



# WATER NEWS

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CARLE PLACE WATER DISTRICT

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Fall 2020

## DEALING WITH THE PANDEMIC



The COVID-19 Pandemic has changed the way we all live, but it has not altered the need for an uninterrupted supply of water.

“As an essential service, we have continued our routines in this most un-routine year,” Commissioner Lawrence F. Zaino, Jr. explained. “Well pumps and treatment facilities require daily inspection, and water samples must be gathered regularly to ensure quality and compliance.”

Work schedules have been rearranged to better promote social distancing. Field workers have resumed backflow testing, meter readings and meter change outs...always with homeowners’ permission...and always with proper PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) to protect both homeowners and employees.

“We have partially re-opened the office while following New York State guidelines, allowing consumers entrance with masks. No masks, no entrance. Rest assured that delivering an uninterrupted supply of water is our purpose, and we have continued to do so this year despite all the dangers and hazards. Together with the public we serve, we will get through these challenging times”.

- Commissioner Lawrence F. Zaino, Jr.



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## UPDATING 1,4-Dioxane Treatment Pilot study shows the way.

With NYS adopting new regulations for 1,4-Dioxane and PFOS/PFOA, the District successfully conducted a small-scale version of a full water treatment process called a pilot study. It involved Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) and concentrated on the Well 1A and 2R Treatment Facility. Now completed, our engineers are reviewing sampling data, planning the design for the full AOP Treatment Facility and making necessary plans to keep the District in compliance with NYS regulations.

Plans have been sent to the Nassau County Health Department for 1,4-Dioxane treatment. This will use AOP, ultraviolet light, a strong oxidizing agent like hydrogen peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>), and be followed by Granular Activated Carbon (GAC).

# SPEAKING OF WATER...

Superintendent's Corner



Superintendent  
Timothy J. Doyle

There's always a lot going on in the Carle Place Water District, and this fall is no exception.

**PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE** Proactive preventive maintenance is a day-in, day-out constant and recently included a valve change on Park Avenue. An invaluable improvement added for better future control, it will minimize shutdown areas, shrink shutdown times and eliminate real and potential water leakage.

**THIRD LIRR TRACK** The construction of a third LIRR track from Floral Park to Hicksville is designed to reduce train congestion. Due to the construction of the new Glen Cove Road/LIRR bridge the District had to relocate a 10" water main and a fire hydrant to facilitate the LIRR's third track project.

**LEAD AND COPPER COMPLIANCE** The testing mandated by the US Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) Lead and Copper Rule has been completed, and the Carle Place Water District is in compliance with all standards. The 1986 Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments banned the use of lead and lead solders in potable drinking water systems and lead is not present in our raw water.

1992 was the first time the District conducted lead and copper testing on an annual basis. In 1996, with results below action levels, the District reduced testing to tri-annual sampling where it remains today. Corrosion control treatment process is at all well heads using sodium hydroxide (NaOH) and maintaining pH levels between 7.5 and 8.5. With all conducted lead and copper standards met, the next sampling will be in 2023. The District thanks all residents who participated in this testing for their support and understanding.



## Preparing for WINTER'S CHILL

**Disconnect** and drain outside hoses and store them inside for the winter. This will extend the life of the hose.

**Turn off** outside spigots from inside the house and then leave the spigot open to allow it to drain. This will prevent them from being damaged by ice.

**Make sure** underground irrigation systems have been winterized. This includes blowing out the system to clear it of all water. Make sure to turn off all automatic timers and supply valves. Remove timer's back-up battery.

**Insulate** water pipes in unheated areas using foam pipe insulation and seal leaks that are allowing cold air to flow in using spray foam insulation. Both can be found at any home center.

**Locate** and mark the main water valve in your home so that it can be located quickly in the case of a leak emergency. This is usually located in your basement and is in line with your meter pit on your front lawn.

**Check** that the water meter pit cover is securely locked down and not cracked or broken. Report any problems immediately to the CPWD service department for assistance.

**Snowbirds** - Contact a plumber to have your home winterized during your time in warmer climes.



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# SMART SPRINKLERS

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), meteorological summer 2020 ranks as the fourth hottest ever and is among the driest one-third of recorded summers...ever. From June through August water pumpage increases exponentially due to irrigation, despite Nassau County ordinances such as odd/even days and watering prohibitions. That's why we constantly urge consumers to watch water usage.

Recognizing the need for long-term conservation, Nassau County is currently offering a partial reimbursement program to eligible homeowners who install weather-based irrigation controller technology or "smart sprinklers". Smart water sensors detect rainfall and prevent over-watering. Their data is supplemented with user-provided metrics and information to

determine how fast water will evaporate from soil. Smart sprinklers can automatically divide watering times into smaller segments to maximize efficiency, help water absorption and reduce runoff. They also monitor temperature, track previous weather and adjust irrigation levels to meet the needs of each zone. These adaptations help conserve water and save money on water bills. Now that's smart!

Qualified homeowners can receive up to \$150 credit toward the installation of smart sprinklers. The program does not apply to residents already eligible for financial assistance through their water suppliers. Rebates are provided on a first-come, first-served basis!

### More information:

[www.nassaucountyny.gov/1547/consumer-affairs](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/1547/consumer-affairs)

# 32 Years of SERVICE!

**Water Plant Operator Glen Silva** is retiring after 32 years of service that began in 1988. Glen has been in charge of the District's sampling and monitoring of source water and our distribution system and has served as the District's backhoe operator. He has been training the current staff with his skillful knowledge and is proud to have served the community where he has resided and raised his family. Thank you Glen for your friendship and work ethic. We congratulate and wish you many years of happiness in your retirement!



## Diligence STANDS OUT

**Meet Caleb, Christophe and John.** The District's water servicers have worked hard to master their jobs. They are busy individuals whose diligence stands out whether they are repairing water main breaks, replacing fire hydrants and water meters or testing backflow devices. They also participate in the District's on call rotations schedule, working in well houses to ensure our drinking water meets required standards and responding to emergency calls.



CALEB GIORDANO

Caleb graduated from Carle Place High School in 2016 and has been a member of the Carle Place Fire Department for the past five years. He holds a NYS Cross Connection Control License and recently received his NYS Distribution License. Learning the various job tasks has been a valued experience to him.



CHRISTOPHE GONCALVES

A Mineola resident and a 2014 graduate of Nassau Community College, Chris enjoys learning necessary tasks and recently received his NYS Distribution License. He also has a NYS Cross Connection Control License.



JOHN BARTUNEK

John, a 2018 graduate of Nassau Community College, is a five-year member of the Westbury Fire Department and a Westbury resident. He has a NYS Cross Connection Control License and one of his favorite tasks is performing backflow tests.

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### Superintendent

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### Assistant Superintendent

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### District Clerk

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### Business Hours

Monday to Friday  
8:00 am to 12:00 pm  
& 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

### 24-Hour Emergency Number:

(516) 333-0540

### Public Meetings

Second and fourth Tuesday  
of each month at 7pm  
(unless otherwise posted)

### Election

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

### Member

- American Water Works Association
- Long Island Water Conference
- Nassau Suffolk Water Commissioners' Association

### Established

1915

**SEASON'S GREETINGS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! PLEASE REMEMBER THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES WHO PROTECT OUR NATION AND OUR LOVED ONES. PEACE. HAPPY HOLIDAYS.**  
**-THE CARLE PLACE WATER DISTRICT**

# VOTE

## Election Notice



**Please exercise your right and vote in the 2020 Carle Place Water District Commissioner election. The position is a three-year term that runs from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.**

**When:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020, from 4:00PM until 9:00PM

**Where:** Cherry Lane School Gymnasium, 475 Roslyn Avenue, Carle Place, NY

**Who:** All registered voters who have resided within the Carle Place Water District for at least thirty (30) days are eligible to vote.



## PLEASE SUPPORT TOYS FOR TOTS

Please join with us and the US Marine Corps Reserve and donate an unwrapped gift this year. All unwrapped gifts will be received at the District office and distributed to local children and families. Toy collection runs through December 11, 2020.

**Let's set a new record for this holiday season!**

