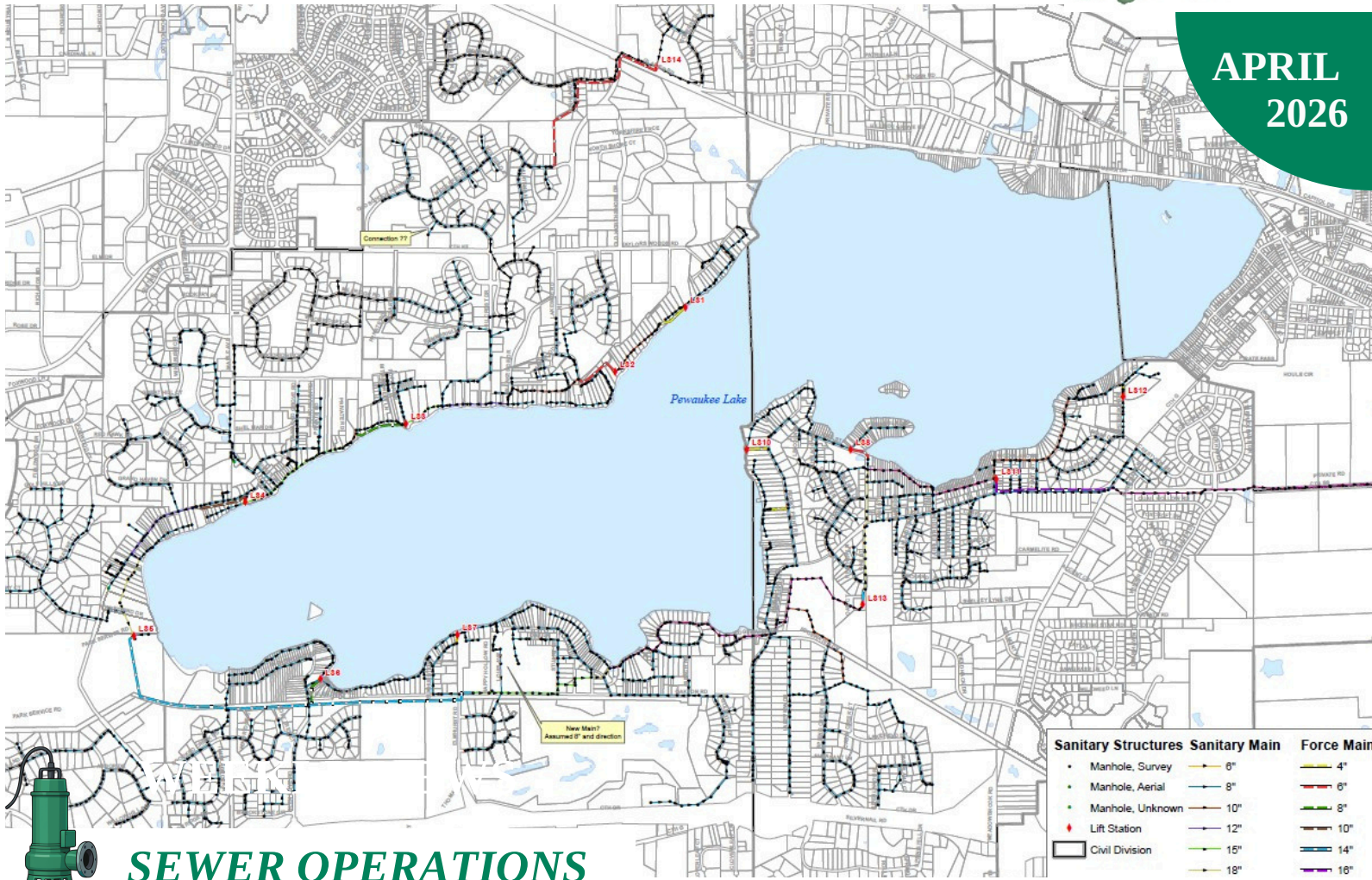


LAKE PEWAUKEE

SANITARY DISTRICT



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SEWER OPERATIONS

SEWER USERS - The District is undergoing some major reconstruction this year to upgrade aging infrastructure and to accommodate past, present, and future flow capacity needs. The new developments are **pushing the district beyond its capacities** in the sanitary sewer lift stations. This includes developments on the south side of I-94 in the City of Pewaukee that will come through our system. To handle these additional flows, lift station 11 and 13 needed to be upsized. Fortunately, the District was successful and acquired a \$13 million dollar loan from the WDNR at almost half the interest rate of the local bonding market or banks. While the loan is the best possible source of financing, this required us

to adjust our rates to accommodate the growth. The District hired Ehlers to review current rates, current wastewater treatment, and capacity charges (developers fees), and long-term financing. The rates had to be adjusted accordingly. We adjusted the developer fees to pay their “fair share” to buy into our system, However, the rest of the costs falls upon the rate payers.

