

GREENLAWN

Water District Report

Water is precious...use it wisely



GOD BLESS AMERICA

SPRING 2016

SMART METERING

Our automatic meter reading program is smart...and the first phase will begin mid-summer 2016.

“The program is smart for many reasons,” stated Commissioner John McLaughlin, Greenlawn Water District Treasurer. “It benefits residents because manual readings of water consumption can be incomplete or sporadic, while electronic metering readings are 100% accurate. It’s also a very efficient process, with regular readings being electronically transmitted to the District. Residents on the schedule will receive a letter requesting access. This is likely to happen in the July to August timeframe, but the savings and convenience are long term.”



Commissioner John McLaughlin

“Your privacy is always respected by GWD employees,” Commissioner McLaughlin added. “Installing the new meter usually requires access to your meter. The majority of old meters are typically located in exterior meter pits in your yard or in the basement of your house. In the interest of maintaining privacy and safety, every service person or GWD-authorized subcontractor will have an ID, and their truck

will bear proper identification. If anyone wants access, ask for ID and take a look at their vehicle. If there is any doubt that they are truly authorized, call the police.”



INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE:

Preventive Planning Dividends

When you manage 200 miles of water mains, 1,300 hydrants, 18 wells and 4 storage tanks totaling 6,000,000 gallons, you learn the value of preventive maintenance very quickly!

“Preventive maintenance boils down to concentrating on the best interests of Greenlawn residents every day of the year,” Commissioner Bill Wieck said. “So we enact a short term action plan designed to provide appropriate quantities of excellent quality water even on high demand summer days, all in compliance with Federal, State and Local regulations.



Commissioner Bill Wieck

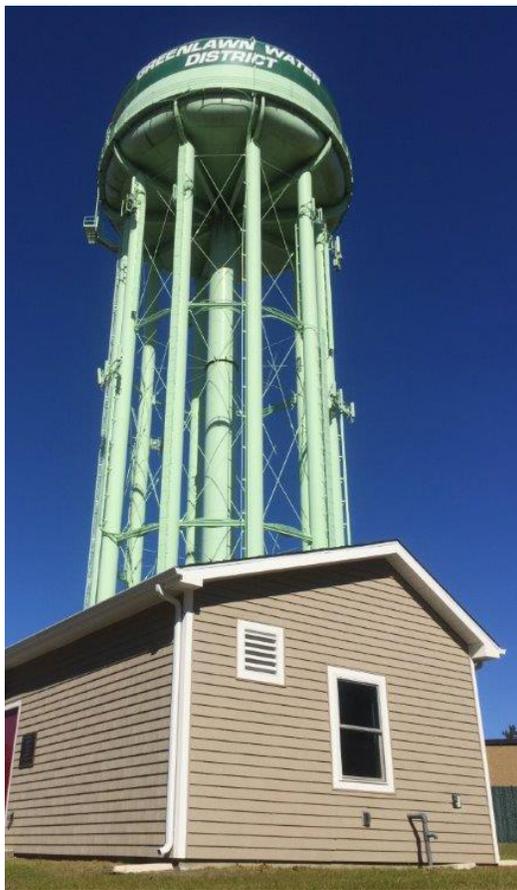
Then we have a strategic plan, again always in full compliance, for long term sustainability.”

“The maintenance schedule we have in place is flexible. There are always unforeseen situations, including fickle Mother Nature, that our men and women have to be prepared for. A preventive maintenance plan gives us a procedure and the upper hand to address situations before they become problems, or turn potentially large problems into much smaller ones. And part of that is encouraging good conservation at all times.”

Our Newest Arrival:

Our latest addition is Well #18, which is now online, having replaced decommissioned

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INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE:
Preventive Planning Dividends (Continued from page 1)

Well #16 in the Commack pressure zone. The 650-foot deep well has a capacity of producing 1,380 gallons of water per minute. Located near the corner of Wicks and Larkfield Roads, the construction went according to our time projections and the environmental study and was approved by the regulatory agencies.

