potential species at www.wnps.org, the WA Native Plant Society website.

### Water Saving Tips

- Spreading a layer of organic mulch or grass clippings around plants retains moisture and saves water, time and money.
- One faucet dripping every second adds up to five gallons a day. Fix your drips!

# **WATER QUALITY**

Our watershed provides untreated chemical free water to our customers and a natural habitat for wildlife. Please do your part to protect our water resource by limiting the use of fertilizers especially in the shaded areas shown in the map below.



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#### **BEST TASTING WATER DECALS!**

Support your Water District at your business, home or on your car window. Contact us at the office and we will get you your 'Best Tasting Water' vinyl decal.

# **IMPROVEMENTS**

# McKINNON CREEK PUMPHOUSE PROJECT

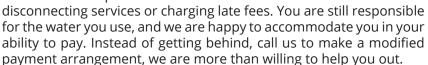
We have completed the first phase of this project which consists of underground supply infrastructure - piping and utilities. Phase II will complete the project with a new facility building that allows for a

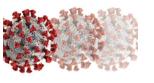
facility building that allows for a consolidation of control functions, water quality monitoring, and increased instrumentation. This project results in a major upgrade for the primary wellfield and distribution hub for the water district that will serve us well into the future.



#### **COVID-19 MEASURES**

For those that are experiencing financial hardships during this event, we would like to let you know that in accordance with the Governor's proclamation we are not





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

Know what's **below**. **Call** before you dig.

# MISSION

"Lake Forest Park Water District strives to provide high quality water, sourced from our local aquifer, at the lowest reasonable cost, while investing in our infrastructure and maintaining the highest level of customer service."

#### **GENERAL MANAGER**

- Alan Kerley
   COMMISSIONERS
- David Hammond: President
- Bill Donahue: Treasurer
- Eli Zehner: Secretary

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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