UPGRADING SANITARY SYSTEM ASSETS



For a quick video, scan the QR code below or follow the link on the back of this newsletter



Nobody wants to see rates go up but we all want the sewage to leave our homes and **NOT** come up through the basement drain. This upgrade has to happen to serve the users for the next 50 years.

The new fee will be \$197.00. Our Ehlers long-term financial advisors report is showing that there aren't any other significant increases in the next few years due to this initial increase. One item we would like to explain further is the “uniqueness” of our system which makes it an expensive system to operate and maintain. Our system currently has approximately 52 miles of sewer pipe, more than 800 manholes and 14 lift stations. Think about the area we serve. The sanitary sewer system carries sewage flow around

most of the lake. The sewer system carries the sewage by gravity through the sewer pipes. Once the depth of the pipe and manholes reaches depths of 30 feet, you need a lift station to pump up the sewage to about a 6-foot-deep manhole. Then you flow by gravity again until you reach 30 feet of depth repeatedly. In our service area this means 14 lift stations. To replace a lift station it costs between 2 and 6 million dollars depending on the size and configuration of the lift station. Each station has 2 or 3 pumps, pump controls, and a back-up generator to run it during power outages. Now consider the size of Pewaukee lake. Our system goes around it but we don't have houses in the water surface area, so we don't have those houses to help pay for the system. Therefore, the costs fall upon

all the houses around the water and nearby subdivisions to pay for the maintenance. We understand this and we are doing everything we can to make it as painless as we can. We understand people are on fixed incomes. They are our moms, dads, friends and neighbors. We are holding the developers accountable to pay their fair share to minimize

the costs to the existing users but it is still painfully expensive to all of us. However, it has to be done, we have no choice. To NOT upgrade means backed up sewer system, flooded basements, and bi-passing sewage into the lake. This would be absolutely detrimental to the health and welfare of the general public and the lakes ecosystem.



Historical postcard dated 1806 depicting the original Pewaukee River outlet, Main Street bridge, and grist mill at natural lake elevations before the current dam was built.

Check out a short video of the lake operations here



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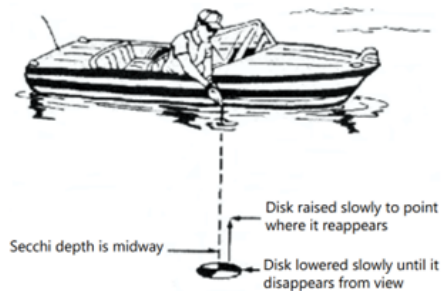
Lots of “good stuff” happening at the District this year to get us ready for the next 50 years. The Lake Operations building will be getting a face lift. The existing building is over 80 years old and we have more than got our useful life out of it. The roof is leaking, the window frames are rotted, the overhead door won't open fully to allow even a front end of a machine in for repair, and the bathroom is “scary...” although it all served its purpose. While the old building didn't have heat or any kind of controlled air, it is essential to have at least a small space for an office. The existing building didn't have an office to have personal discussions with employees that needed to “step up” or be let go. The updated building will have one office with controlled air, a computer, and

printer. This will provide the manager with tools to expedite workers to exact areas that need attention, printing a simple map so they know exactly where to go will save time and money. The overhead garage door will be high enough to get a large barge in for immediate repairs, eliminating any “down time” on lake services. The building will be a glorified garage with a little visual style that is 100% functional. For a short video of our existing lake building scan the QR Code above or follow the link to our website below.

We plan to be putting our transport barges and shore units in the lake by late April or early May. If the weather permits, we will do a Monday and Friday pile pickup with two part time employees in May.

However, we will not be starting the weekly service until May 15th unless we decide we need to harvest some invasive plant species earlier.

Pile pick up has become a very well used service with the number of residents stacking weeds increasing every year. We would like to thank all those that participate in making piles since this makes our regular shore cleanup more efficient and that helps all the lake users.



Secchi Discs are an effective way of measuring the clarity of lake water. Recently, Pewaukee Lake has seen record water clarity reaching depths of 25ft

If you have any questions about sewer operations, sump pumps, or summer lake crew opportunities, contact Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District at (262) 691-4485, email us at LPSD@lakepewaukee.org, or visit our website at www.lakepewaukee.org.