



# GREENLAWN

Spring 2007

## Water District Report

Water is precious...use it wisely

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1927

### Greenlawn Water District celebrates 80th anniversary!

IT WAS 1927, a wonderful year. Charles Lindbergh flew solo nonstop across the Atlantic, Babe Ruth slugged a record 60 homers and the Holland Tunnel opened. The first feature length talking motion picture hit the silver screen, Sonja Henie put ice skating on the map and 100,000 fans watched Gene Tunney dethrone Jack Dempsey for the heavyweight boxing championship. 1927 was Prohibition, the height of the Roaring Twenties, with flappers and mobsters. Calvin Coolidge was President, Al Smith the governor of New York and dapper Jimmy Walker NYC's mayor. And also in 1927, the Greenlawn Water District (GWD) was formed to serve the residents of Greenlawn, then only a few hundred people.

Since then, a lot of water has been delivered to residents, now officially more than 12,000 connections and 42,000 people. From the first well drilled in 1928, Greenlawn Water District now has 17, with a combined daily capacity of nearly 24 million gallons. The district now has over 175 miles of water mains, a storage capacity of 6 million gallons and more than 1,200 hydrants. And it supplies fire protection to six fire departments, including Centerport, Commack, Dix Hills, East Northport and Huntington Manor, as well as Greenlawn.

Commissioner John McLaughlin commented: "We have certainly brought the district into the 21st century. Our equipment is fully modernized and we maintain rigorous maintenance schedules. I believe this is what Greenlawn Water District residents expect, and I am certain it is what they deserve."

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# Our 80th Anniversary

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A lot may have changed since 1927, but the water quality is better than ever. Six times Greenlawn Water District has won the Suffolk Title for Best tasting water...and twice, in 2001 and 2004, GWD has won the title for all of New York State!

*"We're proud that the Greenlawn Water District has scored so highly in water purity and taste comparisons, and we are vigilant in maintaining that quality. And we will continue to provide the same high level of customer service that has become our trademark since our inception."* Stated Commissioner Jim Logan.

And it's tough to beat the cost. While a liter of bottled water generally retails for \$1.39-1.89 in a supermarket (or about \$7.00 a gallon), GWD residents pay only \$10.00 for the first 8,000 gallons. That's truly a bargain!

### Typical Greenlawn Tax Assessment

	Tax Rate Per \$100.00	% of Total
School	179.205	67.83
Library	14.935	5.65
Town/All	20.642	7.81
County/All	34.914	13.22
Fire District	8.540	3.23
GWD	4.753	1.80
Light District	1.209	0.05
	264.198	100%

Times change. But the Greenlawn Water District's dedication to the community remains powerful. As Commissioner Bill Wieck put it, *"We live here, we work here and we raise our families here. We make sure that we are always available to our customers. As commissioners we want the best for everyone and we're dedicated to ensuring the quality and purity of our water supply, even during heavy use summer months."*

Added Commissioner McLaughlin, *"80 years of successful operation and we look forward to 80 more years of providing top quality product and service."*

Congratulations to Greenlawn Water District residents and all the water district personnel who have contributed to these successes through the years.

# WATER COMMISSIONERS 1927-PRESENT



(Left to Right)  
Water Commissioners  
John McLaughlin,  
James Logan and  
William Wieck.

**Elwood W. Powell**  
1927-1930

**Carroll W. Crane**  
1959-1963

**G. Fred Ellis**  
1927-1934

**Ernest V. Lyon**  
1963

**Edward Smith**  
1927-1934

**Robert A. Byers**  
1964-1968

**C.E. Sanders**  
1931-1936

**Francis A. Dufrane**  
1969-1982

**George C. Zehner**  
1935-1954

**Harry T. Holmes**  
1979-1991

**Nelson Nichols**  
1935-1952

**Edward A. Cetta**  
1980-1985

**Harry Silberstein**  
1937-1948

**Donald C. Lammers**  
1984-1995

**Harold O'Conner**  
1948-1954

**Edward R. Froehlich**  
1986-1999

**William J. Farmer**  
1953-1979

**William M. Wieck**  
1992-

**William E. Alster**  
1954

**John T. McLaughlin**  
1996-

**Robert E. Hickerson**  
1955-1979

**James M. Logan**  
2000-

**Harry Schmidt**  
1955-1959



1927, July - Greenlawn Water District established

1950s - Two storage tanks built at Jericho/Old Cou Road and on Larkfield Road in Commack

1927, August 8th - First minutes recorded, first officers appointed: Elwood Powell, G. Fred Ellis, Edward Smith.

1957 - District office Railroad Avenue

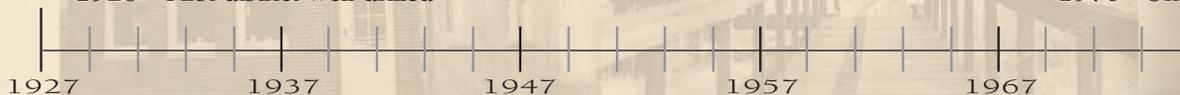
1960 - Well #6 drilled

1928 - First district well drilled

1947 - Well #2 drilled

1966 - Well #10 drilled

1970 - 3m



# Environmental Stewardship Extends to Electricity



The Greenlawn Water District has taken environmental stewardship to another level by helping to conserve electricity and receives monetary compensation in the bargain.

Anyone who has experienced the electrical blackouts and brownouts of the past few years knows that they are dangerous, create havoc and cause damages. Because the region's demand for electricity escalates annually while supplies remain stagnant, Operation Save New York, an energy reduction incentive program, was founded. The concept is to have customers reduce electric use when the demand reaches or exceeds available supply, which can paralyze the electrical grid, resulting in rolling brownouts or even blackouts. This is especially true during peak demand summer months.

The Greenlawn Water District is participating in the Operation Save New York demand response program administered by Energy Curtailment Specialists, Inc. (ECS). The agreement stipulates that the district receives a guaranteed minimum fee to be available or "on-call" to reduce its power needs. When notified the district will run its wells on existing back-up generators. This involves temporarily shutting down plant sites or switching over to an alternative energy source. This action initiates revenues, and GWD is reimbursed for the cost of the fuel used, with proper notification.

Since initiating the program in 2006 the Greenlawn Water District has collected some \$28,000.

*"While it is not a total solution, the program is an effective answer to potential electrical power shortages." Commented GWD Superintendent Bob Santoriello. "It's all part of being a responsible steward for our environment, much in the same way we stress water conservation. In the Greenlawn Water District, by observing water conservation, we are able to keep the cost of water down. And by committing to Operation Save New York we are helping to preserve the integrity of the New York State electric grid while simultaneously bringing revenue to the district."*



Superintendent Bob Santoriello.

## The People Who Provide Your Water

Mother Nature's greatest gift is pure, refreshing water. Ensuring that water is available in sufficient quantity and purity involves the efforts of many. The Greenlawn Water District employees are proud to be of service to the community, year in and year out. And if you total everyone's tenure, you'll find there's 282 years of collective experience!!!

## We Salute Those Who Serve

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





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 or...  
 • 8,000 gallons of Greenlawn's award-winning water!

Today, one \$10 bill with Alexander Hamilton's portrait on it will buy you...

**Quick.** What do Alexander Hamilton and the Greenlawn Water District have in common?

**Did You Know?**