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## RIBBON CUTTING OPENS PLANT NO. 6!



*Pictured Left to Right: GCPWD Commissioners Chris Engel, Kenneth Borchers, Peter Chimenti and Superintendent Mike Levy.*

Garden City Park Water District Commissioners announced that Plant No. 6 (Hickory Road) is up and running — upgraded on time, on budget and at no additional expense to taxpayers. The plant has been supplying superior quality water for over 50 years, and was in need of an upgrade in technology and infrastructure. Now, with the addition of a new Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) filtration system, virtually every form of contaminant will be removed, resulting in an unprecedented quality of water for the District.

In the new system, the water is pumped through the existing filtration system, which removes almost all traces of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) found in extremely minuscule quantities in our aquifer. Next, the water is cycled through a new GAC filtration system, which clarifies the water so that contaminants will be completely undetectable.

Commissioner Kenneth Borchers commented, “With this system up and running, we’re proud to make this announcement. It’s important for our community to understand the upgrades that we implemented is an added safety net and will last for generations to come...at no additional cost to consumers.”

## GIRL SCOUTS LEARN & EARN WITH GCPWD

GCPWD Superintendent Michael Levy and Commissioner Peter Chimenti went to school this past January, and for a good cause.

Girl Scout Troop 1106 met with both Superintendent Levy and Commissioner Chimenti at Center Street School in Herricks for an educational session. The meeting helped the troop earn the “Water” Merit Badge.



GCPWD officials explained the importance of water conservation to the troop after teaching them where water comes from, how the Water District treats and purifies its water and how water gets delivered to their homes. The meeting concluded with a question and answer session for the Girl Scouts and their parents. Complimentary GCPWD water bottles were provided to everyone in attendance.

Community service, education and support are an important part of GCPWD’s civic responsibilities. Please call the office if you have a suggestion about how and where we can help at **(516) 746-3194**.

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# FIRE, EMERGENCY & WATER TEAMS SERVING TOGETHER IN GARDEN CITY PARK

Did you know that only three communities on Long Island have their water and fire services run by the same District and Commissioners? Garden City Park is one of these communities. Westbury and Manhasset-Lakeville share the honors.

Our service started in 1922 when the water district was founded to develop and serve the District's consumer and emergency water needs. A month later, the fire district was established under the same administration as the water district.

The idea made sense then, and the enforcement and overseeing of both water and fire has stood the test of time. Working together, this integrated, efficient team can respond to complex emergencies in a more cohesive, coordinated manner. This arrangement benefits residents in two ways. Because there is less bureaucracy and more centralized management, decisions involving life and property rescue are made faster and more efficiently. The combined departments operate more economically as a public service, with less duplication of functions.



In fact, the District employee roster is 16 full-time field and administrative employees and three commissioners.

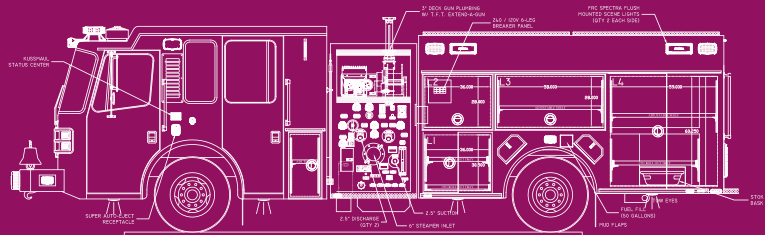
The fire department, made up of Garden City Park volunteers, benefits greatly from instantly knowing water availability, pressure and hydrant location and condition.

The District certainly keeps busy throughout the year...providing EMS (ambulance) and life support services. Last year alone, the District responded to 419 fires and 307 EMS calls.

The combined efforts of these professionals deliver services in ways that reduce costs and most importantly, provide comprehensive services when needed, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

**It's a partnership that has been serving the community and working in unison for over 90 years!**

## TWO NEW PUMPERS ADDED TO THE FLEET



# 2015

Fire District officials announced the acquisition of two new pumper trucks to be delivered and put into operation by the end of 2015. The new pumper trucks are replacing older, less efficient models that are currently being used as part of an ongoing effort to provide the best, most up-to-date equipment to serve the community.