New GAC for Well 3R:

Well 3R at Park Avenue and Stillwell will be receiving Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC) filtration treatment as part of a fast track program. Granulated activated carbon exhibits extremely high porosity, making it ideal to adsorb potential contaminants. ten grams of granulated activated carbon has a surface area equal to an NFL football field! That's 120 yards by 53.3 yards! And one pound of it has a surface area equal to 125 acres! Similar upgrading has been done at wells 811 and 13. All are performing perfectly according to plan.



2015

DRINKING WATER REPORT



The 2015 Drinking Water Quality Report is available online at: www.greenlawnwater.org/water-report. The detailed four-page document is issued annually according to New York State regulations and includes a complete run down on the source, costs and treatment of GWD water. A Table of Detected Parameters, Source Assessment and Proposed Water Systems Improvements are also included, along with suggested Water Conservation Measures.

Printed copies are available at:

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



WATER USAGE CLOSEUP

in gallons pumped

- 2015 Total Pumpage: **2,400,000,000**
- Peak Day: September 7, 2015: **14,513,000**
- Peak Month: August: **383,914,000**
- Lowest Month: February: **88,120,000**
- Average usage per person: **130 gallons per day**

SAVING WATER on the Water Planet



- Leaky faucets and running toilets are just money down the drain! Have them repaired.



- Water saving shower heads can reduce water usage and lower bills.



- Turn off the faucet while you brush your teeth.

97%

of the water on our planet (332 million cubic miles) is found in oceans, with some 1.2% freshwater held in glaciers, ice, lakes, rivers or subsurface. "Considering no one knows what summer 2016 will bring, conservation of drinking water to achieve sustainability makes sense," Commissioner Jim Logan stated. "The need to conserve and not waste water is a constant. On Long Island, lawns are the biggest culprits, so once again we are reprising our guidelines."



- Don't run the hose while washing cars!



- Never over water lawns. It's bad for the lawn and your pocketbook.



- Damaged or non-working hydrants can waste thousands of gallons. Call us to fix them: 631-261-0874.



- Watering lawns is most efficient during the early or late parts of the day.

- If you have suggestions about how to save water, contact us: 631-261-0874
info@greenlawnwater.org

MILESTONES

In 1978, Jimmy Carter was president, Hotel California by the Eagles was the record of the year, the Yankees won the World Series... and Ken Hamilton started with the District. He's been a fixture ever since and retired effective May 31st. The Board of Commissioners is extremely appreciative of Ken's dedication, hard work and diligence on the behalf of the residents of the Greenlawn Water District all these years.



SALUTING U.S. VETS

Our military personnel represent our front line of defense, putting their lives on the line in combat zones or other equally dangerous spots. Memorial Day honors all active personnel as well as every man and woman who has ever had the privilege of serving this country. We at the GWD salute you for your dedication to this great nation and all that you have braved and endured on behalf of us all.



2015 ELECTION RESULTS

On December 8, 2015, Jim Logan was reelected Greenlawn Water Commissioner for the new three-year term effective January 1, 2016. A lifelong Greenlawn resident, Jim was Chief Fire Marshal of the Town of Huntington and head of the Fire Prevention Bureau. His current term will expire on December 31, 2018.

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SWIFT 911**
For Water Emergencies!

In the event of a water emergency, our Swift 911 Emergency Notification System automatically calls you with a pre-recorded message. But to do that, we need your contact information! Please notify us at 631-261-0874 and indicate how you would like to be notified...by phone, text message and/or email. See our website www.greenlawnwater.org for more information.



Mike Smith, national AWWA contest finalist.

METER MADNESS
Mike Smith among
Top 3 Finishers!

Meter Madness continues! Mike Smith (in red shirt) represented the GWD in the annual national contest sponsored by the American Water Works Association (AWWA). Contestants compete against the clock to assemble a complete water meter from parts. Mike has been with the District since 2009.