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WATER METER READING INSTALLATION UNDERWAY

Last year we announced our plan for automated water meter reading systems to be implemented throughout the District. We are happy to report Phase I of our installation began in Garden City Park, and we expect to meet our completion date in 2016 for all consumer accounts.

But the news gets better for our consumers. Once all the systems are installed within the District, you can download a free app to your cell phone that reads your meter and helps you monitor your water usage! This means you can adjust your usage to conserve and customize the way you use water in your home or place of business, and it gives you more control over your water bill. The information in your app will reflect exactly what your meter reports. The District will notify all consumers when the app will be made available and how to download it.

There are many other benefits besides monitoring your usage in real time.

While GCPWD crews will always be on-call for you in an emergency, they won't need to routinely visit your property to read your meter. Instead, in the near future, all District meters will be read from afar by this new wireless technology, which is extremely precise and completely non-intrusive.

Plus, all initial installation and implementation work is currently being conducted by District employees with no outside contractors or costs involved.

Briefly, this is how it works: Battery-powered transmitters, with a life of 20 years per battery, are installed on the water meter of each home or business to read your usage. Radio-receiving antennas on GCPWD tanks and pump stations pick up the signals transmitted from the meters. That reading is then relayed directly to GCPWD's main computer and recorded to your account in a database.

It should be noted that this new technology will not increase consumer rates and will not impact the District's workforce in any way.

Monitor Your Water Usage Right From Your Cell Phone



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Architectural renderings of the new treatment facility at Plant #6.

PLANT #6 UPGRADED WITH NEW SUPER-EFFICIENT FILTRATION SYSTEMS

GCPWD Plant #6 on Hickory Road and Denton Avenue has been processing and filtering water for over 25 years to a quality that exceeds all state and regulatory standards. Now, a new treatment system will guarantee our water to be of the highest quality possible.

When the new system is installed by the fall of 2014, water treatment will go through two filtration stages to further purify your drinking water.

First, the water is pumped through the existing filtration system, which removes almost all traces of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) found in extremely minuscule quantities in our aquifer.

Next, the water will be cycled through a new Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) filtration system. This polishes the water and removes any remaining contaminants. The system will reduce them to being completely undetectable.

The result will be an exceptionally pure water supply of unprecedented quality within the District.

Due to the foresight of our commissioners back in 2010, the District formulated a strategic plan to pay the \$1.2 million cost of the system without going into the monies generated by fees or taxes. This means there is no extended tax burden to our consumers.

The story began with the M.T.B.E. Gasoline Settlement which involved several major oil companies in 2010.

“When the settlement went through, we knew we could utilize those dollars to fund this type of project,” said Water Commissioner Kenneth Borchers. “It’s our responsibility to protect our water supply and that should not be at the expense of our taxpayers if at all possible. This was a win-win situation, settling the M.T.B.E litigation and building the filtration plant with the proceeds.”

To date, the construction of the filtration plant is on schedule and within budget and will be up and running at 100% efficiency by this fall.

GCPWD Superintendent Michael Levy Named LIWC President



Congratulations to our very own Michael Levy for being named president of the Long Island Water Conference. The purpose of the not-for-profit organization is to provide and maintain an adequate and safe water supply throughout Long Island and to anticipate the water concerns of future generations by providing imaginative and sound programs.

As president, Mr. Levy’s responsibilities include overseeing conference committees, developing strategies to better manage the water supply throughout Long Island, assist in the formation of the Long Island Commission on Aquifer Protection (LICAP), develop educational seminars and workshops and be the liaison between elected officials and those who provide service within the water industry.



Way to go, Mike!



