

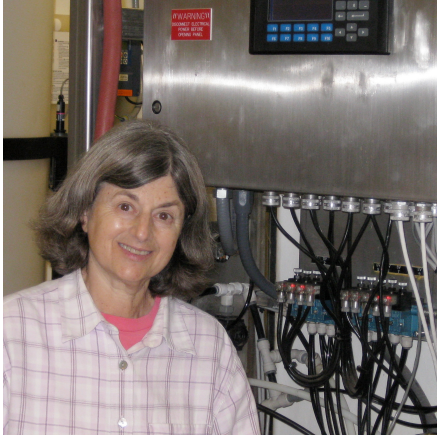
THE CANYON CRIER

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For the Residents of the Lake Canyon Mutual Water Company

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Howdy, Neighbor!



In this issue, we focus our attention on Barbara Abel. Barbara and her husband Phil have been residents of LCMWC since 1976, and have been involved with community water for most of that time. Barbara currently reigns as Lake Canyon's Water Queen Supreme, although her official title is Water Treatment Operator.

So, what does Barbara do in this critical role? She has a slew of responsibilities that enable the proper functioning of our treatment plant, and ensure our water is clean and in line with the state's strict requirements. Her daily trips to the plant (sometimes up to 4-5 times a day) include recording data from the filter unit, chlorine analyzer, and turbidimeter; performing tests on the water for turbidity or particles, and free chlorine; maintaining the filter unit; and checking and refilling the tanks. Barbara also performs scheduled cleaning on the filters.

In addition to maintenance, she takes water samples to a lab each month to be tested for bacteria, and reports collected data to the state. Various quarterly and annual samples are also submitted to meet state regulations.

Update on Water Meter Project

The LCMWC Board has formed a sub-committee to look at the impact of moving the water company to a consumption-based model, which would require each home to have its own water meter. Heading the group is board member Aaron Behman.

The group will perform an analysis to estimate the cost of running a private utility, and the impact on the community, and create a potential timeline for implementation. When completed, the Board will review the findings and decide on the next steps.

Property owners are currently allowed to have their own water meters installed; however, there are specific guidelines as to how and where the installation can occur. If you are interested in becoming part of the committee, or have questions on meter installation, contact Aaron Behman at lakecanyonoutreach@gmail.com.

Barbara is certified by the California Department of Public Health, and is required to take continuing education classes to maintain her certifications.

To maintain the safety of our water, it's important for Barbara to know how well the plant is running at all times. Luckily for us, she can monitor the activity of the treatment plant systems through an automation device, which notifies her by phone of any problems that occur at the plant, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

In her spare time, (yes, she has some!) she enjoys hiking, practicing Yoga, learning Italian, reading and cooking.

For Safety's Sake, Respect the Limit

The Lake Canyon community has lots of children, cats, runners, and walkers who share the road with you as you drive in and out of the canyon. Please be observant of our posted 15 MPH speed limit on all canyon roads. It's important for all residents, but especially those with children who play outside and pets that like to walk around. Remember: Dogs should always be on a leash if they are outside your home or fenced yard.



How do we keep our water clean?

We use **microfiltration** to clean our water. Raw water from our spring and Beardsley Creek pass through a filter unit, which is comprised of 3 modules containing 22,000 filaments each. (These modules are backwashed hourly to remove particulates that have been filtered out.) The filtered water is then disinfected to kill bacteria and viruses, pumped to our two storage tanks, and then distributed by gravity flow to your home. **When the power goes out, we can't filter water, so conserve water during outages.**

A Note About: The Lake Canyon Mutual Water Co. and Community Service District

We have two water boards within the Lake Canyon community. Often folks get these two mixed up, so here's a snapshot of each.

The Lake Canyon Mutual Water Company is responsible for the water that goes into all 52 homes, as well as maintaining our roads and bridges. The Lake Canyon Community Service District is responsible for the water that comes out of all homes, which includes primarily the sewer lines and septic system maintenance.

Road Maintenance Fund Allotted

All five members of the LCMWC Board have approved a portion of the water company funds be assigned each month to a road maintenance account. In recent years, road maintenance dollars have not been allocated because other, more urgent projects have taken precedence.

The road fund will ensure that there is money available to complete projects, like sealing the road surface, adding Bots Dots where needed, repainting fire lane stripes, repairing deteriorating asphalt, and creating berms for controlling water flow.

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How Well Do You Know Lake Canyon?

Can you find the 6 hidden words in the puzzle?

O	Y	T	K	M	K	L	L	F
F	W	L	E	T	Y	G	I	R
I	J	T	U	N	R	V	M	D
F	Q	T	Y	J	E	T	B	M
T	W	W	M	T	W	D	D	W
E	L	M	P	O	F	L	Y	R
E	Q	N	R	Q	Y	I	N	K
N	T	Y	R	N	P	D	F	P



Instructions: Find and circle the words hidden in the text block using the clues provided below. Words can go any direction, backwards, diagonal, etc. Try to find them all!

1. In what month is the annual meeting typically held?
2. What percent discount is allowed if the water dues are paid in full by September 30th?
3. What is the speed limit on all Lake Canyon roads?
4. How many board members make up the LCMWC Board?
5. How many residences are there in Lake Canyon?
6. What is the maximum number of water hook-ups any one property is allowed?

Wintertime Creek Maintenance

When the rain starts to come down in the canyon, we often see Beardsley Creek increase to the size and strength of a powerful, rushing river. Debris that builds up in the creek could create a dam and cause a potentially serious flood.

To avoid future disasters, it's important to keep the creek clear of all branches, logs, brush and small trees growing in the creek bed, and other items that could cause an obstruction downstream. If you live creek-side or own property that includes part of the creek, please take a few minutes to inspect the creek and surrounding banks to ensure that the area is clear of these items.



Oktoberfest a Great Success!

If you missed the Oktoberfest Potluck sponsored by the LCMWC Board last October 20th, then you missed out on a lot of fun! We had an excellent turnout of canyon residents, as well as a plethora of

good food and festive polka music. Everyone agreed Oktoberfest should be an annual occurrence. We'll let you know this year's date in plenty of time so you can put it on your calendar as a "do not miss" event!