



WATER CONNECTION

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Water Treatment Facility Updates

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF OUR WATER 2025–2029 Capital Improvement Program



Commissioner
Peter Meyer

“These infrastructure investments are essential to maintaining a reliable, resilient water system for our community. By planning ahead and securing outside funding wherever possible, we are able to modernize critical facilities while helping reduce long-term costs for residents.”

- Commissioner Peter Meyer



Construction is complete at Christopher Morley Park Station (Wells 8, 9 and 11) including the installation of granular activated carbon (GAC) vessels for the removal of PFOA and PFOS, and advanced oxidation process (AOP) treatment for the removal of 1,4-dioxane.

The Port Washington Water District (PWWD) is making significant investments to ensure a reliable, high-quality water supply for today and for generations to come. As part of its 2025–2029 Capital Improvement Program, the District is advancing a series of infrastructure upgrades designed to strengthen system resiliency, improve water quality, and modernize critical facilities across the community.

These projects reflect a proactive approach to protecting Port Washington’s sole-source aquifer while maintaining the high standards residents depend on every day.

PROGRESS ALREADY UNDERWAY

In 2025, the District completed several major projects that are now fully operational, including upgrades at the Christopher Morley Park Station, enhancements to the Neulist Station electrical systems, and improvements to treatment systems at the Stonytown Well 10 Station. Construction also continues on key upgrades at the Sandy Hollow Station. These efforts improve efficiency, strengthen reliability, and ensure water meets every health and safety guideline.



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INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF OUR WATER

SECURING OUTSIDE FUNDING TO REDUCE COSTS

As part of its commitment to responsible financial management, the District continues to pursue outside funding to support critical infrastructure improvements. Recently, PWWD secured more than \$1.7 million in federal funding through grants supported by Congressman Tom Suozzi and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. The District also continues to seek and utilize settlement funds from manufacturers responsible for PFAS contamination to help offset the cost of treatment infrastructure. By leveraging these funding sources, PWWD is able to advance essential projects while reducing the financial burden on local ratepayers.

WHAT'S AHEAD

The District continues to invest in projects that address emerging contaminants and evolving regulations. Upcoming work includes advanced treatment systems designed to remove PFAS compounds at a microscopic level of 4 parts per trillion (ppt), ensuring compliance with both New York State and federal drinking water standards.

"The District's continued investment in advanced treatment technology ensures that Port Washington residents receive high-quality drinking water that meets or exceeds all state and federal standards. Protecting our water supply today is an investment in the future of our community."



Commissioner David Brackett

- Commissioner David Brackett



District plant operators monitor and test our water regularly to ensure it meets or exceeds all local, state and federal standards. (Pictured here: Jasper Skilba, Assistant Superintendent)

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS ACROSS THE DISTRICT INCLUDE:

- 1 Installation of advanced treatment systems to ensure every health & safety guideline is met.**
- 2 Replacement of aging infrastructure, including water mains & mechanical equipment.**
- 3 Electrical, pump, and control system upgrades to improve reliability.**
- 4 Rehabilitation of water storage facilities to meet current standards.**
- 5 Strategic projects to improve water pressure & system performance.**

Many components of the District's infrastructure are decades old and require thoughtful reinvestment. By planning ahead and prioritizing critical upgrades, PWWD is able to reduce emergency repairs, improve operational efficiency, and better manage long-term costs for the community.

This capital program also positions the District to meet future demand, respond to changing environmental conditions, and comply with all water quality standards.

Every project within the Capital Improvement Program supports a single goal: protecting and sustaining Port Washington's drinking water supply. Through strategic investment, responsible planning, and continued community partnership, the District is ensuring that residents can rely on high-quality water now and into the future.



Stonytown Well 10 Station is near completion and blends in perfectly within the local community. The ion exchange for nitrate treatment has been installed and is fully operational.



DO IT FOR PORT
water conservation

'Do It For Port'

Protecting Our Water During Peak Season

As we enter peak pumping season, water demand across Port Washington increases significantly, placing added strain on our aquifer and distribution system. Excessive or unnecessary water use can impact long-term supply, system reliability, and overall water quality. Conservation is critical to protecting our community's drinking water. Every action taken at home helps reduce overall demand and protects Port Washington's water supply.

By following the mandatory irrigation guidelines and making informed choices, residents play a direct role in safeguarding this essential resource.



"Do It for Port. Port Washington has always risen to meet the challenges that matter most. The science and data are clear: protecting our aquifer requires all of us to use water wisely. By working together we can secure a sustainable water future for us, and generations to come."

- Commissioner Mindy Germain

Follow Mandatory Irrigation Guidelines

All residents must comply with PWWD irrigation regulations (see back page). These restrictions are in place to reduce system strain during peak demand and ensure fair and responsible water use across the community.

