

Waterworks

LOCUST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

FALL 2017

District Receives NYS Grant to Help Build Treatment Plant

The Locust Valley Water District Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce that the district has recently been awarded a grant

from New York State for up to \$864,000. It is to be used to offset costs associated with the development of a modern Granulated Activated Carbon filtration plant at Well #6 on 10th Street.

District officials have anticipated the likelihood that all public water suppliers will soon be required to begin regular monitoring for potential emerging contaminants, the impacts of which are currently under evaluation by federal and state regulatory agencies. To ensure the quality of the drinking water provided to consumers and to meet new emerging water quality standards, the district has foreseen the need to develop a water treatment plant at Well #6 in the near future.

When the members of the board of water commissioners learned of the availability of state funds, they took a proactive approach and the district applied for the grant to raise capital for the anticipated long-term infrastructure project, which is currently estimated to cost \$1.44 million.

The Locust Valley Water District was one of 13 Long Island public water purveyors to receive a total of \$27 million in government funds made available by the state. The grants are part of a \$255 million statewide investment, funded through New York's

Water Infrastructure Improvement Act, to assist with costs associated with essential drinking water and wastewater infrastructure improvement projects.

"This money will help the district offset some of the capital needed to develop the treatment plant, which will be necessary to treat the increasing levels of organic chemicals and meet new regulations currently being considered by the federal and state governments," said Locust Valley Water District Commissioner and Chairman Anker Johansen. "With a long history

of being in full compliance of existing drinking water standards, we are committed to providing residents with an adequate supply of water that is safe to drink and available for firefighting purposes well into the future."



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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Anker Johansen



Louis P. Savinetti



Pasquale J. Eliseo

Wishes for Joyful Holiday Season

The Board of Water Commissioners and the entire Locust Valley Water District staff extend warm wishes for a happy holiday season and a New Year filled with peace and prosperity.

As you gather with friends and family to celebrate, please take a moment to remember our first responders and those who are serving in the armed forces. Many are away from their loved ones during the holidays for the protection of our country and safety of all Americans. May they return safely to their families.

Below the Low Cap

After working diligently to produce a 2018 budget that keeps tax increases to a minimum, the board was successful in staying below the 1.84 percent tax cap established by New York State.



The district is currently rolling out a program to replace water meters with technology that relies on cellular networks to monitor water use in real time. In addition to other beneficial present-day features, the new meters will allow water operators to be alerted if a possible leak is detected. The information can be passed onto consumers, so severe damage to properties can possibly be prevented and other concerns caused by excessive water use can be minimized.

“Water wasted is money wasted,” pointed out Locust Valley Water District Commissioner Louis P. Savinetti. “In the spirit of water conservation, the new modern meters are just one step the district is taking to help protect our precious natural resource today and into the future. We encourage the public to do their part and adopt more water conservation habits.”

Cost of Water Use Remains Low

In an effort to raise capital needed to introduce new modern technology for better efficiency, while maintaining the existing infrastructure and ensuring the drinking water quality for future generations, the water district expects a slight increase in water use rates for 2018. Ongoing and future projects are outlined throughout this publication.

Despite minimal increases, the cost for good quality potable drinking water will remain the lowest utility bill in the mailbox. In 2016, the average household paid \$62 a month for water use, a precious natural resources that is vital for life.

That rate compares favorably to the monthly expenses typically paid by most consumers for other utilities, communications, groceries, transportation, and entertainment – to name a few.

2018 Water Rates

In District (quarterly)

0-10,000	.....	\$2.10/1,000 Gallons (minimum charge \$21)
10,001-25,000	.....	\$2.10/1,000 Gallons
25,001-50,000	.....	\$2.50/1,000 Gallons
50,001-100,000	.....	\$2.90/1,000 Gallons
100,001 and above	...	\$3.30/1,000 Gallons

Out of District (quarterly)

0-10,000	.....	\$3.20/1,000 Gallons (minimum charge \$32)
10,001-25,000	.....	\$3.20/1,000 Gallons
25,001-50,000	.....	\$3.60/1,000 Gallons
50,001-100,000	.....	\$4.00/1,000 Gallons
100,001 and above	...	\$4.40/1,000 Gallons

Protect Against Winter Perils

"Preparation is the Key to Success"

Alexander Graham Bell

For many, images of the devastation caused by recent natural disasters will remain etched in our memories. So too will many of the helpful tips provided by authorities for preparing for severe weather conditions. With the cold weather season just around the corner, now is the time to protect your home against the dangers of winter and the damage freezing temperatures can cause.

Find the Master Valve

Locate and mark the master water valve that shuts off the flow of water to your home. It is likely located where the water line comes through the foundation, usually near the boiler, water heater or washing machine.

Energy Saver

Adding an insulated cover to your hot water tank is an inexpensive way to improve energy efficiency and reduce your heating bill. Materials are available at home improvement stores and easy to install.

Protect Those Pipes

Insulate pipes located in drafty or unheated areas such as garages and attics. Pay particular attention to pipes located on outside walls or the north side of the house, which usually doesn't receive the warmth of direct sunlight.

Turn off hose spigots from inside the house and leave the valves open to prevent freezing. Disconnect and drain all hoses, including those attached to power washers and other devices that need water to operate.

Shut off and drain underground sprinkler systems properly. Never inject chemicals into the system.

If Pipes Freeze

Turn off the master water valve immediately to prevent flooding.

Use a blow dryer or wrap pipes in warm rags to defrost. An obvious fire hazard, never use a torch or a flame as they may also melt plastic pipe or loosen soldered joints.



SCADA for Efficiency

This winter, the district is undertaking the installation of modern Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) equipment. Consisting mainly of new modern control panels and a sophisticated data communications network, the state-of-the-art technology will allow the district to manage its well sites and control the flow and pressure of the water throughout the distribution system with optimal effectiveness.

Operational features include remote accessibility, alert and alarm control systems, computer automation, real time visualization and sophisticated monitoring and controlled treatment capabilities.

Introduction of the system is consistent with the district's ongoing efforts to maintain the operation of its water pumping and distribution systems at top efficiency, while enhancing communications and reliability as well as improving security.

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Monday to Friday
8am to 12pm & 1 to 4:30pm

Public Meetings

Second and fourth Wednesday
of each month at 5pm

Election

Tuesday, December 12, 2017
3 to 9 p.m. – 226 Buckram Road

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In an effort to prevent an accident, state law requires contractors doing mechanized digging or excavation work to contact New York 811 at least 48 hours in advance of breaking the soil. The lead time allows utilities with underground lines near the worksite to mark the locations of the lines with paint or flags, which should remain in place until the project is completed.

Residents are asked to encourage any contractors working on their property to obey these state regulations when performing non-emergency work that involves digging. There is no cost for the service or inconvenience to the homeowner.

“These safety guidelines are in place to help safeguard the workers as well as those residing in the surrounding area,” explained Locust Valley Water District Commissioner Pasquale (Pat) Eliseo. “It’s an important step in the excavation process.”



Toy Collection Held Through December 18

Residents are encouraged to bring new unwrapped toys to the Locust Valley Water District office on Buckram Road for pick up by the United States Marine Corps Reserve for their Toys for Tots program.

*Celebrate the
holiday season by
helping others.*

