

GREENLAWN

Water District Report

Water is precious...use it wisely.



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Smart Infrastructure Management Program:

UNINTERRUPTED SUPPLY & COST CONTROL.

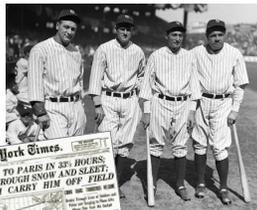
Q: *How do you keep a system at optimal levels when some of it is nearly 90 years old? Especially after a punishing winter?*

A: Daily proactive maintenance!

The GWD instituted a proactive planning approach to monitoring and refurbishing our infrastructure many years back, and we have continued to refine the process. The program has paid huge dividends in the form of uninterrupted water supply, excellent quality and costs savings.

“Our infrastructure is aging. Much of it is from the 1950s, but some mains date to the 1920s,” Commissioner John McLaughlin observed. “As a plumber myself, I know what water can do over time and under

tough weather conditions. I can’t stress strongly enough the value of the proactive maintenance program.”



The program centers on preventative maintenance and monitoring of some 209 miles of water main and the wells, pumps and hydrants that deliver water to

the public.

“The phased upgrading never stops,” Commissioner Bill Wieck commented. “The GWD crew

did a great job of ensuring that there were no interruptions in supply despite a brutal winter. I’m also pleased to say that Well 3R performed perfectly in its start up test and will be in service by early summer, right on schedule.”

RECENT UPGRADING.

- Well #3R at Park Avenue and Stillwell is ready to go online. The 650-foot deep well has a capacity of 1,380 gallons of water per minute.
- Well #4 on Clay Pitts Road has received a full upgrade. Internal pipework and 40 feet of external



Joe Salmonese with Commissioner Bill Wieck

“METER MADNESS” & THE FASTEST MAN IN NEW YORK!

IT’S OFFICIAL! OUR OWN JOE SALMONESE, previously “the fastest man in Nassau and Suffolk”, is now “the fastest man in New York!”

Joe, with the GWD since 2009, defeated all challengers to win the “Meter Madness” contest that pits competitors against the clock to assemble a water meter from a bucket of parts. Competitors practice year round to compete at the Annual Conference and Exposition of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) in Rochester. And there’s no faster assembler in the state than Joe. Congratulations from all of us on winning and on a job well done!

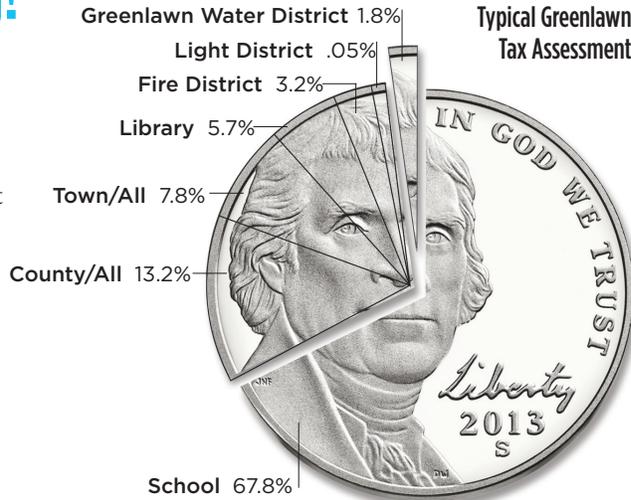


See more photos on our website (www.greenlawnwater.org).

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Good News! No Tax Or Water Rate Increase 9 Years Running!

The District's last increase of water rates or taxes was in 2005...and the Commissioners announced that they would also hold the line in 2014! That means your first 8,000 gallons of GWD water still costs only \$10.00, a huge savings over an equal amount of bottled water! "We're residents too," Commissioner Jim Logan said, "so we're always trying to hold the line on costs."



Honor Our Heroes.

