WATER NEWS

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CARLE PLACE WATER DISTRICT

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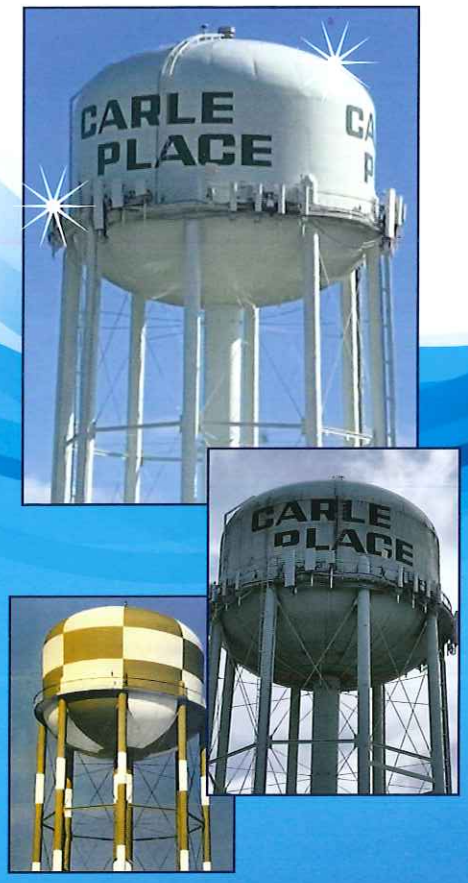
Fall 2021



Sprucing Up

OUR LOCAL LANDMARK

Commissioner Timothy E. Stellato

The Carle Place Water District's 163-foot, 500,000 gallon water tower on Mineola Avenue was power washed in late October. The purpose of this power washing was to remove accumulated dirt, debris and biological growth from the exterior of the tank to prolong the lifespan of the existing coating system, as well as to improve general aesthetics.

"The environment is tough on exposed infrastructure and our tank has withstood every hurricane, blizzard and deep freeze since 1948, including Superstorm Sandy," Commissioner Timothy E. Stellato commented. "The tank has a "checkered past" from back when Roosevelt Field was an active airfield. The tank has enabled the District to meet all residential needs, maintain adequate pressure, provide fire protection and is compliant with all standards. Now, a very light green with dark green lettering for all to proudly see, the residents' favorite landmark will continue to be admired."

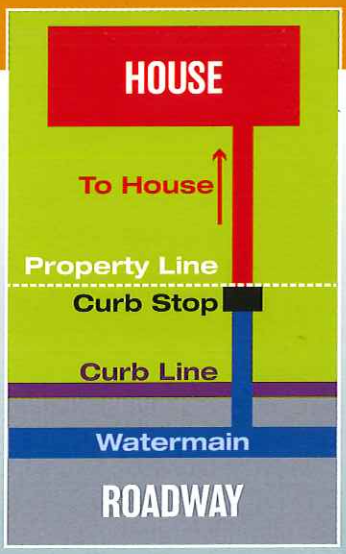
Who is Responsible for Service Line Repairs?

Understanding who is responsible for service line repairs is an important issue. Commissioner Kenneth M. Gass, Jr. explained, "the District is responsible for the water line from the street to the curb stop. Homeowners are responsible for the water line from the curb stop into the home. If you experience a water leak in delivery and the District determines that it is between the curb stop and your home, you will be advised to contract with a licensed plumber to rectify the problem."

Commissioner Kenneth M. Gass, Jr.

Service Line Insurance?

Commissioner Gass also answered this perplexing question. "We receive inquiries regarding insurance coverage for things like water line failure, repair and replacement. The District cannot advise about purchasing such insurance coverage nor recommend vendors. These decisions are best made by homeowners, and we strongly advise homeowners to thoroughly research all such issues before signing or agreeing to coverage of any kind."



SPEAKING OF WATER...

Superintendent's Corner

Superintendent
Timothy J. Doyle

The Carle Place Water District is constantly in motion with multiple projects underway to meet consumer demand 24/7/365, including:

- **Advanced Oxidation Process Treatment Facility**
  Plans are on schedule for the AOP treatment to treat 1,4-Dioxane at Wells 1A and 2R.

- **576 Mineola Avenue**
  This property adjacent to the District office was acquired to provide increased capacity for facility equipment and future water treatment.

- **Security Upgrades**
  Enhanced camera, lighting and alarm systems are being installed throughout the District.

