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WATER CONNECTION

A Publication of the Port Washington Water District



DO IT FOR PORT
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**IF YOU LOVE
PORT...
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The Port Washington Water District (PWWD) recently launched its 'Do It For Port' water conservation campaign; a series of educational events that residents can take part in ahead of irrigation season reaching its peak. With warmer weather approaching, conservation is more important now than ever, and we need everyone who calls 'Port' home to help us protect our most precious resource.

Getting The Community Involved

These events and programs aim to ensure residents have all the tools and resources needed to maximize water savings this spring and summer when the community's water consumption spikes threefold.

Do It For Port 2022 Events:

- March 16:** PWWD's Capital Improvement Plan to Maintain High Quality Water – Forum
- May 4:** We Must Conserve: Do It For Port – Celebrating Water Week
- May 11:** Empowering Our Youth – Becoming the Stewards of Port's Drinking Water (In partnership with the Port Washington Public Library)
- May 12:** PWWD Plant 6 Treatment Facility – Student Tour

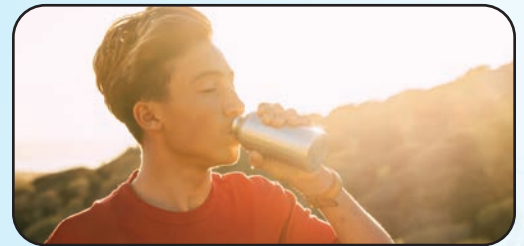
Upcoming Event:

- June 18:** Sustainable Garden Tour – To Register: www.pwwd.org/gardentour (Further details inside our newsletter)

"Do It For Port is a central theme of this community. People rally together because we want Port Washington to always be the best place to live and raise a family," said PWWD Commissioner Mindy Germain. "Part of that is taking care of our drinking water and one of the best ways to do that is by conserving."

EMPOWERING our Youth

Becoming Stewards of Port's Drinking Water



On May 11th, students from Port Washington were invited to collaborate at an in-person event at the Port Washington Library for a fun and engaging conversation about protecting and preserving our community's only water source. Students learned how to earn a 'Do It For Port Certificate of Service' by taking action to protect Port's water.



Calling All Students! PWWD Community Service

It's not too late to get your kids involved.

PWWD will continue to provide educational programs and conservation initiatives for students to implement at home which is great for the environment AND student resumes. For more information about earning a certificate for community service, call the District at (516) 767-0171, or visit: www.pwwd.org/conservation/do-it-for-port-educational-events

"We're excited to collaborate with families over the next couple of months so we can work together as a community," stated PWWD Chairman David Brackett. "Together, we can make a difference and reduce water waste this summer."



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Irrigation Contractors Guidelines

The Port Washington Water District recently partnered with the Roslyn Water District and Irrigation Association of New York for an Irrigation Contractor Training Webinar to educate local irrigation contractors on how to best help residents conserve water during peak irrigation season.

“Our contractors help is vital in ensuring that District residents comply with mandatory 2022 irrigation requirements,” stated PWWD Commissioner Peter Meyer. “We’re faced with reduced capacity with multiple wells offline while we’re busy at work constructing water treatment systems to address emerging contaminants.”

“This training program provided us with tremendous insight on irrigation requirements and educating homeowners about the mandatory irrigation guidelines this year”

–Joe Tavalero, owner of Custom Irrigation Corporation

PWWD ENSURES SAFE & SECURE DRUG DISPOSAL

PWWD recently hosted its third annual Pharmaceutical Take Back Day to encourage residents to safely dispose of expired or unused prescription drugs in their homes. Together, the community disposed of approximately 300 pounds of prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

Improperly disposing of pharmaceutical drugs and other controlled substances presents opportunities for foreign contaminants to seep into the water supply, raising the potential of groundwater contamination and expense on future treatment needs. “It was incredible to see so many of our neighbors come in droves to do their part for Port in protecting our water supply,” PWWD Commissioner Mindy Germain said.

