

LAKE PEWAUKEE SANITARY DISTRICT



OCTOBER 2021

A Public Hearing on the PROPOSED BUDGET for 2022 for the LAKE PEWAUKEE SANITARY DISTRICT will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 6:15 PM, at the Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District Administration Building, located at N25 W27534 Oak St., Pewaukee, WI. A detailed copy of the PROPOSED BUDGET is available for inspection at the Administration Building Office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00AM and 12:00 Noon and 1:00PM and 3:00PM. The Commissioners encourage residents to attend the hearing and offer their comments.

The following is a summary of the LPSD Tax Levy, Service Fees, Expenditures, and Other Fees based upon the 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET.

	2021 Budget	2022 Budget	Budget % Change
Revenues:			
Community Funding-			
Town of Delafield Tax Levy:			
Lake Cleanup	198,000	205,000	3.54%
City of Pewaukee:			
Lake Cleanup Contract	198,000	205,000	3.54%
Total Community Funding	396,000	410,000	3.54%
User Fees	1,344,800	1,400,400	4.13%
Other Revenues	10,840	11,520	6.27%
Total Revenues	1,751,640	1,821,920	4.01%
Expenditures:			
Sewer System Operations-			
Operating Expenditures	1,125,490	1,181,870	
Replacement/Capital Fund Contributions	230,000	230,000	
Total Sewer System	1,355,490	1,411,870	4.16%
Lake Operations-			
Lake Cleanup Operating Expenses	247,650	261,550	5.61%
Replacement Fund Contributions	118,000	118,000	0.00%
Wetland Fund	9,000	9,000	0.00%
Debt Service	21,500	21,500	0.00%
Total Expenditures	1,751,640	1,821,920	4.01%
Fees per Residential User Equivalent (RUE):			
Quarterly Sewer User Charge	121.00	126.00	4.13%

Lake Operations

At this time, we are continuing to provide pile pick up on Mondays and Fridays (weather permitting) and we plan to continue this service through October, WEATHER PERMITTING. Your assistance in creating piles has increased the efficiency of our lake clean-up operations. The faster we can remove piles, the more time our staff can spend on shore clean up and harvesting. **Thank you to all the people that have participated, its hard work, it is appreciated, and you're making a difference for all the people that enjoy the lake.** We are still working on shore clean up around the whole lake and plan to continue into and possibly to the end of October, as always, weather permitting. We do not foresee any more harvesting as the invasive plants are being "held at bay" and there's no reason to make any more floaters. Typically, we will do late fall harvesting to stunt the growth of the milfoil in the spring and early summer, but thanks to the decline in milfoil growth there is no need.

The variety of native plants has continued to increase and there was a large decline of Eurasian water milfoil. These last few years the Vallisneria also known as “wild celery” or “eel grass” really flourished as well as other native species such as Sago pondweed. While some other lakes suffered from algae blooms, some with the blue green algae, Pewaukee was in great shape, we saw very limited filamentous algae (the floating balls of green cotton candy looking material) that are unpleasant for swimming fishing, skiing, etc. In fact, the only algae that seemed to bloom was the Chara which is considered a “good” algae that looks like a plant that covers the bottom and has a “musky” smell and gritty feel to it. While the Vallisneria is a native “good” plant it does have the curly Q’s that “seed” and spiral their way to the surface and can cause a negative visual appearance, can get caught up in motors, and causes trouble for fishing and swimming. While we have been seeing a continuous decline in Eurasian water milfoil it doesn’t mean we are not prepping for the possibilities of the next peak in the growing cycle. A second shift fund is in place, and it will be ready for implementation when the next peak occurs. Whether it is 5 years away or more, we are planning for peaks in the plant growth cycles and the growing expectations of the people that utilize or live on the lake. We are doing plant studies; we are constantly monitoring water (temp, secchi disc, dissolved oxygen, phosphorus levels, etc. and constantly evaluating the current conditions of the streams entering and exiting the lake as well as the ever-changing ecology of our lake itself. **The District understands the Lake is the area’s biggest asset.** Pewaukee Lake is the largest lake in Waukesha County, it is a class “A” Muskie fishing lake, one of the state’s top sailing lakes (due to its east and west basin configuration and the dominant west winds) as well as one of the biggest local attractions which includes all the entertainment at the beach and lake establishments. This asset is recognized, and we need to take care of it.

Wetland Fund and Tax Deductions

Help us with our wetland fund so we can take advantage of available grants to purchase wetlands and lowlands so we can continue to protect our lake and watershed. These donations are tax deductible, and the lands are held in conservancy in perpetuity. This is the ultimate way to protect our lake and watershed for the generations to come.

Water Resource Fund

The water resource fund is set up to help the school students learn about watersheds, wetlands and river restoration. This very successful program is teaching the youth about protecting the environment and water resources that surround the lake. Teaching these students at a young age creates an ownership and awareness that sticks with them for the rest of their lives. My guess is if you ask an older student what they remember about 6 grade, they will tell you the river boat trip down the Pewaukee river. Help keep this program alive by donating to the Water Resource Fund. All proceeds go back to the students and equipment used to teach them about the watershed, the lakes, and the rivers that surround the area they grew up.

ACH Payment Program – Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District is offering this payment option as a convenience. If you would like to participate & pay your quarterly sewer bill through an ACH withdrawal, there are several options for you to sign up. To request a form, you can either call (262-691-4485) or by email lpsd@lakepewaukee.org. A fillable printable form is also available on the LPSD website at lakepewaukee.org. To be signed up for the current bill withdrawal, your form and cancelled check must be received in our office by July 10th. Funds will be withdrawn on the 20th

If the form will not be received by the 10th of the current billing date, please include your regular payment as you will then be placed on the ACH for the next withdrawal date.

When you sign up for the ACH withdrawal, you will still receive a quarterly bill. On the bill above your name & address, it will say “Direct Payment of \$121.00” (or what the balance of your account is).

If you have signed up for ACH withdrawal, but your bill says Due \$0.00, it will not say “Direct Payment of \$0.00 above your name. Just the \$0.00 in the amount due.

Sewer Operations – The crews are moving along with flushing the system, which is done annually. We are working toward televising the entire system and while we are happy with what we are seeing we are taking care of any repairs to keep the system in top shape. There 2 emergency generator projects being completed and they are also going very well.

For more information, please call the District at (262) 691-4485 or visit our website at www.lakepewaukee.org