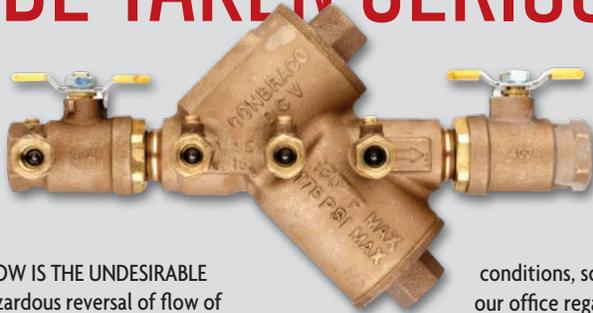
GCPWD Superintendent Michael Levy and Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) discussing fire hydrants and how the law will impact local water suppliers.

New EPA Law Will Not Apply To District Hydrants

Earlier this year, water authorities and municipalities throughout Long Island received good news from the Federal government. Fire hydrants are now exempt from a new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) law which aims to make the nation's drinking water safer from lead. As stated by Senator Charles Schumer (D-New York), "This will save local governments, municipalities and taxpayers millions of dollars across the country and millions of dollars across New York State."

GCPWD Commissioner Chris Engel applauded the decision and commented, "We take great pride in filtering and delivering clean and potable water throughout our community. Thanks in part to Senator Schumer for helping to reverse the new EPA law, fire hydrants are now exempt, and we will not have to needlessly dispose of replacement stock and spend taxpayer money to replace them."

BACKFLOW TESTING TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY



BACKFLOW IS THE UNDESIRABLE and hazardous reversal of flow of non-potable water or other substances through a cross-connection and into the piping of a public water system or consumer's potable water system. Backflow can threaten the safety of the public water supply, which is why New York State has mandated the use of prevention devices.

A backflow condition may arise when very low or negative street pressure occurs due to water main breaks, hydrants knocked over, etc. When these infrequent events present themselves, water in your home and commercial plumbing systems may be siphoned backwards towards the street water main in the absence of a backflow prevention device (BPD).

Backflow prevention devices, when properly installed and maintained, guard against these

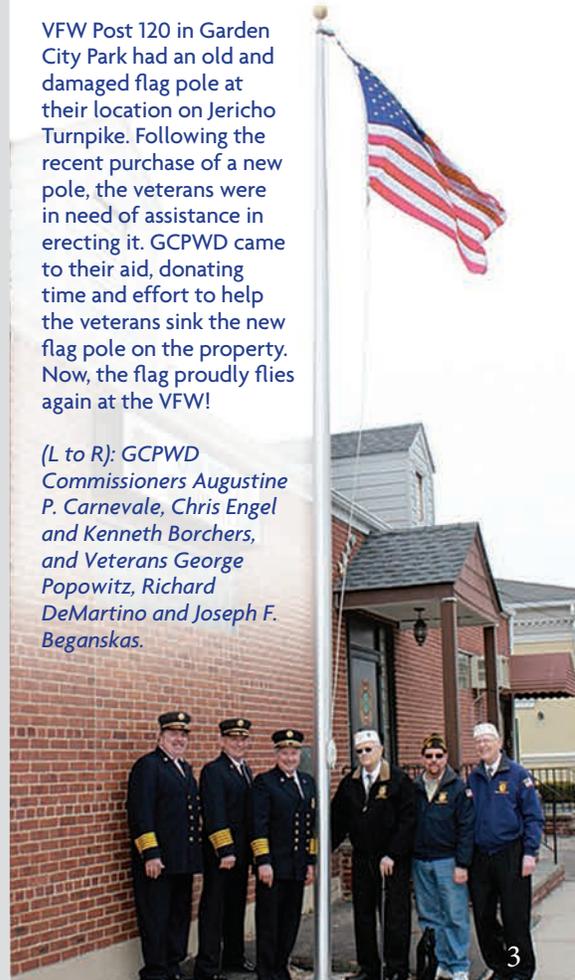
conditions, so please check with our office regarding requirements when installing new plumbing systems including underground irrigation (sprinkler systems).

The GCPWD has been charged with the responsibility to enforce the law that New York State has enacted. Per the Nassau County Department of Health, any installation or modification of underground irrigation systems requires a permit and must include a backflow prevention device. **Inspection of the completed, installed system prior to the issuance of a permit and annual testing by certified backflow testers are both mandatory, and the paperwork must be provided to our headquarters.** For more information about testing requirements, please call our office at (516) 746-3194.

