



**WEST
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DISTRICT**

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WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



The West Hempstead Water District has been taking part in a water main replacement project surrounding the Heatherwood Luxury Apartment development that's currently being built.

“ This project will come with many benefits for our community. ”

Chairman of the Board,
C. John Sparacio

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The project is largely funded by the developers of the Heatherwood Luxury Apartments
- It replaces some of the oldest water mains in the District
- The new water mains will meet current standards and are anticipated to last another 100 years
- The WHWD is the primary project manager for the work, meaning we will oversee all work and installation to ensure it's being constructed properly and to code
- The water main construction should be completed by the end of 2024



Water main is being replaced in the highlighted areas to the right.

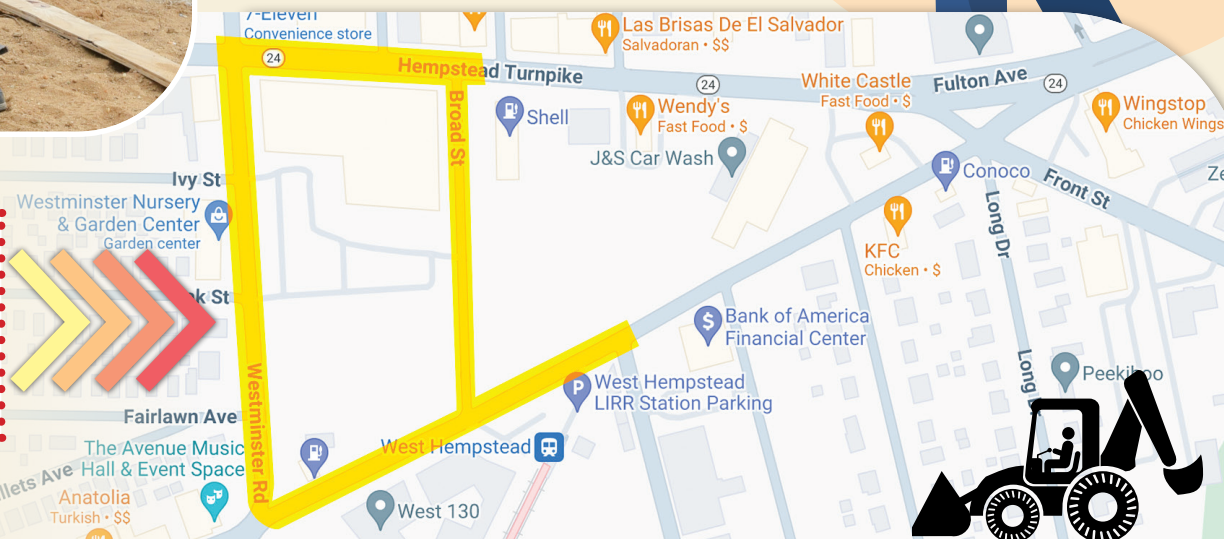


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SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

Congratulations to our Superintendent Jason Belle who has been elected Chairman of two professional organizations for 2024. Serving as the WHWD Superintendent since January 2020, he has been elected Chairman of the Long Island Commission for Aquifer Protection and as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Long Island Water Conference.

A symbol of his dedication to advocating for our water, Superintendent Belle had served on both Boards in different capacities prior to being named Chairman. The Long Island Water Conference is comprised of a team of multi-disciplined professionals coming together to keep Long Island's water safe and plentiful. The Long Island Commission for Aquifer Protection addresses quality and quantity issues facing Long Island's aquifer system and advocates for a coordinated, regional approach to groundwater resources management.



Superintendent Jason Belle

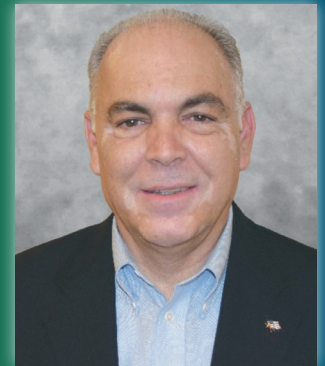


INFRASTRUCTURE

UPDATES FOR THE WHWD



"It's important that we continue to upgrade our facilities and ensure we have the proper infrastructure in place at all times," commented Water Commissioner Kenneth P. Wenthen, Jr. "We have a number of advancements that are currently taking place at our Birch Street headquarters, including electrical upgrades in the event of an emergency within the District."



Water Commissioner
Kenneth P. Wenthen, Jr.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Booster Pump** – The District replaced a booster pump that had reached the end of its useful life. During periods of high demand, especially in the summer months, this pump helps facilitate supplying more water into the distribution system. The project was completed just in time for summer.
- **Transformer** – The previous transformer that powers the service garage had exceeded its life expectancy and needed to be replaced. The project is underway, and the new transformer will be operational by the end of this year.
- **Emergency Generator Connection** – It is best to be prepared when backup emergency power is needed. Working with the District engineers we have started a multi-stage project installing a separate generator connection to allow a portion of our Birch Street filter plant to operate if the main generator was to fail. The next stage of project would allow wells to operate on their own generator if needed.

If You See Something, Say Something

Take Notice of Your Hydrants



Water Commissioner Joseph M. Marando

“We appreciate your vigilance and being on the lookout.”

Be on the lookout for suspicious use or activity surrounding fire hydrants. Call us immediately to find out if work is being done in your area or if we need to inspect the situation further.



SPRING AND SUMMER REMINDERS BACKFLOW DEVICE TESTING – IT'S A MUST

Backflow testing is critical to the protection of our public water supply. Every irrigation system installed in Nassau County must have an approved backflow prevention device. Backflow can occur when street water pressure drops, reversing the flow into the water supply. Backflow Prevention Devices are a key element in the protection of water quality. The WHWD requests that all required backflow devices be tested prior to June 30.

For more information on this critical annual inspection, forms for submission and a list of certified testers, visit

www.westhempsteadwater.org/backflow



IRRIGATION SCHEDULE

As we begin the season of beautifying our lawns and gardens, we ask all residents to adhere to the year-round Nassau County watering ordinances. These water restrictions apply to automatic, time-controlled sprinklers and manually operated hoses:

- No watering between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- Even house numbers water on even dates
- Odd house numbers water on odd dates
- Premises without numbered addresses may water on even dates
- No watering on the 31st of any month





2023 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Our water meets or 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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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
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LIWC: Long Island Water Conference
NSWCA: Nassau Suffolk District Commissioners' Association

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LEAD or COPPER?

In anticipation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) forthcoming Lead and Copper Rule Revision (LCRR), the West Hempstead Water District (WHWD) continues its comprehensive inventory of the materials used in water service lines across our distribution area. Now, we need to determine what type of water service line you have inside your home, and we need your help!

Call us to schedule an inspection by one of our technicians: (516) 483-1180.

WANT TO SELF-CERTIFY?

If you would like to inspect the service line running into your home yourself or would like further information on the importance of this inventory, scan the QR code to the right for step-by-step guidance.

