



# GREENLAWN

Spring 2006  Water District Report

Water is precious...use it wisely

## Strengthening our infrastructure

Every time you open your tap, you expect the purest, best quality water, which is why strengthening and maintaining Greenlawn's water infrastructure is so vital. Commissioner Jim Logan stated *"The Greenlawn Water District is completely dedicated to delivering the finest water to all Greenlawn Water District residents or businesses, as well as ensuring ample use for our fire department. This is our mission 24/7, 365 days per year."*

And that includes covering the increased demand due to residential construction and the seasonal peak use periods of July and August. You will continually see our vehicles and blue-uniformed technicians checking and maintaining the elements of the water system. And now a new high capacity well is on line on Buttercup Lane, upgrading our daily capacity from 22 to 23.5 million gallons per day. Here is how the Greenlawn Water District infrastructure has been strengthened in the past 12 months.

### **1,000 GALLONS PER MINUTE CAPACITY ADDED.**

Your water travels quite a distance before it even reaches the surface. New well #17 is now on line and its water travels 550'...straight up...from its origin in Long Island's Magothy Aquifer.

Pumping 1,000 gallons/minute, well #17 is a huge addition to our water supply... and to save you the calculations, that's over 1.4 million gallons/day!

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## Saluting our men and women in uniform

This Memorial Day, the Greenlawn Water District wishes to honor all of our veterans, active military personnel, and troops stationed all over the world. We thank you for your courage and sense of duty to preserve our American way of life. We salute you!

# GREENLAWN WATER DISTRICT'S BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Left to right:  
Superintendent Bob Santoriello,  
Commissioners Jim Logan,  
John McLaughlin and  
Bill Wieck.

## Inter-agency cooperation works!

A recent inter-agency agreement is benefiting Greenlawn residents. As a result of board-to-board discussions between the Greenlawn Water District and the Greenlawn Board of Fire Commissioners, the public's best interests are being served. The new arrangement provides that the Greenlawn Fire Department will maintain approximately 550 hydrants in Greenlawn. This includes painting them, regular flow testing and keeping them clear of debris so that they are accessible at all times. In return the Greenlawn Water District has reduced rental rates to \$1.00 per hydrant per year.

According to Commissioner Bill Wieck, *"The new arrangement with the fire department is a win/win situation. It ensures maintenance and accessibility and frees up Water District personnel for a host of other tasks."*



## Strengthening our infrastructure *Continued from cover*

### MODERNIZING OUR WELLS

Good maintenance conserves tax dollars and provides more and better water. Some of our older wells such as well #10 and well #15, established in 1965 and 1986 respectively, have been refurbished and modernized in 2005-2006. Both are located on Manor Road. New pumps, motors and electrical controls were installed to keep them prepared to function efficiently and continually. In addition, a diesel backup generator has been installed. Now even if electrical service is interrupted, the systems will be able to function and deliver your water. *"I'm pleased that we were able to accomplish both major upgrades without any significant interruption of supply or inconvenience to our customers."* stated Commissioner Logan. *"As Benjamin Franklin said, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."*

### WELL #6 GETS NEW PUMP & MOTOR

Superintendent Bob Santoriello agreed. *"Good maintenance is good common sense. We make sure every part of our water system is as reliable and cost-efficient as possible with regularly scheduled maintenance. For example, at well #6 we have replaced the original pump that was installed during the Lyndon Johnson administration. It served the Greenlawn community well for 40 years, thanks in a large way to proper maintenance. I'd say it did the job just fine. Our new pump should perform even better."*



## What's in the bottle?

Today most supermarkets carry bottled water from Maine, Georgia and even the Fiji Islands. All bottled waters may look the same, but that's where the similarities end. With so many different kinds of bottled waters available, it's important to know that virtually none receive the same extensive testing as your Greenlawn water does. (We admit to being a tad prejudiced.) Our water has been named the best tasting in Suffolk County four times and the best tasting in New York State twice. We keep our standards high and do not compromise. In fact we test over 50 samples per month, every month. The water in your tap can stand up to any bottled water for taste and purity...and costs a lot less.



## Ensuring security in Greenlawn

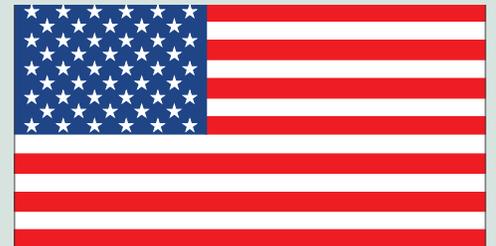
September 11, 2001 is a day that no one will ever forget. And to help ensure that terrorist activities are not repeated here, the Greenlawn Water District has taken many steps to protect our water sources with a Homeland Security update. For example, all of our wells, stations and equipment are protected by a security system.

Commissioner John McLaughlin remarked on some of the steps taken. *"We also strive to stay ahead of the curve electronically. Alarms are connected directly to the central office which dispatches police. The Greenlawn Water District has adopted New York State official guidelines against hacking into our computer systems."*

Our security measures extend to individuals. Even though fully 99% of our residential appointments are confirmed in advance, you may get a visit on occasion to read a meter, confirm a leak or investigate other water-related issues. All the technicians and field service personnel who may visit you have received training. It's hard to miss our field people. All wear dark blue uniforms with their names on the breast pockets of their shirts or jackets. And if you have further questions, just ask to see their Greenlawn Water District photo IDs.

## Our hydrants: Why orange and white?

It's no accident that Greenlawn Water District hydrants are orange and white. They're painted that way for immediate visual identification, day or night. We use international orange color. Our hydrants have bright white tops for easier nighttime identification by the fire department and emergency crews. Also, the colors serve as a visual reminder to motorists not to park in front of hydrants, which might slow/prevent water delivery. This could cost firefighters precious seconds that might save a building...or a life.



## Did You Know?

- **Fact:** In 2005, Greenlawn saw record water use. Over 2.3 billion gallons were pumped. With some 42,000 residents in our district, that computes to roughly 54,762 gallons per person per year. Looking at it another way, that's 200,000 gallons for each of Greenlawn's 11,500 homes and businesses. Wow!
- **Fact:** Fluoridation? We get asked about it all the time, but fluoride is not now, nor has ever been added to our water.
- **Fact:** Greenlawn Water District was established in 1927. 2007 will be our 80th year of service to the community.
- **Fact:** The Greenlawn Water District is responsible for 175 miles of water mains. That's nearly the distance from New York City to Albany.
- **Fact:** With three elevated storage tanks and one ground storage tank, Greenlawn's total storage capacity is quite substantial, nearly 6.0 million gallons.



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