To learn about future events and how to dispose of prescription medications, visit www.PWWD.org.



Message From The Superintendent



Italo J. Vacchio,
Superintendent

As we welcome hot summer months, it means we'll be using water on our gardens and landscapes. With that in mind, the Port Washington Water District recently launched our Do It For Port conservation campaign to provide education for our residents in advance of our peak water pumping season. Our newsletter is packed with useful information, tips and resources about water conservation, and we encourage consumers to take part in attending some of our events. On behalf of the District, I'd like to thank our community partners such as our public library, ReWild Long Island, and local

residents who will be opening their homes to our Sustainable Garden Tour in June.

It's also backflow testing season. The law requires ALL backflow devices be tested every 12 months by a New York State Certified Backflow Tester. Results must be filed with our District and Nassau County Department of Health. If you are installing a new irrigation system, you must contact our District first to receive requirements and approval before you begin.

Enjoy the summer and let's all continue to stay safe and healthy!

Commissioner News

Water Commissioner

David Brackett Re-Elected



David Brackett,
Water Commissioner

Congratulations to David Brackett on his re-election as Water Commissioner of Port Washington Water District. The election of a PWWD Water Commissioner is for a three-year term. A lifelong resident of Port Washington, David has proudly served the community as

Water Commissioner for 30 years, and as Chairman for nearly a decade.

A Word of Appreciation...

To whom it may concern,

I would like to extend a big THANK YOU for the manner in which the PW Water District addressed, responded to and corrected the water main break on Anchorage Ave., Monday Feb 01, 2022.

My call was received around 3:30 PM as I was headed out for a quick run to the store. Upon my return (less than 30 minutes later), a crew of 3 was on site evaluating the condition, clearing the Cul de Sac of vehicles and POLITELY/PROFESSIONALLY addressing the neighbors who addressed concerns.

Over the next couple of hours, I paid visits to the crew performing the work just to see the progress. Again, I was met with POLITE PROFESSIONAL updates and explanations of what they were doing to solve the problem. By 8:00 it was cleaned up and they were done.

Please convey my gratitude and appreciation to all involved.

Thanks again.

Jim Byrnes,
Port Washington

*Thank You
Mr. Byrnes!*

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

2022 PROJECTS UNDERWAY



As many residents may know from previous communications, the Port Washington Water District was approved for a bond in the amount of \$37 million in 2021 for the improvement and advancement of water treatment facilities within the District. PWWD was awarded over \$18 million in New York State Water Infrastructure Act (WIIA) grants, which will help offset some of the costs of these required projects. The District will also seek any additional grants as they become available.

Our five-year capital improvement campaign is complex and multifaceted, and the Board of Water Commissioners has worked tirelessly with our team of engineers, superintendent and support vendors to carefully manage the entire process along the way. Projects completed last year included the detailed design of Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) treatment plants for Hewlett Well 4 and Christopher Morley Park (Wells 8, 9 and 11) Stations.

Construction on these plants will begin in 2022. The detailed design for nitrate removal and an AOP treatment plant for the Stonytown Well 10 Station will also be conducted in 2022.

The District will also work on the replacement of selected water mains that are nearing the end of their useful life.

**SIGN UP FOR
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PWWD encourages residents to sign up for email alerts. It's a great way for you to be updated on urgent news, construction projects in your neighborhoods, water main breaks and more. Your email will not be shared for unintended purposes. To get started, go to...

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Water Conservation & Sustainability

Mandatory Irrigation Guidelines

The Port Washington Water District requires all residents to adhere to our mandatory lawn irrigation usage guidelines. The District is currently operating at a reduced capacity as wells are proactively being taken out of service while new treatment facilities are being constructed.

Residents Must Adhere to the Following:

1. Adjust watering schedules to comply with the zone map
2. Install a smart irrigation controller to save up to 30% (residents must convert by 2025)
3. Turn back watering times for each zone by 4 minutes (up to 20% in savings)
4. Follow Nassau County's Odd/Even Water Schedule (visit: pwwd.org/conservation)

