

# Lake Washington Sanitary District Newsletter

Summer 2014

Dear Fellow Property Owners. Your District Board would like to keep you up to date on our Sanitary Sewer System. Remember all of the Board meetings are public and held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Mankato Municipal Airport Conference Room, 3030 Airport Road, Mankato, MN 56001. Also the Meeting Minutes can all be found on the web at [www.SEH.com/online/lwsd](http://www.SEH.com/online/lwsd).

## ASK THE DISTRICT

Q ~ How is my monthly bill calculated?

A ~ Your monthly bill is calculated by the amount (gallons) of sewage that you generate, based on the KWH used, and there is also a base rate for each connection.

Q ~ How is the Meter read; I have never seen a meter reader?

A ~ Your meter is read via Telephone line or web-base. Once a month, our system does a read of all meters in the District.

Q ~ If there is any Construction or Landscaping at our home; do we need to call Gopher One Call to locate the Utility?

A ~ Yes, you should always call Gopher State One Call (800-252-1166), if you are doing any construction or landscaping.

Damage to the system caused by you or your contractor is your responsibility.

Q ~ Can we have a Porta Potty on our property for a Party or for Construction?

A ~ The short answer is Yes. However you will need a permit for this. There is no charge for the permit. The provider has to apply for this permit. Permit's can be obtained by contacting Jim Deike at 507-345-3354.

Q ~ if we are going to build a home (new construction) do I need a Sewer permit?

A ~ Yes, Permits' for construction can be obtained form Jim Deike 507-345-3354. There is \$125.00 permit fee and a \$5000.00 Deposit required for the permit. This will be refunded upon completion and after Schwickert's/SEH inspect the hook up.

Q ~ If we are building a new home, can our plumber hook up the Sewer?

A ~ All hook up's need to be done by Schwickert's and inspected. This is all spelled out in the Permit application for construction.

Q ~ If we are planning an addition that will change the foot print of our house, do we need to contact the District?

A ~ Yes. The District needs to know this to insure that any new addition is not built over the sewer line.

Maintenance issue should be referred to Schwickert's Inc. 507-387-3106. They provide a reliable 24/7 service for our System.

This is a partial list of item that should not be introduced into the sewer system.

Glass Metal Seafood Shells

Goldfish Stone Diapers

Kitty Litter Socks, rags, or Cloth

Plastic objects (toys,utensils,etc.)

Sanitary napkins or tampons. Baby/flushable wipes.

In addition never introduce

Explosives Flammables

Lubricating oil Grease of any kind

Strong Chemicals Gasoline

Keep in mind that the District pays for equipment failures, however, the homeowners may be responsible for costs of repair due to negligence or abuse.

### ENVIRONMENTAL NOTE:

**Did you know that from 2006 through 2014 there has been over 118 million gallons of sanitary waist pumped to Mankato!**

**Seasonal Homes, Please leave power to the grinder on and call Billing when you move out in the Fall and back in the Spring. Julie @ 388-6468 Thanks!**

**MUST PLEASE NOTE: THE GRINDER COVER IS NOT TO BE BURIED There should be no landscaping, concrete, or patio built on or around the grinder station.**

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