Memorial Day. Originally called Decoration Day, it began after the Civil War in commemoration of the Union and Confederate soldiers killed in the conflict. The GWD recognizes the contributions of our men and women in uniform, many of whom are or have been in harm's way. We commend your dedication to duty, and your service honors our flag and every American. To our troops deployed the world over to protect our way of life and to our veterans who have made the sacrifices in the past, we celebrate you, and we salute you. We are ever grateful for your valor, for enduring hardships on our behalf and for honoring Old Glory and all it represents in the world today.



2013 Water Usage Close Up.

In 2013, total pumpage increased 4.4% over 2012 when total usage was 2,121,525,000 gallons.

TOTAL 2013 PUMPAGE:	2,214,289,000 gallons
PEAK MONTHLY USAGE:	336,764,000 gallons (July)
PEAK DAILY USAGE:	15,212,000 gallons (July 18)
LOWEST MONTHLY USAGE:	91,919,000 gallons (February)

Knowledge Is Power: SCADA On The Way!

THE MORE YOU KNOW ABOUT SOMETHING, THE BETTER YOU CAN MANAGE IT. A state of the art SCADA (Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition) system will soon be in place at the GWD, providing water plant operational status with true remote access...in real time!

As an operations governing tool, the SCADA system will enable the GWD to monitor and run District wells, pumps and general operations. That includes continuous water quality monitoring (gallons pumped, localized water pressure readings, pH readings, etc.) plus provide immediate notification of water supply malfunctions, invasive actions or threats...all adding up to greater operational efficiencies.

Knowledge really is power, and SCADA will make an impact. We'll keep you updated in our newsletters and on our website.



Election 2013 Update.



On December 10, 2013, John McLaughlin was re-elected to a 3-year term as Water Commissioner for the Greenlawn Water District. He will serve as Treasurer. Commissioner McLaughlin began his term effective January 1, 2014, and will serve through December 31, 2016. John has been a Greenlawn resident since 1971 and a Water Commissioner since 1996. He proudly served his country in the US Army, including a tour of duty in Vietnam.

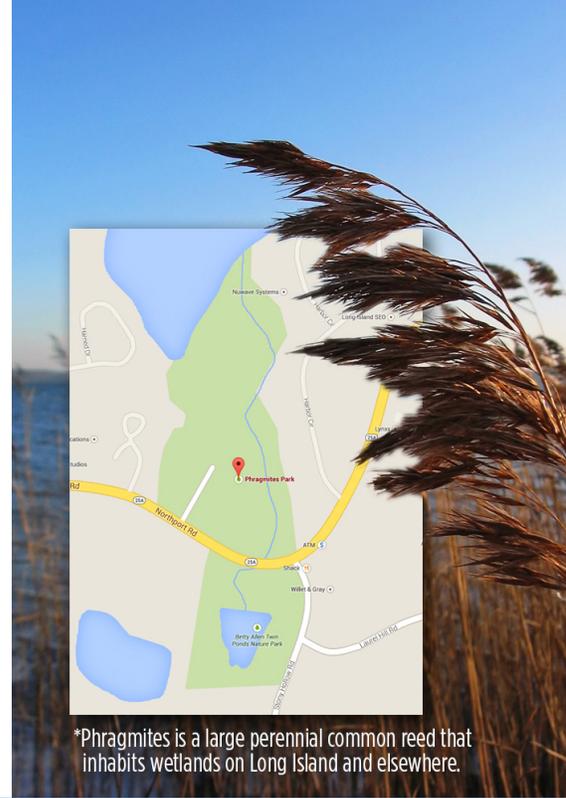
Phragmites Park Expands With “Friendly Condemnation”.

ALSO KNOWN AS TWIN PONDS NORTH, Phragmites* Park is set to expand by about half an acre, thanks to the Greenlawn Water District. The small parcel, which is surrounded by the 11-acre park, is no longer used for water supply. Now there will be more room in the park for expanded trails and, potentially, parking.

