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WATER CONNECTION

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Water Conservation & Sustainability

'Do It For Port' Campaign Continues Strong into 2023

Water conservation is crucial as Long Island deals with the trifecta of a warming climate, salt water intrusion and emerging contaminants. Despite experiencing one of the driest and hottest summers on record in 2022, Port Washington residents rallied together to make it a priority to water less and Do It For Port. Summer of '22 pumpage compared to four of the most recent dry summers saw an average decrease in water usage of close to 10 percent! We all love Port, and it shows. Our multifaceted water conservation program is working, and we look to build upon this effort in 2023.



DO IT FOR PORT
water conservation



Our award winning Do It For Port drinking water conservation program continues with guidelines for irrigation, grants for smart sprinkler systems, education on low water landscaping and other great initiatives.

Our newsletter has all the details for this year's Do It For Port program, including our 2023 Sustainable Garden Tour led by Rewild Long Island and PWWD. Take a look inside.



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Protecting Our Water

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UPDATE ON WELL PROJECTS



Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) vessels being delivered to Christopher Morley Park well station.

At Port Washington Water District (PWWD), providing safe and quality drinking water to customers is our top priority. The District is committed to complying with all local, state, and federal requirements to ensure its potable water supply is of the highest quality.

The District is making great progress designing and constructing treatment facilities to combat emerging contaminants and **we invite our customers to continue reading inside our Spring/Summer newsletter for an update.** Until these projects are completed, the District continues to operate at reduced capacity, making conservation imperative.

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CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY THROUGHOUT DISTRICT



The PWWD is making a major investment in our infrastructure, constructing state-of-the-art water treatment systems to stay ahead of emerging contaminants throughout the District. During the past few years, the District has secured close to \$25 million in grants to help offset the cost to rate payers. Our design and construction progress on our well sites is as follows:

HEWLETT WELL 4 STATION

- Construction of the new treatment facility and installation of an Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) system to treat 1,4-dioxane is complete and ready for testing.
- Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) vessels to treat PFOA and PFOS have been rehabilitated and filled with new carbon.

CHRISTOPHER MORLEY PARK (WELLS 8, 9 AND 11)

- The new building foundation to house the new AOP system and GAC vessels has been completed.

STONYTOWN WELL 10

- Demolition and excavation to build the foundation of the plant that will house the new AOP system and GAC vessels has begun.



THANK YOU...

TO OUR RESPECTED RESIDENTS

The District wishes to thank you, our residents, for your support and adhering to our water conservation requirements. It takes a village, and you have helped us to reduce water usage during our peak pumping months, which takes a tremendous amount of pressure off our infrastructure.

TO THE VILLAGE OF FLOWER HILL

The District also extends a big thank you to The Village of Flower Hill for their contributions made to the aesthetics of the design concept of our new treatment facility at the Flower Hill Village Park.



Message From The Board

Thank You, Mr. Vacchio!



Italo J. Vacchio

Earlier this year, Italo J. Vacchio retired from service as District Superintendent of The Port Washington Water District (PWWD). Italo has been a leader in the water service industry for over 50 years, 14 of which were right here at our District. His steadfast leadership was unmatched, and he was dedicated to his craft. Italo led a successful career and was a driving force in strategic planning and execution. Much

of our accomplishments today are due to his invaluable guidance through numerous projects and his ability to provide sound advice and solutions. His commitment to the quality preservation of water has been unwavering.

To honor Italo for his countless contributions, our District boardroom will be forever known as the Italo J. Vacchio Boardroom. We are extremely grateful for his dedication and service to the District and our proud Port Washington community.



Paul Prignano,
Superintendent

It's a proud moment for the District as we announce the hiring of Paul Prignano to serve as our new District Superintendent. Paul previously worked at the Westbury Water District for nearly 33 years and brings decades of water service experience to our District. Congratulations on the appointment, Superintendent Prignano.

— The Board of Water
Commissioners

Commissioner Germain Receives AWWA Award for Service to the Water Profession



PWWD Commissioner Mindy Germain was recently awarded the Recognition for Service to the Water Profession Award by the New York Section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) for her outstanding service and dedication to protecting the Port Washington Peninsula's water source.

Since her election to the PWWD Board of Commissioners in 2012 through her re-election this year, Commissioner Germain has been a strong advocate for applying data driven science to manage our drinking water and implementing robust community education and outreach. Germain has also been the recipient of Nassau County's Trailblazer of the New Millennium award, North Hempstead's May W. Newburger Roll of Honor, and New York State Woman of Distinction award for her achievements protecting Port Washington's drinking water.

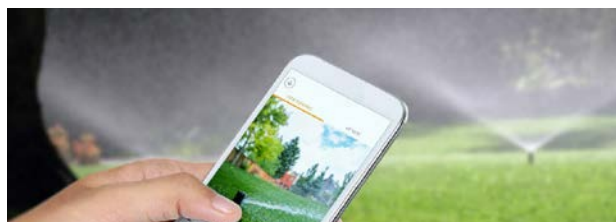
"I am truly honored and humbled to receive this award and be recognized by the New York Section of the AWWA," said Commissioner Germain. "Everything I do in my role as water commissioner is to protect the community I love, and to be acknowledged by the AWWA for these efforts is one of the greatest achievements in my career."

BE SMART...SAVE WATER, SAVE MONEY

SMART SPRINKLER CONTROLLERS REBATE

Time Is Running Out...

By **January 1, 2025**, all PWWD customers will be required to replace standard automatic sprinkler controllers with Smart Sprinkler Controllers and Rain Sensors. This is one of the most proven methods to conserve water and will help meet our goal to conserve water by 20% during spring and summer seasons.



LIMITED REBATES AVAILABLE!

Make the switch and receive **\$150 through the Smart Sprinkler Rebate Program** – first come, first served basis. You'll **save money on your water bill by reducing water** usage by as much as **40%***!

HERE'S HOW TO APPLY:

Visit pwwd.org/rebate and fill out the application. Please submit your proposed controller along with the required documentation. Once your application is approved, you'll be on your way to saving water, money, and the environment.

*Source: www.cornell.edu ("Smart irrigation model predicts rainfall to conserve water")

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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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2023 Mandatory Automatic Irrigation Guidelines

All customers of the Port Washington Water District are required to adhere to the mandatory 2023 Lawn Automatic Irrigation Usage Guidelines. The District is currently at reduced capacity because wells are proactively being taken out of service while new treatment systems and facilities are being constructed.

Residents Must Adhere to the Following:

1. Adjust watering schedules based on zone map
2. Install smart sprinkler controllers and save up to 40% on water usage (Installation Required By: 1/1/2025)
3. Turn back watering times for each zone by 4 minutes (save 20% on water usage)
4. Follow Nassau County's Odd/Even Water Schedule (visit: pwwd.org/conservation)

Rules for Manual Irrigation:

- Watering is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Odd-numbered homes water on odd-numbered days
- Even and non-numbered homes water on even-numbered days
- Restrict irrigation to 15 minutes per area with a maximum watering of two hours per day.

