



GREENLAWN

Water District Report

Water is precious...use it wisely.



Spring 2012



GWD Drilling New Well



7th Consecutive Year... NO TAX OR WATER RATE INCREASE.

The number seven is held by many to be "lucky". Indeed, in 2012, for the 7th year in a row, Greenlawn residents will see no increases in taxes or water rates. But that has nothing to do with luck and everything to do with good planning.

"We're proactive," Commissioner Logan said. "Our perennial preventive maintenance program never stops, and it conserves dollars. And that includes maintaining and modernizing equipment and keeping all of our facilities running smoothly and efficiently. That's a big reason why we have been able to control the cost and the downtime of our

delivery systems, including those below ground."

"We take absolutely nothing for granted. We are vigilant in our monitoring and servicing. It's not an easy process. Considering that some mains were installed before World War II. They have aged well, but sooner or later they will have to be replaced, and we have always figured infrastructure upgrade costs into our budgets."

"I don't think people realize the extent of our infrastructure. We maintain 200 miles of mains and pipes, enough to go from here to Albany and back."

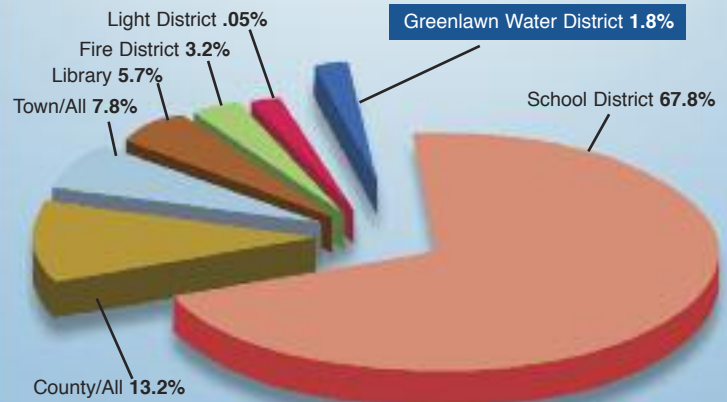
A new well is being added to the infrastructure of the Greenlawn Water District to meet the growing demands of the District's residents.

The new well is being drilled on the site of former Well #3 on Park Avenue, a cost saving measure that eliminates the need to acquire land for a new site. Well #3, originally drilled in 1953 and closed some 20 years ago, was shallow, reaching only a depth of 218 feet.

The new well will be approximately 600 feet deep. It will reach to the bottom of the Magothy aquifer, the largest of Long Island's three aquifers, which consists of sand deposits alternating with clay. According to the Department of Environmental Conservation, "the aquifers underlying Long Island are among the most prolific in the country."

Commissioner James Logan stated, "Preliminary sampling indicates that the water quality is very good. We anticipate that drilling will be completed by April. The well is expected to go on line in approximately one year."

Commissioner Wieck added, "We have plans for a new building to house the well. It will be aesthetically pleasing and will blend into the surrounding community. We always do so with a mind toward maintaining the existing landscaping, which in this case includes a number of old oaks. We'll add new landscaping as needed."



Girl Scouts Water Drop Patch Program



Girl Scouts Troop #291 at a recent tour of Plant #14 on Cuba Hill Road.

Updating Wells #5 & #8



The updating of wells #5 and #8 has been completed on time in anticipation of high summer pumping demands. Each well received new premium efficient motors and new pumps. At well #8 we also installed fresh Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC) in our existing filtration system. The extremely high porosity of a mere 10 grams of activated carbon, approximately one-third of a pound, has a surface area equal to a football field. The updated wells are performing perfectly.

Chlorination



Seeking To Reinstatement Waiver

Chlorination of water supplies is commonly done all over the USA, and all water supplies in Nassau and Suffolk counties are now chlorinated. Chlorination was initiated in the GWD in July 2010 as an appropriate precautionary measure in response to a positive coliform bacteria sample result from well #16. The well was immediately removed from service. Subsequent sampling of the distribution system indicated no positive sampling of any kind.

Commissioner McLaughlin commented, "For the record, bacteria was never detected in any sample taken from the water distribution system, nor has it been detected in any subsequent samples.

The commissioners are hopeful that the New York State waiver from disinfection will be reinstated.

Our Commissioners

(Left to Right) James Logan, Bill Wieck and John McLaughlin.



Conservation

Management Saves Water.

In 2011-2012 we were fortunate to have an extremely mild winter, but who knows what summer will bring? "It was just 2 years ago that the weather was so hot and resulted in record water usage, nearly 2.4 billion gallons," Commissioner Wieck stated. "There's always a need to conserve water, so we are reprising the guidelines from the last *Greenlawn Water District Report* issue."

