

GREENLAWN

Water District Report

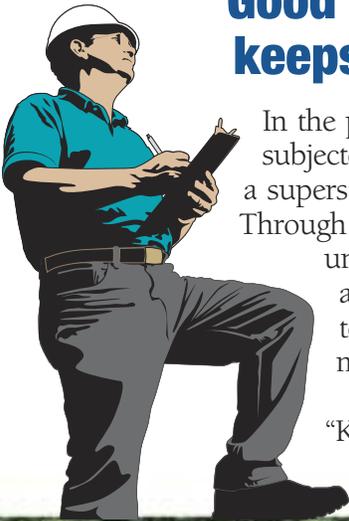
Water is precious. . .use it wisely.



Spring 2013



Good maintenance keeps water flowing.



In the past 18 months, we have been subjected to an earthquake, a hurricane (Irene), a superstorm (Sandy) and the Blizzard of 2013. Through it all, the GWD has delivered an uninterrupted flow of water to residents and businesses. And much of that is due to farsighted planning and vigilant maintenance of our infrastructure.

“Keeping an aging system at optimal levels

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Standing up to Superstorm Sandy



Mother Nature has her whims, and in late October 2012 she was certainly in a foul mood. Superstorm Sandy hammered Long Island with gale force winds that toppled thousands of trees, flooded low areas, ripped down power lines and wreaked havoc everywhere. We are proud to say that in the GWD there was no interruption of water service...despite loss of power.

GWD crews double-checked the readiness of each pump station for Sandy. Many pump stations have standby emergency generators that power electric well motors and the equipment necessary to keep the supply water flowing.

“We have both natural gas and diesel generators and this diversification makes sense as the District can’t be dependent on a single fuel source,” Commissioner Wieck stated. “In an emergency fuel will almost certainly be tough to find. The gas lines during and after Sandy proved the wisdom of that planning.”

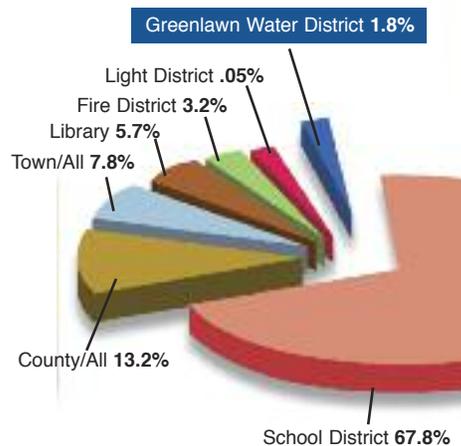
“We initiated preparations long before Sandy hit Long Island,” Commissioner McLaughlin said. “Our technicians and water plant operators were briefed, updated and on the job to handle any potential emergencies.”



No tax or water rate increase 8 years running!

In these difficult, fast changing times, it’s nice to know that some things remain the same...especially when they are water rates and taxes. The GWD is proud that both will remain unchanged for the eighth consecutive year. The last increase was in 2005. The first 8,000 gallons of GWD water still costs only \$10.00, and GWD water is still less than 2% of a typical annual tax assessment.

Typical Greenlawn Tax Assessment.



(L. to R.) Commissioner Bill Wieck, Superintendent Bob Santoriello, Commissioner Jim Logan and Commissioner John McLaughlin.



Conserving water is a vital service that every resident can help with. If you see a leaky or open hydrant or water bubbling from underground, call us at 631.261.0874. When watering lawns, don't over water. It's bad for your lawn and wastes resources. There's nothing more wasteful than leaky faucets, hoses and running toilets. So good maintenance can save the community resources and save you \$\$\$\$. The Commissioners thank you for your efforts in advance.

Hydrant Vigilance



See something, say something.

Hydrant use is strictly regulated. A limited number of contractors are allowed to use designated hydrants equipped with backflow prevention devices. They pay fees and must adhere to the rules. However, some contractors illegally remove water from our hydrants, often using improper tools which can damage hydrants...all at the public's expense. Please report any suspected violations, including names or license plate numbers, to us at 631.261.0874 or call 911.



Education

(Left to Right) Mike Smith, Joe Salmonese and Eric Davis.

Education makes the difference.

