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PLANT NO. 9 ONLINE IN FULL OPERATION

Believe it or not, Garden City Park Water District (GCPWD) has been serving the local community of Garden City Park for close to 100 years! Time doesn't stand still, and in an effort to keep pace with technology and infrastructure advancements, the District is committed to meeting the existing and anticipated demands of delivering water to our consumers.

A few years ago, the District embarked on a capital campaign to fund new projects – including the rebuild of Plant No. 9 located at County Court House Road. Today Plant No. 9 is in full operation and pumping water within the District.

Built in 1969, Plant No. 9 was in dire need of rehabilitation and a rebuild. This included modernization and automation. Designed as a two-phase project, the work included:

- Pump and motor replacement
- Upgrade of the motor control center
- Raise base to meet current Nassau County Department of Health standards
- Upgrade existing booster pump
- Replace air-stripping tower
- Complete rebuild and upgrade of Nitrate removal system

“We’re happy to announce that Plant No. 9 is fully operational and in service delivering potable water to our consumers,” said Water Commissioner Chris Engel. “A lot of engineering went into this project, and Plant No. 9 is now state-of-the-art in regard to equipment, pumping motors and technology. The plant is operating with peak efficiency, and we thank our staff for a job well done.”



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A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT MIKE LEVY

Spring has sprung...well, sort of. We certainly just experienced a very wet season with a lot of precipitation during April and May. So while our aquifers get replenished, it's also important to recognize the need for conservation during drier times of the year, June through August.



As part of our critical mission here at the Garden City Park Water District, we're continually educating and communicating the importance of conservation. We're fortunate in so many ways to have an ample water supply deep beneath our surface. However, this cannot be taken for granted. What we do today to conserve this precious resource has an effect on future generations. Also, think about the strain we put on our infrastructure by the amount of water we pump.

In 2018, we pumped 436 million gallons of water during June through August.

As a comparison, we pumped 199 million gallons of water from January through March that same year. The numbers don't lie. And while we all appreciate our bright green lawns and beautiful

landscapes, there are conservation methods that can be adopted to achieve the same great results, utilizing less water. We encourage you to read through our water conservation tips in this newsletter, and please abide by our outdoor water use restrictions.

On behalf of the District, we wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer season.

— Mike Levy, Superintendent

WATER TREATMENT AND TESTING MEETING AND EXCEEDING ALL STANDARDS

Garden City Park Water District maintains and delivers an uninterrupted supply of the highest quality water to Garden City Park and parts of Garden City, New Hyde Park, Roslyn, North Hills, Albertson, Williston Park and Manhasset Hills.

The District's commitment to providing our community with high-quality water is unwavering, and our water is tested regularly – meeting and exceeding all local, state and federal standards.

“The District strives to provide the cleanest, safest water to our consumers, free – to the extent feasible – of toxic contaminants,” said Water Commissioner Kenneth Borchers. “We test for over 7,000 compounds including all new and emerging contaminants such as 1,4-dioxane, PFOS and PFOA. In fact,

we've accelerated our technology, using science and engineering to develop innovative ways to treat our water.”

What this means to you, our consumers, is that the water that hits your tap goes through more rigorous testing than what is required. In fact, we perform more stringent testing than designer-brand bottled water suppliers. These are the facts.

We have a deep sense of commitment to testing our water and continue to do so on a proactive, regular basis. Ultimately our goal is to provide water without detectable levels of contaminants. To that end, we ensure public health and safety, and we cooperate on a regular basis with all local, county, state and federal authorities.



TIME TO CHECK YOUR BACKFLOW DEVICE Yearly Compliance Required by New York State

The District reminds its residents that New York State and Nassau County Department of Health require that backflow devices be installed in all homes equipped with an in-ground sprinkler system as well as all new construction.

In addition, backflow devices **MUST BE TESTED ANNUALLY** for compliance by a New York State certified backflow tester. Results are then filed with Garden City Park Water District and Nassau County Department of Health.

Backflow can occur because of reduced pressure in the distribution system (water main breaks or fire fighting) or the presence of increased pressure from a non-potable source. Backflow prevention devices guard against contamination coming back into the public water supply, protecting our drinking water.

For more information on backflow prevention devices and installation, please call us at (516) 746-3194, and our office will be happy to assist you.



WHY LOCAL CONTROL MAKES SENSE

It all starts with the facts of water production on Long Island. The water that you use day in and day out for every purpose originates far below our surface and is drawn from the Magothy Aquifer.

The Water Commissioners that you elect to manage the District are your neighbors, and they live right here in the community they serve. It's the responsibility of the Commissioners to be fiscally sound and protect local taxpayers. Annual voting for Water Commissioners ensure that your investment is in safe hands with local control.

Your water rate is less than two percent of your Nassau County residential taxes. The monies collected by Garden City Park Water District are used for water production, operations and maintenance by this District and this District alone. Funds are not redirected for some other non-water-related project. What comes in, stays in!

The reality is that through local control, each community has responsibly financed and regulated its own water



supply for many years. The fact is, progress and improvement have come promptly and appropriately without the bureaucratic disadvantages associated with massive political governing bodies. Garden City Park Water District operates 24/7/365 with a staff of 12 serving 18,000 people.

To that end, GCPWD Water Commissioners provide an indispensable service of delivering high quality, potable water to households and businesses within

Pictured Left to Right:

Garden City Park Water District Water Commissioners Chris Engel, Kenneth Borchers and Peter Chimenti.

the District. It takes dedication and hard work, and we will continue to do everything possible to guarantee the highest quality water at the lowest possible cost.

MAINTAINING OUR HYDRANTS

READY FOR ANY EMERGENCY

It's important for residents to know that Garden City Park Water and Fire District services all 700 hydrants within our District. Keeping them up to code is a task that we take seriously, especially when our firefighters need them to perform at optimal efficiency.

OUR YEARLY HYDRANT PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Painting hydrants to protect their metal fabrication and allow firefighters to readily locate them
- Greasing and/or oiling all necessary parts
- Hydrants are flushed and flow is confirmed
- Testing drain function to make sure hydrants drain properly

- Recording line pressure for each hydrant
- Checking to ensure the hydrant isolation valve is functioning properly
- Additional standard maintenance as suggested by the hydrant manufacturer

"Hydrant maintenance is performed on an annual basis," stated Water Commissioner Peter Chimenti. "It is necessary to make sure that all hydrants within the District are functioning properly. Our volunteer fire department depends on these hydrants during emergencies, and it's our responsibility to ensure that they are operating perfectly."





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OUTDOOR WATER USE RESTRICTIONS AND CONSERVATION TIPS FOR HOME

AS WE GEAR UP FOR SUMMER, IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMIND ALL CONSUMERS ABOUT OUTDOOR WATER USE RESTRICTIONS:

- Watering is permitted between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Residents with odd house numbers may water on odd dates
- Residents with even house numbers may water on even dates
- Premises without numbered addresses may water on even days

HERE ARE A FEW SIMPLE CONSERVATION TIPS THAT YOU CAN ADOPT AT HOME:

- Use a broom or leaf blower to clean driveways and sidewalks, not a hose.
- Don't let the hose run while washing your car.
- Repair leaks in hoses and install a water-saving shut-off nozzle.
- Before watering, check the weather forecast. Periods of cool, cloudy weather reduce the need to water.
- Avoid watering your lawn on windy days.
- Use mulch to save moisture. Use drought resistant and native plants.