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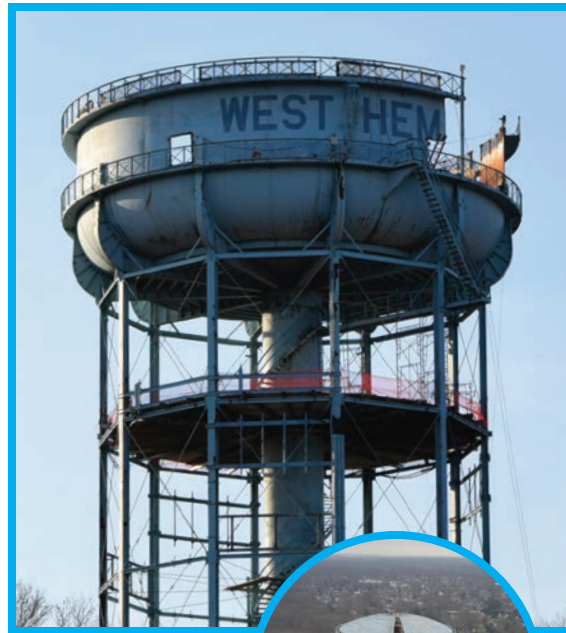
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Saying Goodbye To 'Ole Reliable' Birch Street Water Tower Demolition Complete



For over 80 years, the Birch Street water tower has stood tall in the West Hempstead community, servicing the District's water supply. Dismantling of this community icon began in early February. In its place, a new 215-foot water tower, able to hold 1,000,000 gallons of water, meets the modern community's needs and the stringent standards of today.

Standing 225-feet high, the old Birch Street tower held 750,000 gallons of water and was erected in 1939. It was one of the oldest water towers remaining in the county. The tower was an integral part of the District's beginnings by supplying running water throughout West Hempstead, and a landmark to be seen from miles away.

While the new tower is already making history, winning the 2019 Project of the Year from New York State Section of the American Water Works Association, the dismantling of the old tower is an engineering feat in and of itself.

The Gramercy Group, a demolition organization that specializes in civil engineering and environmental remediation contracting services, has begun the knock-down process. Unlike other demolition projects, where explosives remove structures in a single event, the location of the Birch Street tower is surrounded by residences, so the tower needs to be dismantled piece by piece.

"Dismantling is a top-down process," says District Commissioner Kenneth P. Wenthen, Jr. "The contractors began by dismantling the tank, and our old friend slowly started to disappear from the sky."

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WANNA SEE MORE?

Visit our website to see our full photo
album of the demolition of the tower
www.westhempsteadwater.org

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER



Long Island is home to one of the world's greatest aquifer systems, and the West Hempstead Water District (WHWD) has long been at the forefront of safeguarding this vitally important resource. This includes raising the alarm when it comes to emerging contaminants and pollutants and raising the bar on the technology and science necessary to treat them.

Emerging contaminants from legacy industries and yesterday's innovations are headlining the news. The West Hempstead Water District was at the forefront of detection and protection long before New York State even considered adjusting its regulations.

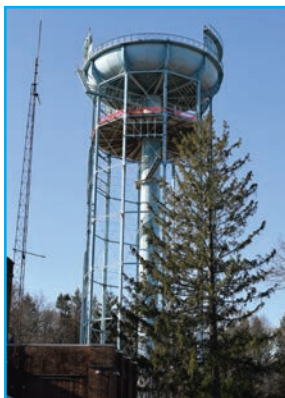
Residents can rest assured that our District is home to the nation's most advanced, state-of-the-art water technology such as Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) and Granular Activated Carbon (GAC), proven filtration systems for the removal of emerging contaminants.

For nearly 100 years, WHWD has been the vanguard of our water, ensuring a clean, safe and abundant supply to our neighbors. As a resident, you can help in preserving our resource by conserving! We have plenty of water conservation tips for you on our website by visiting www.WestHempsteadWater.org.

Have a great summer!

Jason Belle
Superintendent

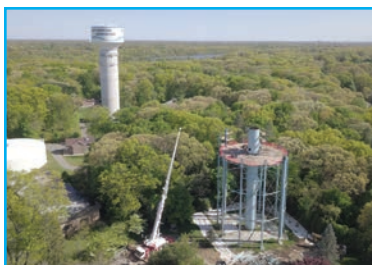
'Ole Reliable'



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The tower serviced water through 125 miles of water mains and 579 fire hydrants for 80 years, which is quite remarkable."

The new tower keeps with the visual continuity of the community and has been built with environmental and economic sustainability in mind. Its distinctive logo was designed by our District's own Chairman of the Board, C. John Sparacio.



A Fast & Easy Way to Pay-Online

If you haven't signed up for online bill pay, what are you waiting for?

