

District Welcomes a New Maintenance Employee

The District would like to welcome Mark Tumbarello as its newest fulltime maintenance employee. Mark joined the District earlier this summer as a seasonal employee and acquired fulltime status in September. Mark worked for Bancroft/Clover Water and Sanitation District for



over 15 years as a maintenance employee and will bring a wide range of experience to Lakehurst. Mark is currently working to renew his Operator Certifications. When asked "what is the most difficult part of his job, Mark replied, "becoming more familiar with day-to-day operations of the District and getting around without getting lost". Welcome Aboard Mark!

In an emergency call the District's main office number 24 hours a day at 303-985-7895. Calls received outside normal working hours will be answered by the District's answering service and the information will be directed to on call service personnel for assistance.

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District Water and Sewer Rates Change in 2012

The Lakehurst Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors approved the 2012 Budget and adopted an overall 6% increase to water rates. The Board's action was in response to a 5.5% increase in Master Meter water rates from Denver Water as well as increases resulting from overall cost of services. The new water and sewer rates will take effect January 1, 2012. Lakehurst Water and Sanitation District assesses no mill levy to its property owners and relies on water and sewer rates for revenue. These revenues are used to purchase water and offset the operation and maintenance expenses for over 76 miles of various-size water mains and replacing the aging water system. The Lakehurst Board and staff continues to find ways to improve efficiency and cut costs through prudent management practices, while providing good quality services at a reasonable rate. These rate increases will affect all District commercial and residential customers. The charge for water usage will increase from \$3.75 per thousand gallons to \$3.98 for each thousand gallons of water used. The monthly base

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charge of \$5.50/SFE/month will remain the same. The monthly base charge covers the on-going costs to maintain and replace customer's water meters as needed. There will also be an increase to the monthly sewer fees for 2012. The monthly flat fee will change from \$17.00 to \$19.72 per month. The increase is needed to offset a 16% rate increase from Metro Wastewater for treatment services. It will also cover increased costs to the District for the continued operation and maintenance of over 66 miles of various-size sewer mains. Additional information regarding the rate increases or other water or sewer related topics can be obtained from the Lakehurst Water and Sanitation District office at (303) 985-7895.

Meet the New Board Member

The newest member of the Lakehurst Water and Sanitation District Board of Director's is Mitch Gerstenkorn. Mitch was appointed to the board November 28, 2011 to fulfill a vacancy until May of 2012. A graduate of Kansas State University with a dual degree in Agriculture in Park Resource Management and Animal Science, Mitch served as the Park Superintendent at Lake McConaughy State Recreation Area, for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission from 2000-2006. The National Park Service currently employs Mitch as a Concessions Management Specialist, which entails contract management and development for the Intermountain Region's Concessions Program. Mitch and his wife Sarah have a 3½ year old daughter, Isabel and an 8-month-old son, Wyatt. In their spare time, they enjoy outdoor recreation including mountain biking, hiking and camping. Please join us in welcoming Mitch to Lakehurst Water and Sanitation District.



Capital Rehabilitation Projects Slated for 2012

Included in the 2012 approved Budget are several capital/rehabilitation projects. On the water side, the District will be replacing 1,300 feet of six-inch asbestos cement pipe on S. Vivian St, between S. Van Gordon Ct. and W. Layton Ave. This project is needed due to the number of breaks experienced on this section of pipe in the past three years. The on-going, multi-year hydrant replacement program that includes replacing 10 older hydrants per year will continue in 2012. The District will be participating in a "cost sharing" agreement with Jefferson County to lower a 12-inch water line and 10-inch sewer line, both located in W. Quincy Ave, just east of S. Simms St. where the County will be installing a large box culvert for the Weaver Gulch. And lastly, several minor sewer point repairs are being looked at for feasibility and best method for repair.

2011 Capital Projects Completed on Time

The District completed all of its 2011 capital and rehabilitation projects planned for this year, including the largest sewer outfall relocation project undertaken by the District to date. Scott Contractors completed the installation of 6,400 feet of 24-inch sewer line through the Fehringer Ranch property in record time, with little to no problems encountered at all. The project included boring under W. Quincy Ave to connect the new pipe to an existing line. While most of the project was constructed across the vacant field just north of Quincy and east of Simms, the contractor had to endure some residential work and bore under Quincy Ave. Residents on S. Yank St. are enjoying a newly installed water line that was replaced by Brannon Contractors and a small but important sewer rehabilitation project was completed as well.