

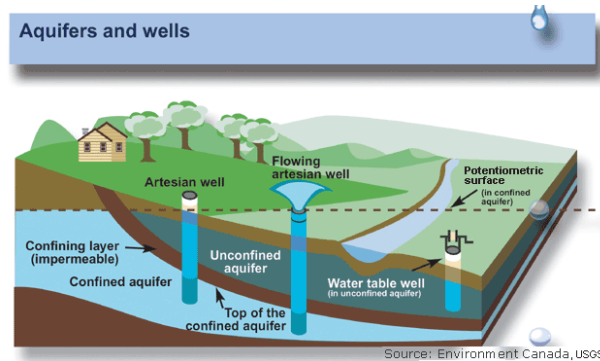
OUR UNIQUE WATER SOURCE

Our water is sourced from a local aquifer that has been providing natural, non-chlorinated water to local residents for over a hundred years. **Do your part to insure and protect our natural water source by limiting the use of fertilizers and pesticides and keeping pets out of the designated wellfield areas. Properly dispose of chemicals, paint and motor oil.** Our water is a resource generations before us have protected, it is our responsibility to do the same to ensure future generations to continue to benefit from locally sourced, natural drinking water.



WATER SYSTEM PLAN UPDATE

The District's Draft Water System Plan is available for review at lfpwd.org. The District welcomes public comment at every Board Meeting held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6 PM. There have been two source protection meetings that many stakeholders attended and provided comments. The Draft Water System Plan has been updated with issues raised at those meetings. We welcome your input.



GRANT AWARDED TO LFPWD BY WA STATE DEPT. OF HEALTH TO DELINEATE LOCAL AQUIFER

The District has received a Source Water Protection Grant from the WA State Department of Health to complete an aquifer study that will delineate the boundary, potential contaminants, and vulnerability of the source of our drinking water; our aquifer.

An aquifer is a large underground permeable area that serves as storage for natural water sources. Currently it is believed that the aquifer that provides our drinking water recharges and flows under parts of the City of Brier, into McKinnon Creek and Horizon View Wellfields and then empties into Lake Washington. Delineating the aquifer will determine if the aquifer extends further North and the types of activities that may be potentially detrimental to our water supply.

DISTRICT PARTICIPATION AT LFP GREEN FAIR and BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCIENCE FAIR

District staff and Advisory Committee members presented at this year's **Green Fair**. Many customers stopped by as well as residents who wished they were customers! As part of the District display table, the District provided samples of our water and there were many compliments regarding the taste of LFPWD water. District also provided sitka spruce trees, shrubs and bulbs for planting to encourage customers to plant species that require less summer watering and 'green' our neighborhoods at the same time.

On May 6th, Staff and Advisory Committee members also attended the **Brookside Science Fair**. Tracy Furtani, an LFPWD Advisory Member brought a model to demonstrate how aquifers and wells function and how contaminants can leach into drinking water. Thank you to everyone who attended and spent the day with us. We are fortunate to have a great Communication Advisory Team!

**Look for a LAKE FOREST PARK
WATER DISTRICT informational
table at the Lake Forest Park
Farmer's Market this September!**

CONSERVATION TIPS

- Install drip irrigation systems that get water directly to plants without overspray waste.
- Spreading a layer of organic mulch around plants retains moisture and saves water, time and money.
- Plant native species. They are hardy and acclimated to our environment and require less watering.
- Choose shrubs and groundcovers instead of turf for hard-to-water areas such as steep slopes and isolated strips.
- Plant in fall and let nature water your young plants until they develop deep roots.

WELLFIELD SURVEY FOR INVASIVE PLANTS COMPLETED

A King County well field survey was recently completed at the request of the District in both of the District well fields. King County provides a service to identify invasive plant species. It was found that the District has several species that are considered weeds of concern. However, no species that require control in King County were found. The District is considering methods to control non-native weeds and plant species in its wellfields.

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

WA COURT OF APPEALS DECISION

Division I of the Washington State Courts of Appeal, in an unpublished decision issued on April 25, 2016, affirmed a trial court ruling that a 1988 City of Lake Forest Park ordinance vacating the right of way through the District's watershed was void from its inception.

The District's Board of Commissioners is disappointed with the ruling but has determined to not seek further review of the decision. The effect of the decision is that right of way in question, as shown in a 1912 era plat but never opened, is an easement overlaying the District's fee title ownership of the underlying land. The right of way bisects the District's watershed in a steep ravine traversed by a stream. The District owns and operates multiple artesian and shallow wells within the right of way. Despite this ruling, the District remains committed to preserving the watershed and its untreated ground water sources that serve the central part of the City of Lake Forest Park.

PHOTO SEARCH!!

Lake Forest Park Water District is requesting any residents, who have old photos of interest from Lake Forest Park, especially pertaining to the building or maintaining of our water system to please email or call District office so that we can copy or scan them. All photos will become a part of the District archive and become a shared history of our community's past.

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