Support For Our Veterans

VFW Post 120 in Garden City Park had an old and damaged flag pole at their location on Jericho Turnpike. Following the recent purchase of a new pole, the veterans were in need of assistance in erecting it. GCPWD came to their aid, donating time and effort to help the veterans sink the new flag pole on the property. Now, the flag proudly flies again at the VFW!

(L to R): GCPWD Commissioners Augustine P. Carnevale, Chris Engel and Kenneth Borchers, and Veterans George Popowitz, Richard DeMartino and Joseph F. Beganskas.





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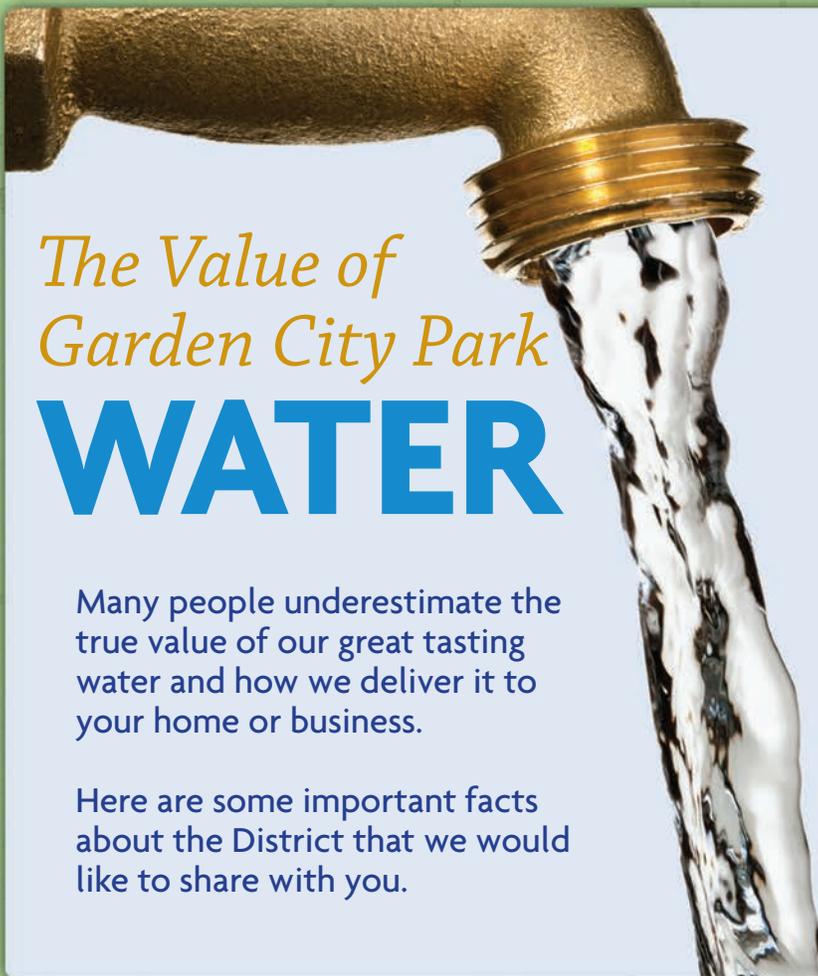
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*The Value of
Garden City Park*
WATER

Many people underestimate the true value of our great tasting water and how we deliver it to your home or business.

Here are some important facts about the District that we would like to share with you.

1. GCPWD has a service area of more than 3 square miles including:
 - Garden City Park
 - Parts of:
 - Manhasset Hills
 - Williston Park
 - Albertson
 - North Hills
 - Roslyn
 - Garden City
 - New Hyde Park
2. Population: Over 18,000 people; 7,100 total accounts
3. 2 elevated water tanks with 2.5 million gallons of storage
4. 6 wells with a maximum daily capacity of 10.4 million gallons
5. 76 miles of water main
6. 715 fire hydrants