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WATER CONNECTION

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UPDATE: Capital Improvements to Wells 4 & 6 Get Underway

Port Washington Water District continually updates and maintains its infrastructure to deliver a plentiful water supply to our customers, and three important projects will proceed as a result of the bond issue last year. Over time, our existing facilities need upgrading, and it's necessary to implement these improvements for the future of our water supply.

Bar Beach Well 6

The first well to receive an upgrade is Bar Beach Well 6. An advanced filtration system will be installed called a Packed Tower Aeration System. This will remove volatile organic compounds from our water supply. This project is unique because construction of a new building for the system is required in a residential neighborhood. In order to have minimum impact on the area, the new building will actually look like a home and blend into the community. The technology inside will be masked by the residential architecture outside!

Hewlett Well 4

The second major improvement is to Hewlett Well 4. Contracts have been awarded to competitive bidders to construct a new building that will house a new Ion Exchange Treatment System. The system will remove nitrates from the water to ensure its purity. The site already employs a GAC (Granular Activated Carbon) system to filter out most impurities, but it does not adequately address nitrate removal, which is anticipated to be present. The Ion Exchange Treatment System will complete the purification process.

Both projects are scheduled for completion before the summer of 2013.

Bar Beach Well 6



Hewlett Well 4



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Message from our Superintendent

Welcome to the latest edition of Water Connection, the official publication of the Port Washington Water District. At the District, we maintain 127 miles of main and pump approximately 1.3 billion gallons of water annually! These are incredible numbers for a District that serves an area of 6 square miles. That's why it's important that we keep up with technology and improve upon our infrastructure to deliver an uninterrupted supply of quality water to our customers. Luckily, we had a very mild winter and we're anxious for the hot months ahead. But we ask our customers to be mindful of conserving water whenever possible. Please enjoy our newsletter and have a safe and healthy summer season.

—Italo J. Vacchio
Superintendent



Congratulations Thomas Murray On Your Retirement THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AS COMMISSIONER

It is with a mixture of joy and sadness we announce that Thomas J. Murray, Jr. has retired from his post as Port Washington Water District Commissioner.

He leaves a legacy of which we can all be proud. In his 22-year tenure at PWWD, he implemented improvements, expansions and innovations to our water system...making it one of the top quality water supplies in the country. The vast advances he managed through unpredictable political and economic changes over the past decades reflect his far-reaching planning abilities.

A native of Port Washington and lifetime resident, he and his beloved wife Irene have two adult children, Thomas and Heather, as well as a grandchild.

Thomas served in the Marine Corps in Vietnam and received a Purple Heart. Thomas also served at the Port Washington Fire Department for 47 years and was its former Fire Chief. Prior to retirement, he was a member of the Long Island Water Conference, Nassau/Suffolk Water Commissioners Association, Nassau County Fire Commissioners, VEEB Board Nassau County and is currently a member of the Nassau Knolls Cemetery Board.

An activist for conservation and environmental protection, Thomas was a model citizen for keeping our community beautiful and rich with resources while building a better place for future generations.

All of us at PWWD wish you luck Tom! Thank you for your service and dedication.



(L to R): Water Pollution Control Commissioner Donald Kurtz, PWWD Water Commissioners Peter Meyer and Tom Murray, Water Pollution Control Commissioner John Olszewski, PWWD Commissioner David Brackett and Water Pollution Control Commissioner Richard Mara.

WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT Underway

A third project which will begin in May is the replacement of antiquated 4-inch water mains in the Manhasset Isle Area. Approximately 14,000 feet of old pipe will be replaced. The new pipe will be 8 inches in diameter and will also improve water pressure. Equally important, it will provide increased flow at fire hydrants in the event of emergencies.

Completion of this project is expected in the autumn of 2012.



Required Backflow & Underground IRRIGATION SYSTEM TESTING

A backflow condition may arise when very low or negative street pressure occurs due to water main breaks, hydrants knocked over, etc. If you have had a backflow device installed in your home, it is required by law that it is tested every twelve months by a New York State Certified Backflow Tester.



Also, if you are installing a new underground irrigation system, **YOU MUST CONTACT THE PORT WASHINGTON WATER DISTRICT FIRST** regarding requirements and must receive approval before starting the new irrigation system. Additionally, licensed plumbers or sprinkler/irrigation contractors are also knowledgeable about these mandatory requirements. For more information call: (516) 767-0171, or visit our website at: www.pwwd.org.



Saving Rain SAVES \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$



The PWWD was invited to participate in the Town of North Hempstead's "Recycle the Rain" Program, held in the early Spring at Clark Botanical Gardens in Albertson.

The program offers residents 50-gallon rain barrels at discounted rates. By capturing and recycling rain for watering, residents can save as much as 1,800 gallons of water in one season. Actively involved in promoting conservation, both PWWD and Residents For A More Beautiful Port Washington support the program and encourage residents to do their part and help conserve.



(L to R): Town of North Hempstead Clerk Leslie Gross, Town Supervisor Jonathan Kaiman, PWWD Superintendent Italo Vacchio, Councilwoman Dina M. DeGiorgio and Executive Director Mindy Germain of Residents For A More Beautiful Port Washington.



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WATER CONSERVATION During Peak Pumping Season

With the warmer weather approaching, it's important to be mindful and look for ways to conserve water. To maintain peak performance and provide water without interruption, we turn to you, our customers, for assistance.

Here are a few tips for you to conserve water this summer season:

- **Water your lawn and garden early in the morning or at night to avoid excess evaporation. Nassau County Ordinance prohibits watering between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. year round.**
- **Even numbered addresses and non-numbered homes can water on even numbered days; odd numbered addresses can water on odd numbered days.**
- **The use of a hose for flushing driveways, sidewalks and streets is prohibited.**
- **Install a spring-loaded shutoff nozzle on each garden hose to avoid water waste.**
- **Always remember to check underground sprinklers, pools and spas for leaks.**
- **For gardens, make small irrigation ditches along rows of plants and flowers.**

