



# News

Good Water, Naturally!

## **SPRING 2023**



District commissioners, general manager and AWWA NW chair Dan Sleeth presenting this year's award.

## **BEST TASTING WATER AWARD**

Lake Forest Park Water District has been voted King County's Best Tasting Non-Treated Water for 2023! We here at the District are so appreciative of the staff,

commissioners, advisory committee volunteers and consultants that put in so much effort to protect our water and to ensure our water is the absolute best product we can put forward. We also recognize all of the amazing support of our customers and the community.

Reflecting on this recognition, G.M. Alan Kerley comments, "It is good to celebrate the moment. However, this is not the time for complacency. It is so important to continue with the best management practices that have allowed our District to remain in compliance and compete against some of the best water districts in Washington State for this award. We have now won this award three times!

It also magnifies the importance of protecting our source water now, so that future generations have access to this naturally wonderful local resource. We must continue to conserve water, refrain from detrimental activity in the aquifer recharge area and limit human activity in the Sanitary Zones surrounding our drinking water wells."



District commissioners and general manager with Kim Josund, this year's recipient of the Water Protector Award.

## 2022 LFPWD WATER PROTECTOR AWARD

Customers of LFPWD 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.

The 2022 award was recently presented to Kim Josund- "In recognition of your dedication to protecting and enhancing the natural environment and for your leadership in building partnerships within our community."

As president of the LFP Stewardship Foundation she has taken an active role in the community to ensure the preservation of the resources that we value. In this capacity, she was instrumental in bringing the Save Our Salmon project to McAleer Creek which helps raise awareness of the importance of preserving our water resources. Congratulations Kim!

### **POSITIONS OPEN ON ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Lake Forest Park Water District has a "Well Field Protection and Communication Advisory Committee" which is created for the purpose of advising the District on matters that directly concern protection of water quality of water sources in the Aquifer and Wellfield at McKinnon Creek and Horizon View. The specific tasks of the Committee include but are not limited to the following:

- Assist in obtaining and communicating public input in regard to District's Water System Plan
- Facilitate cooperation and communication between the District and the community regarding uses and activities that affect the District's well fields
- Assist in Wellhead Protection Plan evaluation and communicating public priorities and other public comments
- Assist with communications and public community outreach efforts as requested by the Board consistent with the Charter and Board approved Communications Plan

If you would like to serve in this capacity, please apply using the form on our website under the 'info' tab. Please email the completed application to office@lfpwd.org or drop it by the office during business hours.

## **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.

## **PAPERLESS BILLING**

Many of you are signed up to receive your statements electronically by email. If you haven't gone paperless yet, go to www.lfpwd.org/paperless/or scan the QR code.

Some of our customers have had their water bill end up in their junk folder. To help avoid this, **please add "ebilling@lfpwd.org"** to your address book.

You will see a bill at the beginning of every odd numbered month and the balance is due at the end of that month.





Pacific Serviceberry, *Amelanchier alnifolia*Native to all of Washington, great landscaping plant and also produces edible berries!

#### 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! We have a number of natives in our **Plant Exchange** program. (Visit our office or see our website for more info.)

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

# **Water Saving Tips**

- Upgrade your faucets and showerheads to Watersense models.
- Plug the sink or use a washbasin to rinse dishes.
- One faucet dripping every second adds up to five gallons a day. Fix your drips!
- Upgrade to a smart irrigation system that factors in local weather.

# **IMPROVEMENTS**

# McKINNON CREEK PUMPHOUSE PROJECT

Our new pump facility building is now substantially complete and we expect to bring the new infrastructure online in a few months. As the second phase of this project, this replaces and upgrades our existing building and allows for a consolidation of control functions, increased pump capacity for greater fire flow in the district, better 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.





## **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.

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



## 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: Secretary
- Bill Donahue: President
- Eli Zehner: Treasurer

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