



In August of 2001, the district began a pilot automatic meter-reading program in the Harriman South subdivision currently known as Palisade Park. The pilot program was successful and retro-fitting the remainder of the district for automatic meter reading was completed the end of 2006.

Then August 23, 2010 the District accepted M & M Tank Coating Company's offer to purchase and remove the district's four- million gallon water tank. By November of 2010 the tank removal project was complete.

As Lakehurst Water & Sanitation District celebrates 50 years of service on September 7, 2012, we can reflect on those people who pioneered the creation of the district and look forward to the many challenges that lay before us, keeping in mind one singular goal of providing outstanding customer service and plentiful, fresh, clean water for those customers in the District.

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Lakehurst Water and Sanitation District Turns 50

We would like to share a little history with you on the Lakehurst Water & Sanitation District as we celebrate 50 years of dedicated service.

An order creating the District was entered by a District Court judge in Golden on September 7, 1962, and was recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder in Jefferson County, Colorado on the same date.

The first regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Lakehurst Water & Sanitation District was held in Jefferson County, Colorado, at the home of Esther P. Johnson, 9100 W Quincy Ave., at 10:00 A.M., on September 17, 1962. The initial order of business was the election of officers: Kel H. Christensen was named Chairman, Esther P. Johnson, secretary, Maurice H. Fisher, treasurer, Dave H. Perlmutter and Victor R. Champlin, board members.

In March of 1963 Lakehurst signed a contract with Denver Wastewater and Denver Water to obtain water & sewer service. Water at the time was 45 cents per thousand gallons.

It was decided an election would be held to determine the will of the taxpaying electors as to the issuance of bonds for the district to finance the cost of constructing a water and sewer system.

At that time, the Board also hired various consultants including: engineers Parker & Underwood Inc. out of

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Greeley CO., a financial consultant, Walter F. Imhoff of Imhoff & Samford, Inc. and Legal counsel Robert J. Flynn.

The first subdivision to be developed was known as the Lakehurst Subdivision, located south of Quincy and west of S. Kipling St.

Around October 15, 1962 the tax-paying electors of Lakehurst affirmatively voted and authorized the issuing of water and sewer bonds to finance the construction of the water and sewer systems.

In May of 1963 Wayne Irelan of Parker & Underwood, Inc, reported they had located a hill immediately west of the Federal Correctional Institute owned by a Mr. Nehring. This land was needed for the purpose of constructing a four-million gallon water tank to provide potable water storage capacity for the customers of Lakehurst. Mr. Nehring indicated that he would be willing to sell a one-acre site on top of the hill to the District with rights of ingress and egress along the existing road and would grant the District a 20-foot easement for installing water lines to the tank. The District made an offer of \$3,500.00 for the purchase of this land.

Further activities of the Board involved awarding several construction contracts to complete Phase I of the District's water facilities. This included the construction of the pump station, yard piping and storage tank, which is the current site of the District's administration building.

In August 1963, the District entered into a participation agreement with Denver Water relating to the construction of a 60-inch water conduit from Marston Treatment Plant to a point approximately 200 feet north of the intersection of Wadsworth and Quincy.

In the preceding months, several large inclusions were requested by developers including forty acres of land now known as Mt. Carbon subdivision, and on December 30, 1963, Esther Peiffer's petition to include 6.6 acres of land into the District was accepted.

On September 25, 1963, the Board awarded Holsam Concrete Products Company the District's sewer construction contract and commenced work in the Weaver Gulch area.

The District's first audit was accepted and published in the "Jefferson Sentinel" in January of 1964. Water and Sewer tap fees were adopted by the Board as follows: Single-family equivalent (SFE) for sanitary sewer tap...

\$175 and a 3/4 inch water tap was \$225.

Water and Sanitation taps were sold in a unit. Further commercial tap fees for larger water & sanitation services were determined by subsequent action of the Board and consulting engineers.

On February 12, 1964 James Fitzgerald of Denver, was hired as the District's first operating manager and general superintendent. Mr. Fitzgerald had previously been employed for fourteen years by Birch-Nauman, water and sewer contractors. He was familiar with water and sanitation districts and had participated in the construction of Thornton, Colorado water and sanitation facilities.

The Chairman, Mr. Kel Christensen proffered May 13, 1964 to be the first official board meeting, thereafter held on the second Wednesday of each month at the District's recently completed Office and Pump Station, 7995 W. Quincy Ave., Littleton, Colorado.

In 1964, the District had 55 operating taps in the Lakehurst subdivision. James Fitzgerald was awarded full time status as operating manager and general superintendent, and on September 1, 1973, Cecil Baldwin was employed by the district as administrative council. At that time, the District employed one District Manager, three full time field techs, two full-time and one part time administrative personal.

The peak growth period for the District was in 1970-1978, with another growth increase from 1977-2003. Lakehurst currently services 17 subdivisions with 5,584 operating water and sewer taps, 66 miles of sewer lines and 76 miles of water lines, that are maintained on a regular basis.

In March of 1987 the District accepted bids for the construction of a new administration building, and on April 24, 1987 Mountain States Construction Co. was awarded the contract. The administrative building was completed and ready for occupancy in late fall of 1987.

In 2000 Lakehurst entered into a participation agreement with Denver Water to construct Conduit 138, which connected the Belleview/Simms water pump station with Denver's Kendrick water pump station, eliminating the need of the Lakehurst's water storage tank as well as the Kipling and Friendly Hills pump stations. All pumping facilities and the storage tank were abandoned in 2003.

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