Smart Irrigation Is Required

All automatic irrigation systems must be equipped with a **smart irrigation controller**, which adjusts watering based on weather conditions and helps prevent unnecessary water use.

Monitor and Manage Your Water Use

Residents are encouraged to use MyPWWD, the District's online water monitoring tool, to track daily consumption, identify unusual usage, and detect potential leaks. Monitoring your water use is one of the most effective ways to prevent waste.

Take Action at Home

- Avoid watering during the hottest part of the day
- Check irrigation systems regularly for leaks or inefficiencies
- Ensure sprinklers are directed at lawns—not pavement
- Consider planting native or drought-tolerant landscaping

Get Involved

Learn more about water-wise landscaping and conservation practices at the District's **Sustainable Garden Tour** on June 13.

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SUSTAINABLE GARDEN TOUR

EXPLORE BEAUTIFUL, WATER-WISE GARDENS IN PORT WASHINGTON



Join the **Port Washington Water District** and **ReWild Long Island** for a guided tour of sustainable gardens designed to conserve water, support pollinators, and reduce environmental impact.

Saturday, June 13, 2026 • 9:00 a.m.

Limited spots available!
Registration is required at:
www.pwwd.org/gardentour2026

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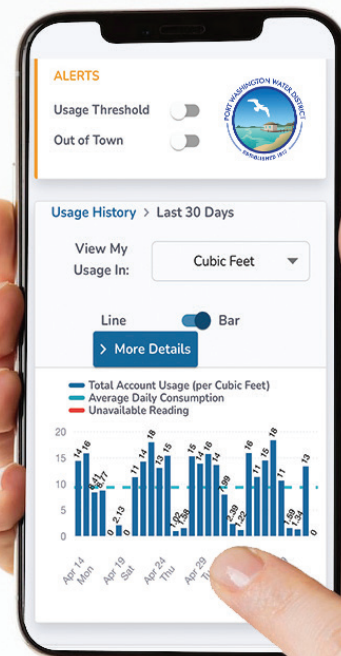
Protecting a Shared Resource

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR WATER USE



The Port Washington Water District recently hosted a virtual training session to introduce residents and business owners to MY PWWD, the District's online water monitoring tool. Participants learned how to track daily water use, set alerts, and better manage consumption to help conserve water and avoid unexpected costs.

Missed the session?
Get started anytime at
www.pwwd.org/mypwwd.



MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT



PWWD Superintendent
Paul Prignano

As we enter peak pumping season, it is especially important to reduce our impact on the aquifer. During the hot summer months, we tend to overwater lawns and landscapes, but most properties only require about one inch of water per week, and even less when using native plants.

The Port Washington Water District reminds residents that smart irrigation controllers are required for all automatic irrigation systems. These systems automatically adjust watering based on weather conditions and help reduce unnecessary water use. Taking these simple steps can make a meaningful difference in lowering overall pumpage and protecting our shared water supply.

This is also a reminder that backflow devices must be tested annually. New York State law requires testing every 12 months by a certified backflow tester, with results submitted to the District. If you are installing a new irrigation system, you must contact the District and receive approval before any work begins.

Together, we can conserve water and continue to make Port Washington a stronger, more sustainable community.

DRUG TAKEBACK PROGRAM

The Port Washington Water District's seventh annual Pharmaceutical Drug Take-Back Day held last October in collaboration with The Port Washington Police District and a host of promotional partners was the most successful to date. Residents safely disposed more than 500 pounds of unused and expired medications. The program helps protect the community's drinking water by preventing harmful substances from entering the aquifer through improper disposal. Thanks to strong community participation and local partnerships, the event continues to grow as an important environmental initiative.



From left to right: PWWD Commissioner Mindy Germain, PWWD Superintendent Paul Prignano, Port Washington Police District Officer Dwayne McCurdy, PWWD Water Servicers Andrew Prignano and Thomas Helfrich, and Chairman David Brackett

Commissioner News



Congratulations to Commissioner Mindy Germain

The Port Washington Water District congratulates Commissioner Mindy Germain on her re-election in December.

Commissioner Germain will continue to serve the community with a new three-year term beginning in January 2026. We thank her for her continued leadership and commitment to protecting and sustaining Port Washington's drinking water supply.



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Water Conservation and Sustainability

2026 Mandatory Automatic Irrigation Guidelines

The Port Washington Water District requires all residents to adhere to our mandatory lawn irrigation usage guidelines. The District is proactively managing extreme heat, threats of saltwater intrusion, as well as a reduced capacity as wells have been taken out of service while new treatment facilities are being constructed.

Residents Must Adhere to the Following:

1. Adjust watering schedules based on zone map
2. Smart sprinkler controllers save up to 40% on water usage (Required: 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.

