

Welcome members of the Public, Commissioners, and Lake Stevens Sewer District Staff.

A long time ago, back in 1957 ...a group of concerned Lake Stevens residents led by Jim and Nancy Mitchell saw a very real environmental threat posed by antiquated wastewater disposal systems allowing raw sewage to seep in to their pristine Lake. This leakage was creating algae blooms and a very real danger to public health. Something had to be done. Thus the District was born. To put this simple statement into the proper perspective, consider that this visionary approach came a full fifteen years BEFORE the Federal Government mandated the Clean Water Act of 1972. Jim Mitchell himself was a long time Commissioner, advocating a clean Lake,

ensuring the Districts' purpose and integrity stayed strong. The Mitchells and their associates cleaned up the Lake by stopping pollution from occurring, and we at the Sewer District have followed through by KEEPING it clean and pollution free. Your current Sewer Commissioners Brent Kirk, Pam Stevens, and Frank McDaniel have earned and kept your trust by upholding the same high standards and ideals Jim and Nancy Mitchell set in place in 1957. The vision created by the Mitchells' back then is the same one we share today;

Protect the Lake for everyone, now and into the future. We are YOUR Sewer District, and we are 100% committed to keeping that dream alive. Alongside your Commissioners, we work tirelessly researching and implementing environmentally sound, responsible practices to ensure a healthy and vibrant lake and Community.

Fast forward to 2017. I'm Casey, and I am proud to welcome you to Lake Stevens Sewer Districts' Diamond 60th Anniversary!

Six decades of being a responsible partner and Environmental caretaker for the Community of Lake Stevens.

Six decades of loyal service to you, and still going strong! Every single day, we, your twenty six District employees, work tirelessly to maintain your current and future enjoyment of the lake. These folks are your friends and neighbors and are a real-life success story. Along with their highly qualified District Crews, Managers Michael Bowers, Tonya Christoffersen and John Dix keep a watchful eye on the Operations and finances of Wastewater Collections and Treatment Operations. Amazing how what started out as a bright idea grew into your Districts' caring stewardship of the Lake, withstanding the test of time. On this day of our 60th Anniversary, we are pleased to present the crown jewel of the District, your "State of the Art" G.E. Zenon Ultrafiltration Membrane Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Plant Operators have improved on the original GE operational scheme, and pioneered such innovative Treatment strategies that many other Municipalities have sent their people here to see and learn. Visitors have even traveled internationally to see our accomplishments. The Zenon process is so effective at treating wastewater, the water we return to the Slough is cleaner than the slough itself!

The real "magic" is that although this Plant is rated to safely treat five million gallons of raw sewage per day, through great foresight and wise planning it was designed and built to treat double that flow in the future by simply upgrading the existing process. Through sound investment in your Community, you have guaranteed that our Lake will be part of our future. Every day, many other Municipalities nationwide struggle to meet their sanitation needs with outdated ineffective Treatment systems. You, the residents, chose a bright path and the right people to ensure an environmentally secure future.

We at lake Stevens Sewer District take our responsibilities very seriously, and along with you we work for and dream of a sparkling clean future. Clean Lakes, Clean Rivers, Clean Oceans.