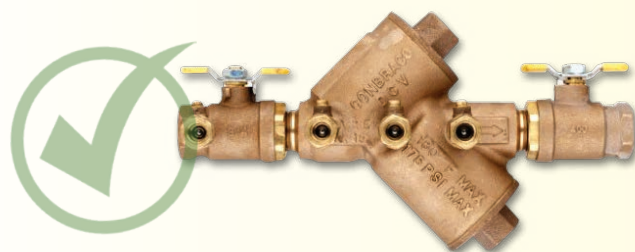
All major credit cards are accepted, and customers may use a checking account. "So many of our customers have been paying their bills online. It's easier and more convenient than driving to the District headquarters or waiting for the check to clear," stated District Commissioner Joseph M. Marando.



Follow the easy steps to register your account or log in as a returning customer.

www.westhempsteadwater.org/billing

BACKFLOW DEVICES NEED ANNUAL TESTING - IT'S THE LAW



Backflow devices help protect the community water supply from contamination. If your residence or business has a backflow device installed, it **MUST** be tested on an annual basis according to the New York State Department of Health sanitary code. The test needs to be performed by a NYS Certified Backflow Tester, and the paperwork needs to be submitted to the WHWD.

For a list of certified testers, call the District: **(516) 483-1180**

For background on Backflow, visit our website: www.westhempsteadwater.org/backflow



IRRIGATION REGULATIONS IN EFFECT YEAR-ROUND

Nassau County has an irrigation ordinance in place year-round. Now that spring is here, and our water spigots are on again, please remember to abide by the following:

No watering between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Even house numbers water on even dates

Odd house numbers water on odd dates

If you don't have a house number, you water on an even date.

Watering is not permitted on the 31st of any month.

A Power Shower for Elevated Tank at Seventh Street

Power washing our facilities, equipment and tanks helps extend the life of these assets and aids in the prevention of corrosion. Take a look at the before and after photos of our Seventh Street Tower. Sparkling Clean!



Before



After

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

The West Hempstead Water District Commissioners would like to **congratulate Superintendent Jason Belle** for being named Chairman of the Long Island Commission for Aquifer Protection (LICAP), and being appointed to Vice Chair of the Long Island Water Conference (LIWC) Board. We are active members of LIWC, a regional organization comprised of water suppliers, engineers, and officials from various governmental regulatory agencies. LICAP is a bi-county organization that addresses both quality and quantity issues facing Long Island's aquifer. We're proud of Jason's accomplishments and his contributions to our District, and the water community of Long Island.



(L to R:) Treasurer, Joseph M. Marando; Secretary, Kenneth P. Wenthon, Jr.; Chairman, C. John Sparacio



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Board of Commissioners:

Chairman: C. John Sparacio
Treasurer: Joseph M. Marando
Secretary: Kenneth P. Wenthen, Jr.

Superintendent: Jason Belle

Secretary to the Board: Frederick Kurz

Board Meetings:

Board meetings are held at 5 p.m. each Wednesday
at District headquarters.
For more information visit our website.

Memberships:

AWWA: American Water Works Association
AWWANY: American Water Works Association New York Section
LIWC: Long Island Water Conference
NSWCA: Nassau Suffolk District Commissioners' Association

2022 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Our water meets and exceeds all local, state and federal
regulations and our latest report can be found online at:

www.westhempsteadwater.org/water-quality-report

If you would like a copy mailed to your home, please call **(516) 483-1180**

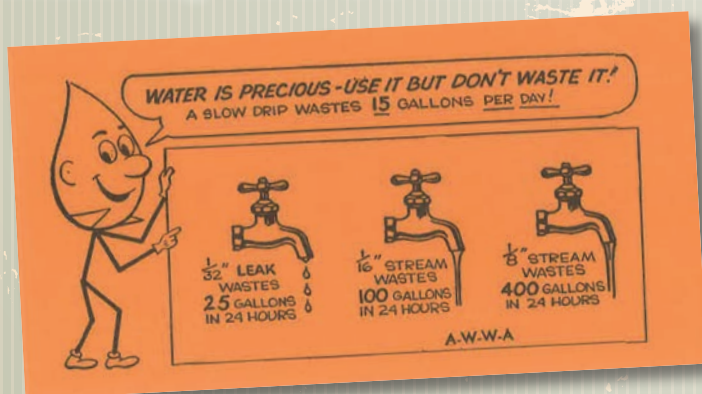
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Water Willy Says...

Times change, but some things remain the same –
Conserving Water is a Community effort.



That's more than 7,000 gallons a month!
Enough to fill a humble sized swimming pool.

**FIX THOSE LEAKS! You'll help conserve
water...AND save money on your water bill!**

What's leaking?

Your faucet?

5 gallons a day

Shower head?

**10 drips per minute =
500 gallons per year**

Sprinkler System?

**25,000 gallons over
6 months**

Leaky Pool?

**1/4" Leak is 3,000 gallon
per month**

Outdoor faucet?

10 gallons per day

Find water conservation
ideas by visiting our website:

www.westhempsteadwater.org/conservation