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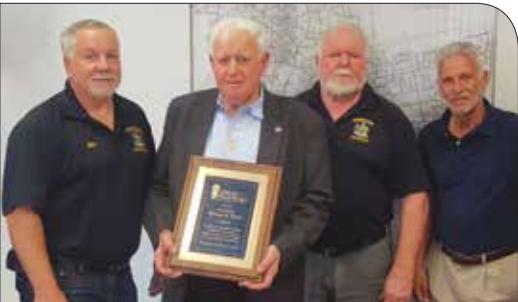
Water District Report

Water is precious...use it wisely



Changing of the Guard

The Greenlawn Water District Board of Commissioners welcomes a new Commissioner and honors a former Commissioner for a quarter century of unselfish service.



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

When former Commissioner Bill Wieck's term ended in 2017, he left a legacy of public safety, water supply and aquifer protection, and 26 years of meeting the needs of an expanding Greenlawn Water District population. A proud US Army veteran, ex-chief of the Greenlawn Fire Department, and Past President of Huntington Fire Chiefs Council, Bill shepherded the cost-effective refurbishment of GWD infrastructure through a dedicated preventive maintenance program that began in 1992.

Commissioner John McLaughlin said of the lifetime Greenlawn resident, "Bill's impact can be seen through the years in efficient day-to-day management of the District, and his environmental background provided wise guidance."

Fellow Commissioner Jim Logan commented, "Bill Wieck leaves an indelible impression on every household in the District, whether that is ensuring compliance, enabling plentiful supply, or cost containment. Bill's leadership helped make it all happen."

Bob Santoriello, Greenlawn Water District Superintendent added, "working side by side with a dedicated and knowledgeable professional like Bill Wieck has been a pleasure. His appreciation of the day-to-day requirements as well as the fiscal control needed in running a large district such as ours have played a major role in achieving our goal of an uninterrupted supply of the purest possible water."

The Board of Commissioners and the entire staff of the GWD thank Commissioner Wieck for his years of service to the Greenlawn community and welcome new Commissioner John Clark to the Board.

John H. Clark is the newly elected Greenlawn Water Commissioner as per the December 12, 2017 election. The three-year term became effective January 1, 2018, and will expire December 31, 2020. A lifelong resident of the Greenlawn Water District, John's professional background includes service as Managing Director and Chief Administrative Officer for one of the largest privately held asset management companies in the USA. In that position he provided oversight for operating budgets exceeding \$100 million annually. He was responsible for operations in several states, including Client Services, Technology, Facilities Management, and the Office of Emergency Management.

"I am pleased to be aboard and eager to utilize my management skills and background," Commissioner Clark stated. "I look forward to being able to make a difference in my own home town."



Commissioner
John H. Clark

UPDATE: WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

ADVANTAGES OF MODERN DIGITAL METERING

- No usage estimates. You are billed for what you use.
- Computerized accuracy to 1/10 of a gallon.
- Meters are read remotely so home access is virtually unnecessary.
- Better leak detection.
- And best of all, increased conservation of our precious resource!



Conservation of precious resources and elimination of estimated water bills are the driving forces behind the ongoing Water Meter Replacement Program. Greenlawn Water District personnel will be working in the community. All installers carry photo identification, wear District uniforms, and all vehicles will have proper signage.
Always ask to see ID!

FYI...

Most water meters are located outside in a pit, usually in front of the property. Residents do not have to be home to receive the upgrade as no home entry is required. Typically, the upgrade of your water meter should take no more than an hour. You may experience a temporary water disruption. If your meter is located inside your home, expect a letter from the District. Or you can call us at (631) 261-0874 for an appointment for the change out.

Greenlawn Wins Best Tasting Water in Suffolk!



It's official! The Greenlawn Water District has been voted the Best Tasting Water in all of Suffolk County! Congratulations to the entire District staff, our Commissioners, and Superintendent Bob Santoriello on a superb job!

As the winner of the 32nd annual Tap Water Taste Contest, the GWD will next be entered into the regional competition that culminates at the New York State Fair in Syracuse and determines the best tasting water in the entire state! Winners at the regional and State Fair competitions receive recognition plaques from the judging body, the Water and Wastewater Education and Outreach Committee (WWEOC).

"The significance of this victory does not only recognize the efforts of a team of dedicated individuals but also represents a snapshot of applied technology," Commissioner John McLaughlin commented. "It speaks to the processes we use, the regulations established for compliance, and the infrastructure we build and maintain in order to bring this great resource to our residents in sufficient quantity."

PS: This isn't the first time the GWD has taken home the coveted trophy. The District has won eight times in all and twice has been a New York State champion!

Infrastructure REPORT



Since water is in constant 24/7 demand, it is logical that maintaining the infrastructure which brings it to your tap requires regular preventive maintenance. As part of that process, the newly constructed treatment facility at well 3R has been implemented.

