



News

Good Water, Naturally!

FALL 2025



Aerial view from September

several shutdowns to complete this project.

WSDOT FISH PASSAGE CULVERT REPLACEMENT

The WA Dept. of Transportation (WSDOT) **SR-104 Lyon** Creek Fish Passage project along Ballinger Way is replacing the existing culvert with a larger structure to allow easier salmon migration.

The proposed structure interfered with our existing 10" watermain. The District designed a new route for the watermain which entailed placing it under the entire structure and encasing it for mutual protection. The new watermain is mostly HDPE which is chosen for it's flexibility, resilience and ease of working with for the depth of construction.

The District negotiated with the WSDOT team to integrate the watermain construction as a part of their overall project which

offered the benefits of economy and reduction of complexity to their contractor.

needed is posted on the The above photo shows the laying of the HDPE watermain under the east end of the District's website at least structure (see arrow). The main has been completed and is back online with final tie-ins 24 hours prior to the occurring just this week. Thank you to our affected customers for being patient during our

meeting.

BOARD MEETINGS

Our Commissioner Board

meetings are held the 4th

Tuesday of the month at

6 PM. Meeting agendas

and call in information if

BACKFLOW PROGRAM

As you winterize your outdoor irrigation system this fall, it is a good time to get your backflow devices tested. Irrigation, fire sprinklers, a heating system that uses a boiler and other devices that are potential sources of contamination require backflow prevention.

It is a State of WA requirement that all backflow devices be tested and verified yearly. This is to protect drinking water systems from contaminated water potentially being 'back flowed' into the distribution system and causing a public health threat. **Annual test** results are required to be provided to the District for our records. Our form contains further info and a list of testers and can be downloaded from www.lfpwd.org/backflow.

If you haven't tested yet this year, you will soon receive additional notices.

POSITIONS OPEN ON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lake Forest Park Water District has an "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.

Are You Ready For WINTER?



PREPARE FOR WINTER NOW - NO FROZEN PIPES OR COSTLY LEAKS!

Now is the time to cover and insulate outdoor spigots and put your hoses away when no longer needed. During freezing weather, any frozen pipes should be thawed slowly and carefully while monitoring for any leaks that may have devoloped.

- Outdoor hose bibs are susceptible to freezing, use an insulator
- Know where your water shut-off valve is located
- Don't leave garden hose attached to the faucet in freezing weather
- Winterize your sprinkler system. Make sure your shut-off valve is off and irrigation lines are drained to prevent damage from freezing water
- If you are vacationing during the winter, consider shutting off your supply to avoid potential flooding

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.



CHECKING YOUR METER FOR LEAKS

Sometimes a customer service line develops a small leak, or a toilet bowl float doesn't completely shut off. To check your system for any leaks, turn off everything in your house and check your meter for any movement. Use the QR code for more information about your meter and checking for leaks.



PROJECTS

- The **Ballinger Way** watermain replacement project will upgrade the existing main from 6" steel to 12" ductile iron, increasing fire flow capacity and reliability. The project also includes a valve chamber to keep the water circulating and a new fire hydrant. We plan to begin construction in early 2026.
- We are working with the City of LFP to relocate existing watermain that is currently in conflict with their proposed **Roundabout Project** at Ballinger and 40th PL NE. The relocation will occur as part of and at the time of the roundabout construction which is anticipated to begin in 2026.



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.

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

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