1. Don't over water lawns
2. Water lawns during the early or parts of the day
3. Report damaged or non-working hydrants
631-261-0874.
4. Repair leaky faucets and running toilets
5. Install water saving shower heads
6. Don't run the hose while washing cars
7. Turn off the faucet while you brush your teeth



Local Control & The Greenlawn Water District.



Greenlawn Water District residents elect their own commissioners every year who by law must live in the GWD service area. The taxes and water rates you pay, which have not changed since 2005, are established by your elected Commissioners, who pay exactly the same rates that you do. The rates are among the lowest anywhere. And should residents wish to visit, the water district office is located right here in Greenlawn.

So, given this level of control where District residents elect commissioners for the management of the GWD and for the benefit of residents, why would anyone consider consolidation?

- **More efficient delivery?** There haven't been any delivery problems in Greenlawn.
- **For lower costs?** There is no evidence that consolidation will lower costs. GWD represents less than 2% of the average tax bill. And we're still less than the national average*.
- **To handle water-related crises better?** No one could have handled the only water crisis we have had in the last 80 years better than it was handled.
- **To deny Greenlawn residents the right to vote locally?** That's the cardinal principle that the USA was founded on.

"The GWD has provided this essential service to every household in our community since 1927," Commissioner McLaughlin remarked. "That's a long time and involves the efforts of a lot of dedicated commissioners, superintendents, technicians and clerks to ensure that the community receives the highest quality water at the lowest possible cost. And we will continue to do everything possible to guarantee quality and minimize costs for all GWD residents."

*source: American Waterworks Association

Election Update.

On December 13, 2011, Bill Wieck was re-elected Water Commissioner and began a new three-year term effective January 1, 2012. Commissioner Wieck is a lifelong Greenlawn resident and a Water Commissioner since 1992.



Upcoming Election

2012.

The next GWD election is for the 3-year term of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015. The election is scheduled for December 11, 2012 with voting at the Greenlawn Water District office, 45 Railroad Street. Polls will be open from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. To vote, you must be:

- A citizen of the USA
- 18 years of age
- A registered voter under the Suffolk County Permanent Registration on or before November 19, 2012
- A resident of the Greenlawn Water District at least 30 days prior to the election date.

Election notices will be placed in The Long Islander and The Record. Also see the GWD website www.greenlawnwater.org or the Huntington town website www.huntington.ny.us.

Please call our office at 631-261-0874 for more information.

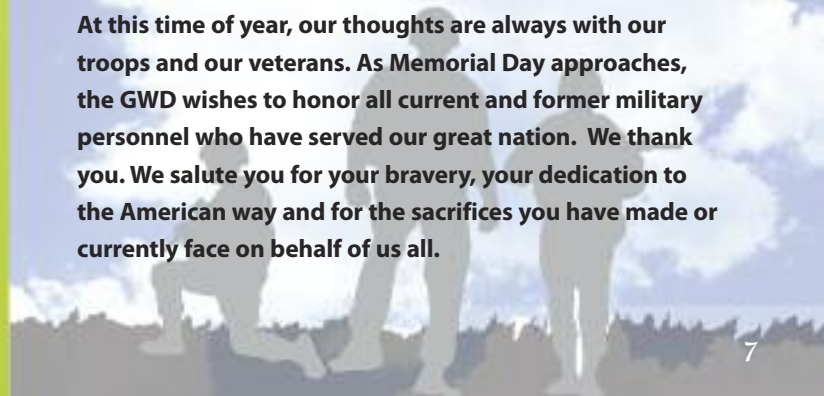
District Meetings Now 9:00 a.m.

All GWD meetings are open to the public. However times have recently been changed. Now all regular meetings will be held at the GWD office at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays.



Saluting US Veterans.

At this time of year, our thoughts are always with our troops and our veterans. As Memorial Day approaches, the GWD wishes to honor all current and former military personnel who have served our great nation. We thank you. We salute you for your bravery, your dedication to the American way and for the sacrifices you have made or currently face on behalf of us all.





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Public Service Reminder.

Your home is your castle and your privacy should always be respected. GWD business does occasionally require home access. In the interest of maintaining your privacy and safety, the commissioners wish to remind you that GWD employees carry ID at all times, wear uniforms bearing their names, and drive vehicles with clear GWD markings.

No Cost To Go Digital.

Still have an analog water meter? Our new electronic water meters eliminate the need for GWD personnel to access your home. Call the GWD for replacement. There are no charges involved.