Happy New Year! 2018 in Review...

A busy 2018 is officially behind us and a busy 2019 is officially here. I hope the new year finds you all happy, healthy and enthused for things to come. Before we get to those “things to come”, however, let’s look back at things just done. 2018 was an eventful year at Kitsap PUD. Here are a few highlights:

**Commissioner Berg Retires After 30 Years**

December 31 marked the last day of Commissioner Lloyd Berg’s thirty year tenure at Kitsap Public Utility District. Mr. Berg served five consecutive terms representing the central Kitsap area. The PUD has changed dramatically over his three decade term. During his time, Lloyd oversaw (among many other things):

- significant growth of KPUD’s drinking water utility including a push toward regional operations and infrastructure,
- formation of KPUD’s Telecommunications program, and
- development of KPUD’s Wastewater program.

Kitsap PUD—or Kitsap County—would not be what it is today without Lloyd’s decades long contribution. Please join me in thanking Lloyd for his service and wishing him all the best in his next chapter. Best wishes, Lloyd, from your friends at Kitsap PUD!

**A new regional supply well**

On October 4th, a ribbon-cutting ceremony (right) was held for a new regional supply well located off Newberry Hill in Silverdale. Beginning in July 2019, the new well will undergo a year-long pump test. This will help define the boundaries of the Seabeck Aquifer, a major source of supply for Kitsap County. Construction of the well’s facilities was done in cooperation with Silverdale Water District.

**KPUD hosts 2018 Water Workshop**

In September, Kitsap PUD hosted the Washington PUD Association’s annual Water Workshop. The annual event, which occurs over three days, provides water-related training for PUD staff and Boards and allows certified water operators to earn required continuing education units. PUDs from all over the state attended. At left, Commissioner Jim Civilla addresses the audience.

**KPUD to provide water to Keyport**

- In 2017, Kitsap PUD won a bid to provide drinking water to the Navy base at Keyport. The base lies adjacent to KPUD’s Keyport Water System from which KPUD will provide supply. Service to the base is expected to commence in 2019.
2018 Water Rates

2019 Rates shown below are for a typical residential service. Remember: KPUD bills on a bi-monthly basis.

**Basic Service Charge**
- $24.50 (monthly)
- $49.00 (per 2-month billing)

**Commodity Charge**
- **Tier 1** (0-1,400 cubic feet): $1.30 per 100 cubic feet*
- **Tier 2** (1,401—2,400 cubic feet): $1.75 per 100 cubic feet
- **Tier 3** (2,401—4,000 cubic feet): $2.75 per 100 cubic feet
- **Tier 4** (over 4,000 cubic feet): $6.75 per 100 cubic feet

*100 cubic feet equals 748 gallons

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2019 Water Rates

And now, on to 2019...

After reviewing 2018, let’s look ahead to the year at hand. While we don’t know everything that will come our way, we do know we will have a new commissioner. Last November, **Heather Pauley** was elected to be KPUD’s central Kitsap commissioner. Heather replaces Lloyd Berg who retired after 30 years on the Board. She has a background in education and has worked for the Bremerton School District for the past four years. Heather (below left) is seen here at her very first Board meeting alongside Jim Civilla (south Kitsap) and Debra Lester (north Kitsap). Join me in welcoming Heather to Kitsap PUD. Your KPUD Board, then, for 2019 is:

**President**—Debra Lester  
**Vice President**—Jim Civilla  
**Secretary**—Heather Pauley

**KPUD Videos** - In 2018, Kitsap PUD produced three videos meant to educate citizens on KPUD operations. The videos, which are available on our website, cover the wastewater project at Port Gamble, KPUD’s water management activities and KPUD’s Telecom program.

**Kitsap PUD Facts**

Once upon a time, it was widely believed that Kitsap’s groundwater supplies were recharged from snowmelt from the Olympic Mountains. This is not true. Scientists have determined that Hood Canal is a “hydrologic boundary” that separates the hydrology of the Olympic Peninsula from the hydrology of the Kitsap Peninsula. Kitsap is one of three Washington counties that do not receive any water from mountain snowmelt. All of our water supply comes from rain that falls on our peninsula.