

As a service to our customers Lake Forest Park Water District publishes a twice-yearly newsletter to our customers.

OUR UNIQUE WATERSHED



This picture of Wood Hyacinth was taken in our watershed.

LAKE FOREST PARK WATER DISTRICT



The Lake Forest Park Water District Watershed provides chemical free drinking water to our customers and a natural area for wildlife. Do your part to insure and

protect our natural water source by limiting the use of fertilizers in the surrounding areas and keeping pets out of the designated watershed area.

STATE FRAUD INVESTIGATION

In February of 2011 the District notified the State Auditor's Office (SAO) of a possible misappropriation of funds from the District Maintenance Fund.

The District immediately put the suspected employee on unpaid leave and instituted procedures to ensure this type of activity does not occur again. Steps taken include the establishment of a General Manager position, engagement of a CPA firm and outside bookkeeping service, separation of duties, stringent timesheet reporting and accounts payable oversight procedures, creation of a Board Treasurer position, and a Board approved annual budget that is compared against actual monthly financial reporting.

On February 19th 2013, the SAO released a Fraud Investigation Report that determined the former Office Administrator had, in fact, misappropriated District funds. The District immediately terminated the employee and is continuing to cooperate with law enforcement. The SAO also issued a Procedural Audit, on the same day, covering periods after the institution of the new internal controls, and disclosed no additional negative findings.

The District holds employee fidelity insurance through the Water and Sewer Risk Management Pool and expects full recovery of the misappropriated funds.

MEET YOUR COMMISSIONERS



William Donahue
President, Position #3



David Hammond
Secretary, Position #1



Eli Zehner
Treasurer, Position #2

CONSERVATION TIPS

- If your toilet was installed before 1992, reduce the amount of water used for each flush by inserting a displacement device in the tank.
- 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.
- Choose shrubs and groundcovers instead of turf for hard-to-water areas such as steep slopes and isolated strips.



SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS IN 2013

Backup Well Infrastructure Phase II – This project is nearing completion. Primary work on this project includes new well development and the construction of a small reservoir and pump control facility that will connect to our system to provide a secondary source of water from our aquifer. The Backup Well Project is primarily funded by King County through Brightwater mitigation.



Ballinger Way Pressure Reducing Valve Station- This project will replace an older, failing Pressure Reducing Station that regulates pressure in our Beach Zone. Work is scheduled to begin near the intersection of Ballinger Way and NE 175th St. in early April.



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.

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