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Concrete Pedestal Construction Underway



We are pleased to inform the residents and business owners within the West Hempstead Water District (WHWD) that work has begun on our new state-of-the-art water tower at our Birch Street facility, and the construction is on schedule.

The foundation has been poured, and the cylindrical concrete pedestal will be rising slowly throughout the spring and summer, climbing to a height of 165 feet.

The 1,000,000-gallon “bowl” will be welded and placed on top of the pedestal by early fall. “This is an exciting time for the District,” according to Chairman of the Board C. John Sparacio. “Our consumers are seeing their bond dollars at work as the tower continues to rise. The West Hempstead Water District will have a new landmark tank which will hold 250,000 gallons of water more than the current tank, which was constructed back in 1939.”

Once complete and online, this concrete pedestal tank, more commonly known as a composite tank, will be the first of its kind on Long Island.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

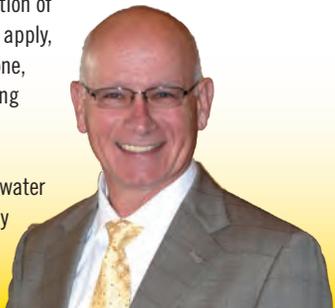
As Superintendent of one of the water districts within the Nassau Suffolk Water Commissioners' Association (NSWCA), I would like to inform the residents of West Hempstead Water District of the potential of winning a scholarship to Manhattan College. This \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a worthy incoming freshman engineering student.



The scholarship honors the late Nicholas J. Bartilucci, a founding member and past president of the NSWCA. The entering freshman must be enrolled full-time in any engineering degree program. Awarding of the scholarship will have emphasis placed on academic credentials and extracurricular activities.

Potential applicants must reside within the boundaries of any of the 21 NSWCA member water districts*. The student awardee will be selected by the school upon verification of residence by NSWCA. To apply, contact Mary Ellen Malone, Director of Planned Giving at Manhattan College (718) 862-7976.

*A listing of NSWCA water districts can be found by visiting nswcawater.org



SUPERINTENDENT ROBERT P. YORK

REHABILITATION OF WELL NO. 5

During the past few months, a well drilling contractor has been deepening Well No. 5. The existing well was only 200 feet deep, and the new well will be drilled to a depth of approximately 600 feet. Based on various hydraulic studies, this added depth will help meet the demands of the community with additional capacity, especially during the peak pumping season from May through September.

"To date, the project is on schedule and on budget," stated Commissioner Joseph M. Marando. "We anticipate having this well online by this summer."

Progress in Motion



Responding to the Call...

Maintaining the Water System 24/7

The winter of 2017-2018 was a tough one to say the least as we experienced freezing temperatures through April. These freezing temperatures, combined with several snow storms, had a profound effect on the District in maintaining the water system.

During this season, the District responded to twice as many water main and service line breaks than the average year. No matter the time of day, our service crew braced the elements to repair the water

mains and service lines that were broken. Response time to these breaks was less than an hour, and the repair was usually completed within four hours.

"We take our commitment seriously, and the District wishes to acknowledge and thank our dedicated work force for their extraordinary efforts and hard work in keeping the system running during those difficult times," commented Commissioner Kenneth P. Wenthen, Jr.

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Available ONLINE

www.westhempsteadwater.org

In accordance with federal and state regulations, West Hempstead Water District produces an Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This in-depth report is filled with important information regarding water quality, cost, sources, treatment and more. The District provides an uninterrupted water supply that meets and exceeds all federal, state and local drinking water standards. The latest report has been posted online at: www.westhempsteadwater.org.



Valve Exercising Machine

Exercising is Good for You...and the District's Valves!

The ability to turn a water main valve off when a repair is necessary is critical in all repair work. The District's infrastructure in some areas is 90 years old, and servicing the valves that shut down the water main is an absolute must.

The District has over 120 miles of water main and approximately 1,000 control valves that are necessary in isolating a section of water main to make the necessary repairs. The integrity of the entire water system is dependent on the reliable operation of these valves during routine maintenance, especially during emergency situations. By exercising these valves with this state-of-the-art equipment, which includes a hydraulic actuator and an onboard computer, will greatly speed up and increase the efficiency of the repairs.



NEW CAUSTIC TANK AT SEVENTH STREET



The 4,000-gallon caustic tank located at our Seventh Street facility will reach the end of its useful life in 2019. This tank has served the District for the last 30 years and must be removed according to the rules and regulations of the Nassau County Department of Health.

Caustic soda is used to neutralize the pH of the water to protect the water mains and the residential plumbing.

The new caustic tank will have a 6,000-gallon capacity and will be placed in a concrete vault in front of pump house 7-1. This new tank meets or exceeds all safety and regulatory requirements and is another example of the bond money being used to update the District's infrastructure.



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Board Meetings:

Meetings are held at the District Office
each Wednesday at 5:00 PM.

Meetings are open to the public.

Office Hours 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Memberships:

AWWA: American Water Works Association

AWWANY: American Water Works Association New York Section

LIWC: Long Island Water Conference

NSWCA: Nassau Suffolk Water Commissioners' Association

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IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE WATER CONSUMPTION DURING THE PEAK PUMPING SEASON (MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER), WEST HEMPSTEAD WATER DISTRICT REMINDS ITS RESIDENTS TO ABIDE BY THE NASSAU COUNTY ORDINANCES STATED BELOW.

Additionally, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has mandated a 15% reduction in water usage for the District during the peak pumping season.

Use of water for irrigation purposes for lawns, shrubs, trees, plants and vegetation of any type is regulated by hours set forth by the County of Nassau. **ABSOLUTELY NO WATERING BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M.** Watering will be permitted all other hours under the following conditions:

1. Residents with even house numbers may water on even dates.
2. Residents with odd house numbers may water on odd dates.
3. Premises without numbered addresses may water on even dates.
4. Watering is not permitted on the 31st of any month.

The above rules apply to automatic, time-controlled sprinkler systems and manually operated hose sprinkling.

REMEMBER: We do not wish to restrict the use of water, but we do wish to stop the waste of this valuable resource. SO PLEASE COOPERATE.