"Continuing education is a way of life for us" Commissioner Wieck noted. "When you are entrusted with the health of the public, every bit of knowledge is important."

Re-certification of water treatment operators every three years is NYS-mandated. GWD personnel attend regular operating training workshops and classes and are members of many professional organizations. Nine employees have water operator's licenses, including three who recently received high marks and their Grade IIB New York State license certification.

Honoring those who honor and defend our country.

Our troops are spread out all over the globe to protect our way of life, and many are in harm's way. The GWD salutes our active military personnel serving our great nation, as well as all our veterans. We are grateful for your valor, your sacrifices and for carrying the stars and stripes standard and all it represents, both in your arms and in your hearts.



Total usage: 2,121,525,000 gallons*
Peak usage: 340,130,000 gallons (July)
Lowest usage: 93,319,000 (November)
Peak day: 15,198,000 gallons

*In 2011 usage was 2,227,000,000 gallons.

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requires constant monitoring and evaluation," Commissioner John McLaughlin said. "You can't just be concerned with today. People will need excellent quality water next year and twenty years from now. Our infrastructure is built for the long haul and is maintained properly to get us there."

For example, construction of Well #3R at Park Avenue and Stillwell will meet projected water needs. A test well drilled to 650 feet has yielded excellent quality. "We anticipate that Well #3R will be online by end of 2013," Commissioner Bill Wieck stated. "Construction is currently underway."

Two of the biggest projects from 2011-2012, Wells #5 and #8, are complete and pumping efficiently. Together they deliver 2,400 gallons per minute.

Much of the GWD infrastructure dates from the 1950s and is in need of upgrading. Well #4 (Clay Pitts Road) and Well #12 (Huntsman Lane) are also undergoing upgrades.

"Well #4 has onsite piping dating to the Truman administration in the early 1950s," Commissioner Jim Logan observed. "The wells are at peak performance and in order to keep it up, they're both getting a tune up!"

Well #4 is getting all new onsite piping as well as electrical upgrades. Well #12 will receive upgraded motor controls and a new pump and motor. This will improve electrical efficiency and promote better resource conservation.

Further, the Board of Commissioners is presently reviewing an engineering study for the construction of proposed Well #18 near Wicks Road and Larkfield Road to replace decommissioned Well #16 in the Commack pressure zone. A test well will be drilled to approximately 650 feet.

"The process never ends," Commissioner Logan said, "but that's the only way to guarantee water quality and quantity."

Election 2012 Update

On December 11, 2012, Jim Logan was re-elected Water Commissioner and began a new three-year term effective January 1, 2013. Commissioner Logan, a lifelong Greenlawn resident, is a graduate of Harborfields High School. He is a member of the Greenlawn Fire Department, former Chief Fire Marshal of the Town Of Huntington and served as Head of the Fire Prevention Bureau. Jim has been a GWD Water Commissioner since 2000.



Upcoming Election 2013.

The next GWD election is for the 3-year term of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016. The election is scheduled for December 10, 2013 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 10, 2013
- 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.

The greatest American institution.

When you vote you are participating in the greatest American institution of all. And when you vote for the position of Greenlawn Water Commissioner, you are exercising your choice and choosing from among your peers and neighbors. By law a GWD Commissioner must live in the community, and the wisdom of this rule guarantees local representation. So those you elect pay the same water rates as you do, and they drink the same water that you do. With local control your voice is heard where it counts most, at home, in the GWD.





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Emergency Notification Services.

Even though the challenges of Superstorm Sandy were met, everyone should sign up for the Swift 911 Emergency Notification System. It automatically calls you in the event of a water emergency. We just need your phone number to call you or notify you by Text Message or Email.

Get smart. Contact GWD at 631.261.0874.

2012 Drinking Water Quality Report now Online!

In order to access the District's Annual Water Quality Report please go to:

www.greenlawnwater.org/water-report

If you do not have Internet access, or if you would like a printed copy of the Report, please contact the District office at 631.261.0874, and we will mail one to you.

Or stop by the office during normal business hours and we will be glad to provide you with a printed copy.



District Meetings 9:00 a.m. sharp!

GWD meetings are open to the public. All regular meetings are held at the GWD office on Railroad Street at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays.