

# GREENLAWN

## Water District Report

Water is precious...use it wisely

SUMMER 2017

### STRESSING CONSERVATION & SAVING WATER



Water is Earth's most precious natural resource, and conservation is key to protecting Long Island's subterranean supply. The District has always followed an aggressive conservation policy for the purpose of sustainability. So when the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation mandated "a concerted effort" by all Long Island water suppliers to reduce peak season water demand by 15% over the next several years, the District was pleased to comply.

"Effective conservation means greater water availability in emergencies including droughts. It also reduces the stress on our water supply wells, mains and other infrastructure," Commissioner John McLaughlin stated. "While our preventive maintenance and leak-detection programs have been

successful, the public must be made further aware of the importance of reducing water usage and eliminating water waste by following recommended conservation methods."



COMMISSIONER BILL WIECK AT WELL 3 GAC FACILITY.

Commissioner Bill Wieck agreed. "Public education is vital to reaching the DEC's goals, and so our outreach to the community in general, as well as to landscaping and water irrigation companies, will increase in frequency with highly focused messaging. We will promote responsible water management techniques, from

being weather-conscious regarding rainfall frequency and amounts to automatic rain sensors to the use of backflow devices. Our conservation efforts may ultimately mitigate the need for new wells leading to savings for all consumers."

### INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE: LEAK AUDIT RESULTS

"The audit of the entire distribution system began almost five years ago," Commissioner Jim Logan stated, "and I'm pleased to say it has resulted in a large savings of water and costs. All 200 miles of water main have been covered. "

The conservation effort was largely performed at night to take advantage of greatly reduced traffic and ambient noise. "Audio response is essential to this technology," Commissioner Logan noted. "Sophisticated electronic acoustic sensors enable the



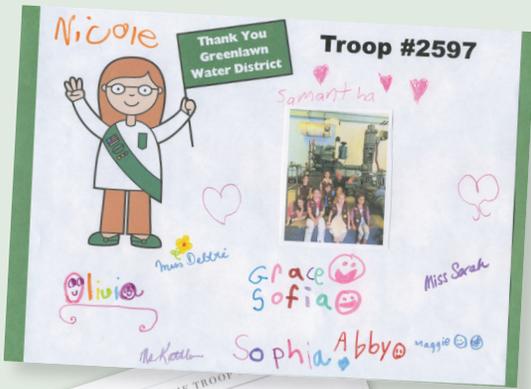
detection of subterranean leaks as never before possible. By applying a high tech Leak Correlator, similar to a GPS, the leaks are pinpointed, and our crews address the necessary repairs. This stems the loss of water and prevents damage. It's part of our ongoing Infrastructure Conservation Program, and it has certainly been a huge success. In a related matter, we are also investigating water grants from the NYS DOH Intermunicipal Water Infrastructure Grants Program (IMG) that may enable other infrastructure and water quality projects."

# Brownies Visit GWD

Educating the general public about sustainability and water conservation is vitally important, but nothing supersedes educating our young people. And the most effective way is a show and tell!

Elwood Brownie Troop #2597 recently received a hands-on education session about water production. Superintendent Robert Santoriello led the group of eight youngsters and Brownie Troop Co-Leader Ms. Kathleen Vitevitch on a guided tour of Well 14 on Cuba Hill Road. Superintendent Santoriello discussed how Greenlawn water is drawn from aquifers and treated to make it compliant and of the highest quality. "The future of our community deserves the opportunity to learn from the present and the past. Now the young ladies better appreciate what it takes for water to be available whenever Greenlawn residents turn a tap, draw a bath or water the lawn. Visits like this build respect and appreciation for the process, costs and value of water production at a very early age," he stated.

"Our troop LOVED the visit with you and seeing how our water is pumped and stored," said Ms. Vitevitch. "This was a very important experience for our troop trying to earn our Wonders of Water badge!"



## INFRASTRUCTURE SNAPSHOT



The Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) system at Well 3, Park Avenue and Stillwell Street, is installed and operating "flawlessly."

## CELEBRATING OUR 90TH BIRTHDAY!

On July 7, the Greenlawn Water District will turn 90! The District has served residents ever since 1927 when Calvin Coolidge was president, Lindbergh flew solo across the Atlantic and Babe Ruth slugged 60 homers. Since then the District has delivered the highest quality water virtually without interruption by hurricanes, hard winters and even Superstorm Sandy! Congratulations to the entire staff of the GWD, Commissioners Bill Wieck, John McLaughlin and Jim Logan and Superintendent Bob Santoriello on a job well done!



# METER METER ON THE WALL



The fairest way of ensuring precision accuracy water usage and long-term savings for consumers is by using our new digital meters, and our Meter Replacement Program is in full swing. All installations are performed exclusively by Greenlawn Water District personnel or authorized SAKS Metering personnel.

“This updating also means less disturbance and greater privacy,” Commissioner Logan stated. “The old meters are analog and generally require home access, while the new digital meters can be read remotely. We have finished approximately 3,000 of 12,000 total meter installations. Residential water services typically range from 3/4-inch service lines to 1-inch service lines. New meters are being used for all services, and the District’s human resources are freed up for other important District tasks.”

Some residents will receive a letter from the District in the mail to set up an appointment for the meter change. It's imperative that residents contact the GWD so a convenient date and time for the meter change can be established. We greatly value your cooperation.

## SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION!



As discussed in previous newsletters, our Swift 911 Emergency Notification System automatically calls you with a prerecorded message in the event of a water emergency...but we have to have your phone number. Please call (631) 261-0874 so we can notify you. Indicate how you would like to be notified...by phone, text message and/or email. See our website [www.greenlawnwater.org](http://www.greenlawnwater.org) for more information.



## 2016 ELECTION RESULTS

**John McLaughlin** was re-elected to a three-year term as Water Commissioner. He will serve as Treasurer. Commissioner McLaughlin began his new term effective January 1, 2017, and will serve through December 31, 2019. John, a Greenlawn resident since 1971, has been a Greenlawn Water Commissioner since 1996. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, including a tour of duty in Vietnam.

## SALUTING OUR VETS

Men and women can provide no greater service to our great nation than standing up and being counted in defense of our flag. All our freedoms and all our rights have been defended year after year by our military and defense personnel who have endured great hardships and sacrifices. On Memorial Day, and every day, the GWD proudly salutes all those who have served the stars and stripes, those who have risked their lives and especially those who have lost them in support of our great country and the Constitution that governs it.

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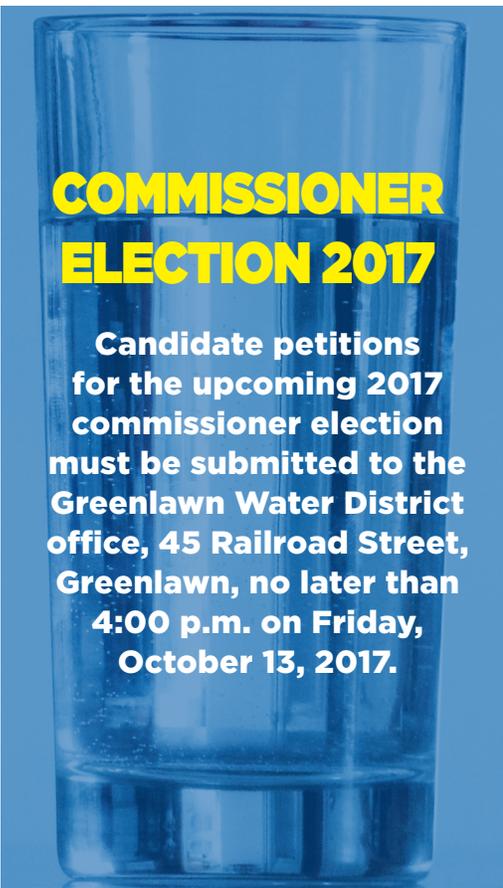
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**COMMISSIONER  
ELECTION 2017**

**Candidate petitions  
for the upcoming 2017  
commissioner election  
must be submitted to the  
Greenlawn Water District  
office, 45 Railroad Street,  
Greenlawn, no later than  
4:00 p.m. on Friday,  
October 13, 2017.**

# 2016

## DRINKING WATER REPORT



The 2016 Drinking Water Quality Report is available online at [www.greenlawnwater.org/water-report](http://www.greenlawnwater.org/water-report), and printed copies are available at the Greenlawn Water District office. The four-page report is issued annually according to New York State regulations and includes information on the source, costs and treatment of GWD water. Source Water Assessment, Proposed Water Systems Improvements and a Table of Detected Parameters are included along with suggested Water Conservation Measures.

Printed copies are also available at:

- **Commack: Commack Public Library, 18 Hauppauge Road, Commack**
- **Elwood: Elwood Public Library, 1929 Jericho Turnpike, Elwood**
- **Greenlawn: Harborfields Public Library, 31 Broadway, Greenlawn**