After a public hearing, the Town of Huntington agreed to acquire the land, which is located in Centerport. When the property was deeded to the GWD in 1928, covenants and restrictions required that it remain a pumping

station or a single-family home. Due to these limitations, a process similar to “eminent domain” known as “friendly condemnation” was deployed. This is utilized in situations where governments acquire property from an owner at the agreed fair market value.

This isn’t the first time the GWD has provided land to the park. “The District also sold about three acres to the Town of Huntington to expand the park sometime in the late 1950s,” Commissioner Wieck said. “We had a well here for many years, but it has been closed since 1993.”



*Phragmites is a large perennial common reed that inhabits wetlands on Long Island and elsewhere.

2013 Drinking Water Quality Report.

The 2013 Drinking Water Quality Report annual water report is available online at: www.greenlawnwater.org/water-report

The four-page report is issued annually according to New York State regulations and includes an overview of our sources of supply, water rates, and treatment. A Table Of Detected Parameters, Source Assessment and Proposed Water Systems Improvements are also included, along with suggested Water Conservation Measures.



Printed copies are also available at:

- Harborfields Public Library, 31 Broadway, Greenlawn
- Commack Public Library, 18 Hauppauge Road, Commack
- Elwood Public Library, 1929 Jericho Turnpike, Elwood
- Greenlawn Water District office, 45 Railroad Street, Greenlawn

Milestones.

Since 1927, a lot of highly talented people have worked at the Greenlawn Water District. Marilyn Hopkin joined us in 1986, and while she was with us almost 28 years, her last 10 years were as office manager. Marilyn retired in 2013, and The Board Of Commissioners is extremely appreciative of all of her work and diligence on the GWD’s behalf.

Andy Persich and Dorota Oliveau have joined the GWD as Business Manager and Confidential Secretary to the board, respectively. Welcome aboard!

(L to R) Commissioner Bill Wieck, Marilyn Hopkin, Commissioner Jim Logan, Commissioner John McLaughlin.



Voting And Local Control.

Voting for Water Commissioner may be a long way off, but it is still an important event. By law a GWD commissioner must live in the community. The wisdom of this rule guarantees local representation, which ensures no one from 50 miles away can decide what you pay for your water. Remember, those you elect drink the same water that you drink and pay the same water rates that you do. By voting, you maintain local control, and your voice is heard where it counts most, at home, in the GWD.



The tax dollars collected in the District are for the maintenance and operation of the District...and this District alone. They are not redirected for non-water related projects in another part of the county at the whim of officials who may never even have set foot in Greenlawn. Our taxes and water rates are among the lowest on Long Island and have not changed since 2005. So voting for Greenlawn Water Commissioner is important in maintaining local control and for controlling costs.

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Online Bill Pay Coming Soon.

Fast, Secure & Convenient.

GWD consumers will soon be able to pay water bills online via a secure third-party provider. All electronic payments will be made through an Automated Clearing House (ACH) Network to help reduce errors, speed up payment and save resources. All major credit cards will be accepted, and a nominal convenience fee will be issued by the bank to process the payment.

Once the new system is in place, the District will notify consumers via bill stuffers and in future newsletters. We will also post the news on our website at www.greenlawnwater.org.

Of course, you can always continue to pay your bill by mail or in person if you so choose.

SMART INFRASTRUCTURE CONT.

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pipings were replaced, as well as the old electric service. New hydraulic well pump control butterfly valves used for isolating or regulating flow were also installed.

- Well #12 (Huntsman Lane) is nearing completion with an all-new interior and new upgraded motor controls and pump. Upgrades were made to greatly improve electrical efficiency, and a new well pump and motor were installed. Plus a new Venturi tube, a device for measuring the flow of a fluid in gallons per minute, was installed.
- The Board of Commissioners has reviewed an

environmental study for the construction of proposed Well #18 near Wicks Road and Larkfield Road. It will be approximately 650 feet deep and will replace decommissioned Well #16 in the Commack pressure zone.