GAC is short for granular activated carbon. It is an important filtration treatment for drinking water, widely used to adsorb natural organic compounds.

What makes granular activated carbon so effective is that GAC exhibits extremely high porosity, so it is ideal for adsorbing contaminants. Ten grams of granular activated carbon, which is less than a third of an ounce, has a surface area equal to a standard National Football League football field! And believe it or not, one ounce of granular activated carbon creates an available surface area of nearly eight acres! Well 3R features post-filtration adsorption similar to the upgrading done at other GWD wells.



Assisting Our Water Supply

Backflow conditions may arise when very low or negative street pressure occurs due to water main breaks, damaged hydrants, etc. Without a backflow prevention device (BPD), water in home and commercial plumbing systems might be siphoned backwards toward the street water main. Imagine a garden hose filling a swimming pool with the hose end submerged, when simultaneously a nearby street water main ruptures. This could set up a possible negative pressure condition that allows "backsiphonage" of the pool water. Of course, there are many other conditions including "backpressure" which pose hazards to the potable supply. When properly installed and maintained, backflow prevention devices guard against these conditions, so please check requirements with our office when installing new plumbing systems and/or underground irrigation.

Licensed plumbers and sprinkler contractors are also knowledgeable of these requirements. If you already have a backflow device installed on your plumbing systems, make sure to have them test it annually! And when winterizing underground irrigation systems, be sure the system is isolated from the potable feed line BEFORE using an air compressor to blow out the lines!



Smart Thoughts For Smart Students

The NSWCA Nicholas J. Bartilucci Scholarship



There is a \$1,000 scholarship available for a qualified engineering student at Manhattan College. Sponsored by your Greenlawn Water District as a member of the Nassau Suffolk Water Commissioners' Association (NSWCA), the scholarship honors the late Nicholas J. Bartilucci. Mr. Bartilucci was not only a founding member and past President of the NSWCA but also a leader whose insights, experience, and technical engineering expertise were highly valued throughout the industry.

The annual scholarship is open to entering freshmen enrolled full-time in any engineering degree program at Manhattan College. Emphasis is placed on academic credentials and extracurricular activities. Potential applicants must reside in one of the 21 NSWCA member water districts (see <http://www.nswcawater.com>). The student awardee will be selected by the college upon verification of residency by the NSWCA.

To apply, please contact Mary Ellen Malone, Director of Planned Giving at Manhattan College: (718) 862-7976.



About Nassau Suffolk Water Commissioners' Association:
Organized and chartered in 1981, the Nassau Suffolk Water Commissioners' Association (NSWCA) is comprised of water commissioners from 21 Nassau County and Suffolk County water districts. The NSWCA is dedicated to promoting environmental excellence and best practices as well as maintaining the highest standards of water quality and supply. The NSWCA sponsors regular educational meetings on topics that include the environment, security, economics, rules and regulations, among other related issues.

MILESTONES

Marcelle O'Neil and Teddy Anthros



Congratulations to two longtime employees. Marcelle O'Neil, our Account Clerk, recently celebrated her 40th anniversary with us, and Teddy Anthros has announced his retirement after 32 years as Maintenance Mechanic. Marcelle, we look forward to many more years of working together, and Teddy, the very best to you on the occasion of your retirement. Thank you both for your long and dedicated service to our wonderful community.



HONORING OUR VETS

The freedoms of our great nation do not come without cost or sacrifice. The GWD believes that those who have protected and guarded our American ideals and way of life and those currently holding the American banner high, should forever be honored. On Memorial Day we proudly salute all those brave men and women who gave their lives for our American way of life and salute all of our veterans, active military personnel, and the troops serving in every corner of the globe.



Your GWD water report is online at www.greenlawnwater.org/water-report and contains a very thorough and detailed report on testing results, which are reported annually.



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Conservation & Sustainability

Traditionally speaking, the goal of all water suppliers and local, state, and federal authorities has been to produce a plentiful supply of safe, pure water. Today, we are all more focused on appreciation of water supply in general and our precious Long Island aquifer system in particular. In 2017, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) requested that every public water supplier in Nassau and Suffolk reduce overall water usage by 15 percent over the next three years. And to do that, we need your help.

The GWD has always been conservation-minded as vigilant guardians of our resources. In order to meet the DEC's request, we hold education as the key to success. The GWD will continue to reach out through our informative annual

newsletter, our website (www.greenlawnwater.org), and information contained on your bill, all with the goal of usage reduction.

We urge residents to implement water conservation measures such as:

- Repairing leaks in the home.
- Installing water conservation appliances and fixtures.
- Modifying automatic lawn sprinklers to include rain sensors/smart controllers.
- Retrofitting plumbing fixtures with flow restrictors
- and above all, maintaining awareness of water conservation. This will save water and save dollars for all consumers in the bargain!

