

NEWSLETTER

November 2007

LEAF AND BEACH CLEANUP SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 2007-The annual leaf and beach cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, November 10, 2007, beginning at 8:00 a.m.- Leaf, beach and yard waste will be picked up in front of residences within the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District boundaries, which includes residents in the City of Liberty Lake and residents south of Sprague Ave. (See map). The purpose of the cleanup is to protect the lake, aquifer and river from nutrient loading from stormwater that may transport decaying vegetation. Yard waste can be beneficial when composted, but can be a nutrient source when mixed with stormwater that discharges to water systems. **THE PROCEDURE WILL BE THE SAME AS IN PAST YEARS, ALL MATERIAL MUST BE BAGGED OR CONTAINED FOR EASY LOADING BY THE CREWS.** Pick up crews will not have time to rake. Please limit materials to leaves, yard/garden vegetation, weeds, algae, pine needles, grass clippings and the like. **NO ROCKS! NO STUMPS! NO ROOTS! NO TREES! NO SOD! NO SHRUBS!** Store waste material close to the street for ease of loading. Keep bags as light as possible. Assistance with loading is always appreciated. If you receive water or sewer service from the District, you are eligible for the pick up. The proposed routes and approximate times for pick up are as follows:

Route 1- North of Sprague

- 8:00 a.m.- Streets in Liberty Heights between Molter and McKenzie; Valleyway and Sprague including Mitchell Court.
- 9:00 a.m.- The Village- Alki, Olive and Village Ln.
- 9:30 a.m.- Ridgeview (Lakeridge) Estates
- 10:00 a.m.- The Estates- Dunbarton Oaks, Lancaster, King James.
- 10:30 a.m.- The Meadowood Glen, Grayhawk, and the Vistas. Residents south and east of Country Vista Dr. and Meadowood Golf Course.
- 11:00 a.m.- The Meadows- Streets east of Molter, North and West of Country Vista, and South of Mission.
- 12:00 noon- Homestead, The Aspens and The Cottages- Streets South of Mission, West of Molter, East of Homestead Drive and north of Country Vista.
- 1:30 p.m.- Garden Ridge & the Gardens- Streets South of Country Vista, West of Settler and East of Garry Dr.

Route 2- South of Sprague

- 8:00 a.m.- Begin at Pine Terrace Ln & Dreamwood Circle.
- 8:30 a.m.- East on Tum Tum Dr to end of road.
- 9:00 a.m.- North on Liberty Drive to Lilac Lane
South on Lilac Lane to south end of street.
- 9:30 a.m.- North on Lilac Lane to Kamiakin.
West on Kamiakin to Taft.
- 10:00 a.m.- North on Taft to Liberty Drive.
- 10:30 a.m.- North on Liberty Drive to Melkapsi
- 11:00 a.m.- West on Melkapsi to Wright.
South on Wright to end of road. Back to Mahko.
East on Mahko to Mitchell
North on Mitchell to Melkapsi
West on Melkapsi to Garry Rd.
South on Garry Rd to 2000 South Molter.
- 11:30 a.m.- Return to Liberty Drive and Shoreline Drive
North on Shoreline to Alpine Drive
- 12:00 noon- South on Alpine Drive to Liberty Circle
North on Liberty Drive to Inlet Dr.
- 12:30 p.m.- East on Inlet to 3rd Ave.
- 12:45 p.m.- East on 3rd Ave. to Public Access and back to Della.
- 1:15 p.m.- North on Della to 2nd.
West on 2nd to Molter
North on Molter to Sprague
- 2:00 p.m.- East on Sprague to Overlook
- 3:00 p.m.- West on Overlook/ Lakeridge/ View Place to Ward.
North on Ward to Sprague
- 3:30 p.m.- East on Sprague to Gage.
West on Gage to east and west end of 3rd.
Return to Sprague
- 3:45 p.m.- South on Sprague/ Neyland / to Sandy Beach Mobile Villa.
Return to Neyland

4:15 p.m.- South on Neyland to Windsong
South on Windsong to end of road
Return to Lakeside
4:30 p.m.- South on Lakeside to Starr Lane
West on Starr Lane to end of road.

Residents not listed on routes, missed, or for more information, please contact the District offices at 922-5443, extension 21.

Your support is needed to make this project a success. Please remember that material must be bagged or in a container for easy loading into trucks. Pick up crews will not have time to rake. The schedule could be altered due to weather, amount of material, or breaks to listen to WSU Cougars, UW Huskies or Oregon State Beavers. **NOTE: BAGGED, CONTAINED, AND/OR PILED AQUATIC WEEDS ON BEACHES OR DOCKS WILL BE PICKED UP DURING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12TH. CALL GLENYS AT 922-5443 EXT. 21 WITH LOCATIONS.**

VOLUNTEER WORKERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

WINTERIZE WATER METERS- Now is the time to think about winterizing water meters. The District has meter blankets available to customers at no cost. Waterproof insulating materials can be used to insulate the meter from freezing. Don't fill meter box with material that will absorb water and freeze. For additional information contact John Yake, 922-5443, ext. 27.

WATER METER READING- The District reads the residential meters four (4) times per year. Customers are required to keep the meter vault clear of obstructions such as shrubbery, debris, machinery, vehicles, etc. Customers with meters in back yards must provide access for meter reading. The District on occasion will trim shrubs to access the meter. If the meter reader experiences a problem, a door hanger will be left describing the problem. Your prompt attention is appreciated. For additional information contact John Yake at 922-5443, ext. 27.

DISTRICT WEB SITE- Check out the district's web site at www.libertylake.org. Information regarding rates, staff, water quality, lake protection, lake level and more is listed.

FALL RESERVOIR MAINTENANCE- Every fall the district lightly chlorinates the reservoirs to disinfect the system as a preventive measure. In addition, lines are flushed to eliminate stagnant water in dead end lines.

SECURITY OF FACILITIES- Wells, reservoirs, sewer manholes, valves, sewer lift stations, wastewater treatment plants and other water and sewer utilities are all vulnerable to unauthorized access and vandalism. Security measures are in place and improvements will continue to assure these facilities are safe. One of the best security measures is the eyes and ears of district residents. If you see or suspect suspicious activity at any of the district facilities, please call 9-1-1 and report the incident.

ELECTRONIC PAYMENT- District has implemented a program of direct debit for payment of water and sewer bills. To participate you must complete an authorization agreement for direct payment, which can be found on the District web site www.libertylake.org. You can fax the authorization to the district office at (509) 926-7691 for processing. For additional information contact Glenys at 922-5443 ext. 21.

TMDL STUDY-Spokane River- The Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) is conducting a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study of the Spokane river to set standards to protect dissolved oxygen concentrations. Wastewater dischargers to the river will be faced with new standards to protect the river. The dischargers to the Spokane River have tentatively agreed to a 20-year schedule with DOE to meet the proposed new standards. The District will be required to upgrade the plant again to further reduce phosphorus being discharged to the river. The next step, effluent filtration, will occur in the next 5 to 8 years. To review the fundamental concepts of the 20 plan, go to http://client-ross.com/spokane-river/docs/foundationalconcepts_v21.pdf#search. For more information contact Lee Mellish at 922-9016.

TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE PROGRESS- The upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant is completed. Williams Brother Construction of Spokane was the general contractor to increase the treatment plant capacity from 1 million gallons per day to 2 million gallons per day. The facility

has improved phosphorus and nitrogen removal capabilities. Phosphorus discharges have changed from 4.8 milligrams per liter to .2 mg/l. Biosolids processing and handling greatly improved with removal and disposal of biosolids to wheat fields near Mansfield, Washington.

WATERSHED COMMITTEE- The Watershed Advisory Committee meets monthly. The committee has been active in promoting lake, river and aquifer protection. The "Watershed Watch" is published twice a month in the *Liberty Lake Splash*. Many thanks to Keva Monson for her work in creating the Watershed Watch each month. All Liberty Lake residents are invited to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for November 7th 6:00 p.m. at Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District Administration Building. Call BiJay Adams at 922-5443 ex. 30.

NO FEEDING WATERFOWL-In an effort to protect public health, reduce pollutants that contributes to algae blooms, and control of waterborne parasites (i.e. swimmers itch), the District is requesting no feeding of waterfowl, including gulls. Signs have been posted throughout the community. The Department of Fish and Game also strongly recommend not feeding birds or other wild animals.

VOLUNTEER MONITORING-The Spokane County Conservation District under a grant with the Washington State Department of Ecology has organized a Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program targeted at watershed residents, lake associations, schools/universities, town councils or others interested in watershed protection and enhancement efforts. The District is recruiting volunteers to assist in collecting data from Liberty Creek, Cable Creek, the three inlet streams on Wicomico Beach, and the Spokane River at Stateline. Call BiJay Adams at 922-5443 ex. 30 to volunteer.

LEAK DETECTION- Is your water bill too high? Leaky toilet bowls and faucets could be the reason. In some cases, the service line from the street to the house is also leaking. Call John Yake at 922-5443 ex. 27 for assistance in finding these wasteful leaks.

WATERSHED PLEDGE- The District is teaming up with the Washington State Department of Ecology to launch an educational pilot project in Liberty Lake. The pilot project is called the "Watershed Pledge", and it is designed to engage residents in changing their behaviors to reflect good water stewardship. This project, modeled after the Whatcom Watershed Pledge, will provide citizens with information about how they can protect and improve rivers, lakes, streams and groundwater. The pledge takes residents through a checklist of practices that can be adopted in the home to prevent pollution and allow them to take pride that they are doing their part to protect local rivers and lakes. For additional information contact BiJay Adams at 922-5443 ex. 30.

WATER CONSERVATION- The Washington State Legislature passed the Municipal Water Law in 2003 that required all municipal water suppliers to use water more efficiently in exchange for water right certainty and flexibility. The District is required to develop a water use efficiency plan by January 2008. What this means for Liberty Lake and others in the state is that water conservation efforts will be required. Remember, "Don't waste our water, It's Beneath You!!"

SHORELINE ACTIVITIES- Spokane County regulates certain activities within 50 feet of the ordinary high water mark, including cutting of trees and installing docks. Before conducting any construction near the lake, contact Spokane County Building Department and Department of Fish and Game regarding required permits. For more information contact Bijay Adams at 922-5443 ext. 30.

