



LFPWD - Valuable Community Resource

As residents in Lake Forest Park Water District you should be aware of our unique resource that provides local, naturally clean water. As early as 1918 there were wells drilled in the McKinnon Creek wellhead to provide water to early inhabitants. In 1926 a private company, LFP Water Company, was formed to take over supply of water to local residents and in 1954 the system was incorporated into our current Water District. In 1961 the Town of Lake Forest Park was incorporated. The LFPWD district boundary approximates the original boundary of the Town of Lake Forest Park. About one third of current City of Lake Forest Park residents are LFPWD water customers. We do have LFP residents from surrounding water districts who prefer non-chlorinated water and bring bottles and fill them for their drinking water.

In Lake Forest Park Water District you are not simply a customer. As an independent water district, we think of our customers as owners. Our system was built and has been maintained by our customers. We highly value customer service, because our customers are the financial contributors to our system. Our District is administered by an elected three person Board of Commissioners, who are your neighbors as well. They also are consumers of our product, our water!

Lake Forest Park Water District is a valuable partner in our local community that:

- **supplies consistent water** that is not dependent on snow pack. Unlike neighboring water systems, LFPWD has never placed water restrictions on our customers at time of drought
- **manages eight artesian wells** that provide positive flow to supply water within our system without power, as might be needed in a regional crisis. This is a unique asset to our local infrastructure and emergency management response.
- **provides natural well water to families** which is important to many of our customers who do not want a chlorinated water supply. LFPWD maintains a call list for especially sensitive families who can be contacted if chlorine should ever be added to our system during an emergency.
- **attracts new residents** to our area who inquire about our non-treated water before moving into our city
- **encourages business/entrepreneurs** to locate into Lake Forest Park who value natural water for uses such as micro brewing, coffee or tea houses
- **protects local homes, businesses and schools** by building and maintaining infrastructure to provide fire protection
- **provides a free drinking water source** at Horizon View Wellhead

As much as LFPWD is about customers and infrastructure, our highest priority is to protect our watershed that contains our artesian and deep wells. LFPWD has two well fields. The most recent is the Horizon View Wellhead which has two deep wells located near Horizon View Park. This new well field was funded by a mitigated agreement with King County to protect the LFPWD McKinnon Creek Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA) from any impact from the recent Brightwater tunnel construction. The McKinnon Creek Wellhead Area remains our major source and supply of our drinking water. Within the WHPA are 8 shallow artesian wells which are more susceptible to human activity than our deep wells and need to be protected from nitrates from fertilizers, and pet and animal wastes. Lake Forest Park Water District is obligated to preserve and protect the McKinnon Creek Wellhead Protection Area that has been providing drinking water to local residents for close to a hundred years.

“We have a child with special needs and knowing that we have water without added fluoride or chlorine is very comforting. In LFP, we protect our resources, and the water we drink should be no different. We never think twice about pouring a glass of water right from the tap.”

Dennis & Tamara Hills

CONSERVATION TIPS

- Spreading a layer of organic mulch around plants retains moisture and saves water, time and money.
- Replace irrigated grass lawn with shrubs and ground covers that require less watering.
- Fix leaking toilets.

COMPREHENSIVE WATER SYSTEM PLAN

Lake Forest Park Water District is currently in the process of drafting an updated Comprehensive Water System Plan (CWSP). This plan outlines the infrastructure and revenue needs of the District for the next six years and is required by the State Department of Health. Mundall Engineering & Consulting prepared the 2006 plan and is also preparing the 2014 CWSP update. Peninsula Financial Consulting will be performing a revenue requirement analysis.

This Comprehensive System Plan will also include long-term forecasting at the 10 year and 20 year intervals. The Comprehensive Water System Plan will be available for public review and comment this fall.

LFPWD is available to partner with any brewers, distillers or bottled water companies interested in the benefits of a natural water supply. We have great water!

DID YOU KNOW?

LFPWD has interties with Seattle Public Utilities and Northshore Public Utility that can supply water to our customers during an emergency. LFPWD also has the capability to provide water in an emergency to the Northshore Public Utility service area.

NEW PUMP HOUSE PLANS

LFPWD secured a low interest Public Works Trust Fund loan to replace our pump house which was built around 1962. Phase I of the construction is planned to begin later this year.

UPCOMING

NE 178th WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT

LFPWD will be replacing/upgrading our watermains along NE 178th. This work will be performed prior to the City of Lake Forest Park installing pedestrian sidewalks along both sides of NE 178th near Brookside Elementary. The initial phase of the coordination will be LFPWD's watermain and fire protection upgrade.



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Are you interested in attending a Board Meeting?
The District's Regular Board Meeting is held on
the third Monday of each month at 8:00 AM.