- **Fuel System Closure at Well No. 5**
  The demolition, removal and disposal of a 1,000-gallon underground diesel storage tank dispenser and appurtenances at Well 5 has been contracted out and will be completed before the end of the year.

- **Improving Infrastructure by Replacing System Valves**
  Replacing valves proactively and in emergency situations creates multiple benefits. In emergencies, water main repairs are performed faster and more efficiently. This minimizes water shutdown, conserves water, eliminates actual leakage and safeguards against potential leakage. The District has recently performed twelve valve replacements on Park Avenue between Dow Avenue and Midtown Road.

SWIFT 911 EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SERVICES

Sign up for Swift911 calls with the Town of North Hempstead for hydrant flushing and other important notifications. Call the District office for details.

Payment Deferral Request Now Available on the CPWD Website

Payment Deferral Requests are now available to CPWD consumers who complete a form on our website. For more information, please visit: **www.carleplacewater.org**

Pat Raehse Retires

Billing Clerk Patricia Raehse retired after nearly 34 years of dedicated service. Beginning in January 1988, Pat excelled at the many facets of her position and contributed to the growth of our District.
Her duties evolved with technology, but her typewriter was always a favorite way to complete tasks.

Pat warmed customers with her kindness and smile and many enjoyed paying bills in-person just to say hello. She became 'the voice of Carle Place' when she sent out weekly voice messages alerting consumers about hydrant flushing. Her devotion and grace will be sorely missed by all. Pat sends her regards to the many friends she made during her working days. We wish her and husband Jim many happy, healthy years of retirement.

Jenny Amaya Joins CPWD

Jenny Amaya, a 20-year Westbury resident and current member of the Westbury Fire Department joined our staff in July, 2021. Jenny's responsibilities include billing, scheduling backflow appointments, preparing monthly reports as well as many varied office tasks. She does it all with enthusiasm and a smile. Welcome aboard Jenny!

PREPPING FOR WINTER

Commissioner Italo J. Vacchio

"Even with satellites and modern technology, predicting what winter will bring is an inexact science," Commissioner Italo J. Vacchio said. "It always pays to be prepared. Prepping early can save Carle Place Water District residents time, money and aggravation."

Try these winterizing tips:

Disconnect and drain outside hoses. Store them inside for winter. This extends hose life by preventing freezing and breakage.

Turn off outside spigot valves from inside your home. Leave them slightly open to allow water drainage and prevent ice damage.

Ensure irrigation systems are properly winterized by blowing out the system to clear all water. Make sure to turn off all automatic timers and supply valves. Remove timer's back up battery.

Locate and mark your main water shut-off valve so it can be located quickly in a leak emergency. It's usually in your basement in line with the meter pit on your front lawn.

Insulate water pipes in unheated or poorly heated house areas with foam pipe insulation. Seal leaks that allow cold air to flow in. Spray foam insulation works well.

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

Close garage doors to keep out as much winter cold as possible.

Snowbirds: Make sure your heat is set to a safe temperature, no lower than 55°F. Have a plumber winterize your home during your stay in warmer climates.

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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 5 pm
(unless otherwise posted)

Election
Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Member
- American Water Works Association
- Long Island Water Conference
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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

The annual election for the office of Carle Place Water District Commissioner will be held:

When: Tuesday, December 14, 2021, from 4:00PM until 9:00PM

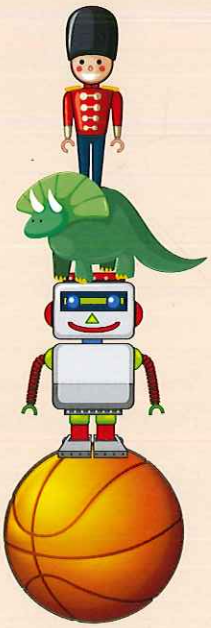
Where: Cherry Lane School Gymnasium, 475 Roslyn Avenue, Carle Place, NY

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

The position is a three-year term that runs from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to COVID-19, all safety precautions will be in place. Please wear masks and maintain social distancing.

PLEASE SUPPORT TOYS FOR TOTS



Please join the CPWD in supporting the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program again this year. The goal is to deliver a message of hope to needy youngsters through a new toy at Christmas, to motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders. Last year we collected dozens of gifts to distribute to needy children and families. **Toy collection runs through December 15, 2021 at the District office.**

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