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GCPWD CONTINUES INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

As part of our ongoing commitment to our consumers, it's important that we continually upgrade and update our well stations and improve infrastructure. The Garden City Park Water District was first established in 1922, and remarkably, some of the infrastructure within the District dates back to the post WWII period.



Wells No. 1 and 2, built in 1938.



Plant No. 9

The Board of Commissioners agree that continual maintenance and phased replacement is the most pragmatic way to manage the increasing needs of the community, guarantee water quality, combat encroaching problems, improve water pressure and control costs.

“Many infrastructure upgrades are necessary within the District and our new Capital Campaign will provide for large-scale improvements in renovations, repairs, and upgrades to the overall water distribution system,” said Commissioner Chris Engel.

HERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE NEW PROJECTS THE DISTRICT WILL BE ADDRESSING:

1. The renovation of Well No. 9, in existence since 1969, will include the modernization and automation of the plant to bring it into the 21st century.
2. Repairs and upgrades to the air-stripping Tower Wells at No. 7 and No. 10, installed in 1988. The Tower is leaking beyond repair and needs to be replaced.
3. The addition of treatment on Well No. 8 or well improvements at Well No. 1 or Well No. 2. Nitrate levels that have impacted Wells No. 1 and 2 have decreased with the introduction of sewers and the fact that the wells have been offline for more than 40 years.
4. State law requires the metering of individual water services and it is important for several reasons such as promoting conservation, providing a more equitable distribution of costs and identifying service and internal plumbing leaks. The District has begun a meter replacement program and anticipates completion by the end of 2017.
5. The District has 78.2 miles of main, most of which is cast iron and beyond its recommended service life. The District plans water distribution system improvements beginning in the southeast.



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WATER BOTTLE FILLER PROGRAM

DISTRICT PARTNERS WITH LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

As local community members themselves, the District Commissioners and Superintendent strive to be good partners with the community. With that in mind, the District recently donated a Water Bottle Fill Station to Denton Avenue School to help educate the students about the significance of protecting our planet and the water we drink. “Children enjoy helping and being involved and taking part in this conservation effort is a simple way for them to make a difference,” said Commissioner Kenneth Borchers.

“Refilling a reusable bottle eliminates the use of plastic bottles.”

Residents of GCPWD have quality tap water with the simple turn of a faucet, and it is important to teach children that drinking tap water rather than bottled water is a way for them to protect our water supply for future generations. It can take between 450 and 1,000 years for a plastic bottle to decompose, so using refillable water bottles means fewer plastic bottles in our landfills today, and well into the future.



From left to right: Commissioner Kenneth Borchers, Principal Mary Louise Haley, Commissioner Peter Chimenti and Commissioner Chris Engel.

GUIDELINES ENFORCED TO PROTECT OUR WATER SUPPLY

Water usage increases significantly during the warmer months so practicing conservation methods is beneficial for all of us. For instance, GCPWD has experienced a spike in pumpage as high as 14 mgd – per day! The capacity of the system was built to handle approximately 10 million gallons per day. This tremendous amount of pressure on the water distribution system and our wells is one reason why the District is continually upgrading and updating its infrastructure to keep up with the demand.

KNOW THE FACTS:



Protecting our water supply: GCPWD prohibits lawn watering between 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.



Observe watering days: Odd numbered homes water on odd numbered days. Even numbered homes water on even numbered days.



Sprinkler Systems: All automated sprinklers must have rain sensors and timers.



Lawns only need 1 to 2 inches of water per week: Overwatering can lead to disease and fungus, potentially harming your lawn.



Check for leaks: Even a drippy faucet has an effect on water conservation. A small drip from a faucet can waste more than 50 gallons of water per day!

EMPLOYEE NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS!



JOSEPH RENTA PROMOTED TO SUPERVISOR OF WATER PLANT OPERATIONS

Joseph Renta began his career with GCPWD in 1988 as a water servicer. In 2008 he became a Water Plant Operator, moving up the ranks to Senior Water Plant Operator in 2013, and he was recently promoted again to Supervisor of Water Plant Operations.

Joseph, who maintains a NYSDOH Grade IA Operators license, is a past champion of the New York Section American Water Works (NYSAWWA) Top Ops competition. He is active in his community as a member and former Grand Knight of the New Hyde Park Knights of Columbus.

He resides in New Hyde Park with his wife, Carol, son, Brian and daughter, Kristen.

COMPETING IN TOP OPS



DAVID DZIOMBA PARTICIPATES IN LOCAL AND STATE COMPETITIONS

David Dziomba, who has been with GCPWD for eight years, teamed up with operators from other water districts to compete in the 2016 Top Ops and Meter Madness competitions.

David won both competitions and was able to represent all Long Island water suppliers at the New York Section American Water Works Association (NYAWWA) spring event, held in Saratoga, NY.

Congratulations, David!



NEW FIRE TRUCKS BEGIN SERVICE



Garden City Park Fire District recently took delivery of two, new fire trucks, replacing trucks that were in operation since the mid-1990s. Manufactured by Ferrara, the 1,500-gpm (gallons per minute) pumpers bring hoses and water to a fire, pump water and maximize water delivery.

The new trucks are operationally identical, with all the tools and hoses in the same location, making standard operations

easier and cross training each company simpler. The GCPFD operates 20 vehicles in total, including maintenance and support equipment. The old trucks were sold and the profits will be used to replace aging trucks and equipment.

GCPFD has 103 volunteers that answered 590 fire calls and 332 EMS calls in 2015.

The new fire trucks will help these brave volunteers keep the Garden City Park community safe for years to come. "We thank the volunteers for their dedicated service," said Commissioner Peter Chimenti. "Their service is to be commended."



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LOCAL CONTROL: WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

Garden City Park residents elect their own commissioners every year that by law must live in the service area of Garden City Park Water District. The water rates you pay, which have not changed for more than 20 years, are established by your elected officials, who pay exactly the same rates that you do. The rates are among the lowest anywhere. And should residents wish to visit, the water district office is located right here in Garden City Park.

LOCAL CONTROL ALSO MEANS:

- Service is available 24/7/365. Whatever the weather, if a problem arises, you receive fast service from a trained staff comprised of local residents.
 - All monies collected by the District are used for the operation, maintenance and supplies needed to deliver the highest quality water in full compliance with all state and federal standards, right to your home.
 - All taxes and all the fees paid to the GCPWD stay within the District. They do not go to a larger regional entity for selective redistribution by decision makers who could live miles away in other counties.
 - The District regularly reinvests in infrastructure and maintains an aggressive preventive maintenance program with regular service upgrades, all with a minimum of borrowing.
- “The GCPWD has delivered this essential utility to all residents since 1922,” said Superintendent Mike Levy. “It takes the dedication of the commissioners, operators, servicers and clerical staff to ensure the community receives the highest quality water at the lowest possible cost. And rest assured, we will continue to do so.”