

# Public Water Supply District #13 of Jefferson County Missouri

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Dear Fellow Homeowner,

We are sending you this mailing to bring you up to date on the Lake Tishomingo sewer project and to invite you to attend a special meeting.

## Sewer Update Meeting 11 am April 4 Lake Tishomingo Community House

At this meeting the sewer project engineers will be present to explain the sewer project plans and the attorney for the District will be present to explain the electrical easement and answer any legal questions. We will also have a notary available so you can sign and return your electrical easement agreement (photo ID required).

We believe that it is important for you to understand the scope of the project, the District's responsibility, the homeowner's responsibility, and be aware of the tentative schedule.

Included in this mailing is the Electrical Easement Agreement for you to complete and return by April 30, 2009.

### Responsibility of the District

The District has been authorized to receive \$4.2 million in federal loan and state grants for the construction of the central sewer system. Using these funds the District intends to provide:

- Construction of the central public sewer system including waste water treatment plant, sewer main lines along the roads, and sewer lateral lines to individual residences.
- Complete installation and connection of sewer lines and equipment. At each residence this will include an electric circuit, holding tank, and effluent pump.
- Maintenance of all pressure sewer lines and equipment installed by the District including the scheduling of pumping of the homeowner's holding tank.
- Control of the project to obtain the greatest value and maintain economic feasibility.
- Rules and regulations to govern the use of the sewer system to maintain it safely and efficiently.

The District intends to pay for all expenses with the funds provided by the federal loan and state grants. It is expected that the total cost of the system will be less than the amount of the loan and grants and therefore no connection fee will be required of the homeowners. ***Until the actual construction bids are received and accepted we cannot be 100% certain that a connection fee will not be necessary.***

### Responsibility of the Homeowner

The sewer system requires electricity to power the effluent pump. The District plans to install an electric circuit from the base of the electric meter at each residence and place the pump control box on a post in the ground near the holding tank.

Alternatively, the homeowner can be responsible for installing an electric circuit or use an existing dedicated circuit (that meets or exceeds the District's specifications) and thereby have some control over the installation and placement of the circuit and control box. Installation of this circuit must meet the District's schedule to avoid delays.

After connection to the central sewer system the effluent pump will be activated and the homeowner will be responsible for payment of a monthly user fee. The homeowner also will be responsible for complying with the rules and regulations governing the use of the sewer system.

**Electrical Easement**

By signing the enclosed Electrical Easement Agreement the homeowner grants permission to the District to connect the effluent pump to the electrical circuit dedicated to that pump.

This easement document has been reviewed and approved by the attorneys for both the District and the LTPOA. The Boards of both organizations have been assured that this document protects the rights of the property owners and properly grants permission to the District to make the required electrical connection.

Please sign the electrical easement agreement and return by April 30, 2009 to avoid any possible delay to your future connection to the central sewer system. Your signature must be notarized. The easiest way to do this is to bring it along to the April 4 meeting.

**Mandatory Connection Ordinance**

The District will be passing a mandatory connection ordinance that requires every residence within 300 feet of the sewer main line to connect to the central sewer system. Under Missouri law this ordinance has the strength of law and will be enforced.

Based on the District’s Mandatory Connection Ordinance and the Lake Tishomingo Restrictions each home will be required to connect to the sewer system.

If a homeowner causes delay of his or her connection, the actual cost of connection will be borne by that homeowner. This will include the dedicated electric circuit, the connection fee, and the actual cost of labor and materials to install lateral sewer lines, holding tank, effluent pump, and associated equipment. If legal action is required, then all legal costs also will be borne by the homeowner.

**Schedule**

The tentative schedule for the sewer project is as follows:

- Mar 2009** Sewer main and lateral lines collection plan complete
- Apr 4, 2009** Sewer Update Meeting
- Apr 30, 2009** **Electrical Easement Agreement due date**
- May 2009** Submit project to bid
- Fall 2009** Begin construction of waste water treatment plant

**Summary**

Please read the enclosed brochure to gain an understanding of the planned sewer system and please return the signed electrical easement agreement form by April 30, 2009. We hope that you understand that it is in everyone’s best interest that we continue to move forward and not have any delays in the completion of this project.

We are all homeowners here, we all enjoy the beauty of the lake, and we all will benefit from the installation of the sewer system which will help to preserve the quality of our lake and our drinking water.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation with this project,

Public Water Supply District #13 Board of Directors

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