To help offset the cost, the older units will be sold on the open market. The new pumpers each have a 500-gallon water tank capacity. When paired with a hydrant, they can pump up to 1,500 gallons a minute. This ensures a powerful firefighting capability now and into the future.

The trucks are highly eco-friendly, powered by newly designed diesel engines for fewer emissions, and both trucks comply with all new EPA guidelines.

They also have many new safety devices, including a custom built roll cage cab design and advanced ergonomic design and controls that provide better operation under emergency conditions.

The District strives to keep our community safe by continually making improvements and upgrades that make operational and financial sense!

# A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT MIKE LEVY

## I THINK WE CAN ALL AGREE THAT THIS WINTER WAS A CHALLENGE.

Plummeting temperatures, snow storms and multiple incidents of icy-road conditions...every person and business was affected in some way by the severe weather.

I thank every member of the GCPWD team for doing an extraordinary job under these extreme, adverse conditions. Our team was called upon to respond immediately to water main breaks, frozen meters and frozen pipes. Water delivery systems were kept fully operational and the fire, EMS and life support departments persevered throughout.

I also applaud the help and support from our community. After all, it takes everyone's cooperation to keep our District working at top notch.

As we head into warmer and more pleasurable weather, I remind us all to be aware of water usage during our peak pumping months of June, July and August. Water conservation is a responsibility we all share, so please be aware of the Nassau County Code water restrictions and ordinances governing lawn watering.

Watering your lawn between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. is prohibited and is enforced by Nassau County ordinance. We follow an odd/even system, which means watering may be done only on even days if your street address is an even number, and on odd days if your address is an odd number. Non-compliance can lead to a fine.

Thank you for observing these conservation measures and enjoy a safe and WARM summer!



## CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN NAPPI

### 2015 AWWA NY Section Operator of the Year

Our very own John Nappi was named Operator of the Year at 2015 New York Section American Water Works Association (AWWA) Annual New York Water Event in Saratoga Springs, NY. John was recognized and awarded with the honor for his dedication and work performance. Earlier this spring, John was promoted from Water Plant Operator to Supervisor of Water Plant Operations for Garden City Park Water District. Congratulations once again to John on these accomplishments.



New Hyde Park resident Peter Chimenti took office as Commissioner January 1, 2015.

## MEET PETER CHIMENTI NEWLY ELECTED GCPWD COMMISSIONER

Peter Chimenti was elected to the GCPWD Board of Commissioners in December 2014, starting his term on January 1, 2015.

The community elected someone whose experience will serve it very well.

A resident of New Hyde Park for 48 years, Peter graduated from Herricks High School and earned his Bachelor of Science degree at Manhattan College.

Married for 18 years and raising three children who attend school within the Herricks School District, he is a PTA member and active in the New Hyde Park PAL lacrosse program.

He also served as a Cub Scout leader for Pack 202 in previous years.

Peter is an active member of the Garden City Park Fire Department and held the position of Fire Chief for two different terms over the course of his 34-year tenure. He also served as 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant and Captain at Hillside Heights Engine Company #3.

A proud and distinguished member of the community, he is a retired NYPD sergeant and is still on call as a special investigator for the MTA Department of Security. GCPWD welcomes the time, talent and dedication of this exceptional civic leader.



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# BACKFLOW:

## *What You Need To Know*

Backflow is the hazardous reverse flow of non-potable water or liquids into the public water system or consumer drinking water system.

A backflow may happen when low or negative street pressure occurs due to a water main break, damaged hydrant, etc. When these rare events occur, water in your home or business may be siphoned backwards into the public water main, causing a public health threat.

Properly installed backflow prevention devices guard against this danger. The GCPWD is charged by New York State and Nassau County to enforce the use of backflow devices. Nassau County Department of Health regulations state that any installation or modification of underground

irrigation systems requires a permit and must include a backflow prevention device. Inspection of the completed system prior to the issuance of a permit and annual testing by certified backflow testers are mandatory, and paperwork must be provided to our headquarters.

**For more information, please call our office at (516) 746-3194.**

