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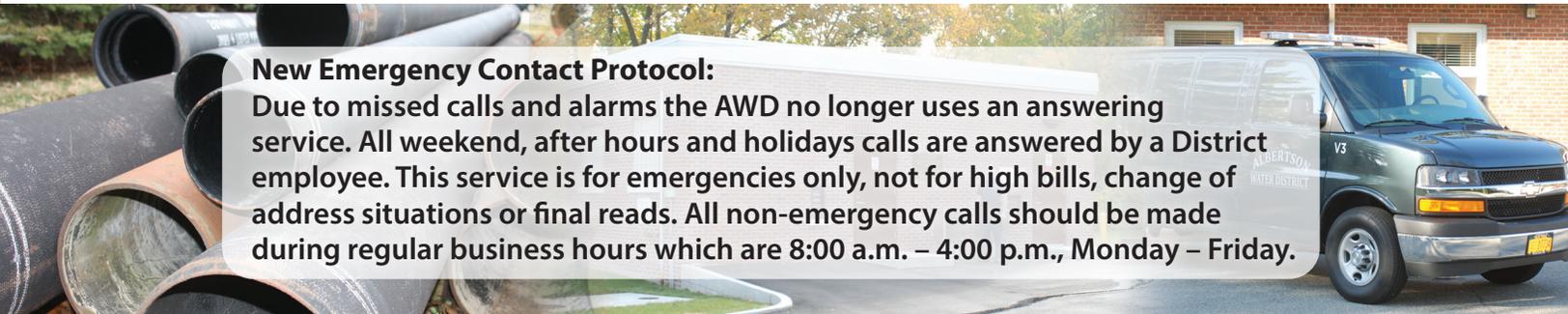
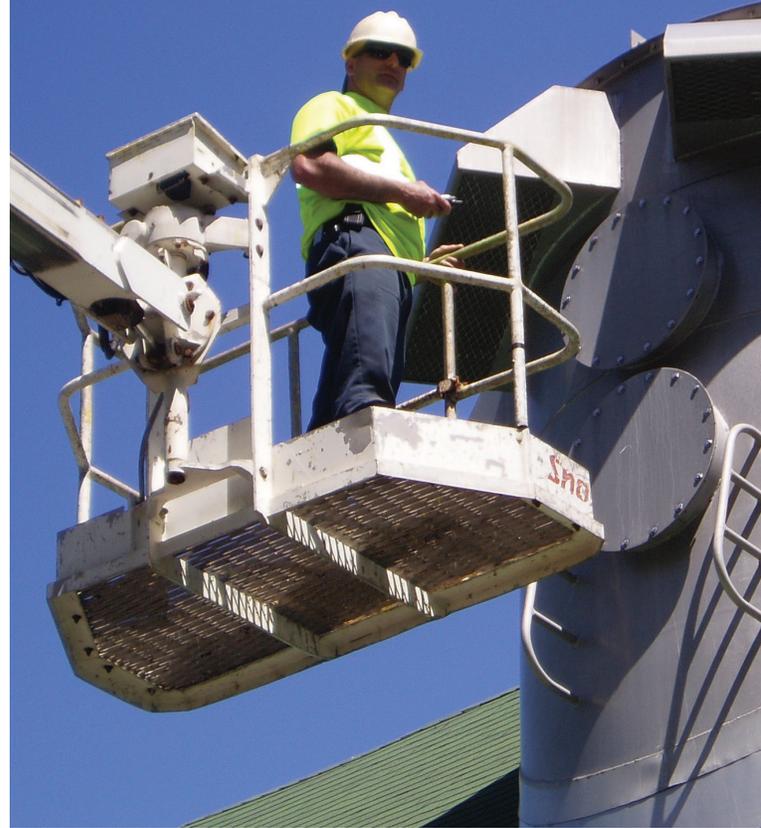
BUSY TIMES ALL THE TIME.

The degree of infrastructure maintenance involved in running a water district is difficult to appreciate. The fact is, unlike our elevated tanks and fire hydrants, much of our infrastructure is out of plain sight, including the 50 miles of subterranean water main, our ground storage tank, and our wells, which are safely inside buildings that blend into the surrounding areas.



Commissioner
Howard
Abbondondelo

“What seems like routine maintenance is never routine. It’s a big task that requires unique technical expertise. Our Albertson Water District crew directed by Superintendent Rudolph Henriksen does a superlative job in preventing problems from happening and in replacing aging infrastructure when Mother Nature or other forces intervene,” stated Commissioner Howard Abbondondelo. “The result of those 24/7/365 efforts is seen every time residents turn the tap... a plentiful supply of excellent quality water that is compliant with all local, state and federal regulations.”



New Emergency Contact Protocol: Due to missed calls and alarms the AWD no longer uses an answering service. All weekend, after hours and holidays calls are answered by a District employee. This service is for emergencies only, not for high bills, change of address situations or final reads. All non-emergency calls should be made during regular business hours which are 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.

SNAPSHOT OF MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

Well No. 1: Replacement of well pump, booster pump and transfer pump: Bids were received on September 21st, 2021. After review and recommendation by the District’s engineering firm the contract was awarded to A. C. Schultes, the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$219,000.

Well No. 2: Replacement of well pump and miscellaneous improvements: Currently in discussion and planning stage.

Well No. 3A: 1,4-Dioxane and PFOS treatment: Currently in design phase. District employees recently met with the design engineers to review 60% design drawings.

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Well No. 4: PFOS treatment and improvements: Work is underway but with delays as a result of a Stop Work Order issued by the Town of North Hempstead for not having a building permit. The Stop Work Order has forced the District into a legal action against the Town of North Hempstead Building Department to rescind the order and to allow for continuation of construction. During this delay, administrative work and procurement of materials and equipment for the project has continued. However, no additional work has occurred onsite. The issue is currently in the courts waiting a decision.

Well No. 4 remains in service, and although the District has been granted a deferral, operation of this well to the distribution system has been limited. Also, it is important to note that no samples obtained throughout the last quarter showed an exceedance of the MCL for PFOA or PFOS.

Well No. 5: Replacement of well pump, booster pump and miscellaneous improvements: Currently in discussion and planning stage.

SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition): Currently in the design stage. SCADA is a system of programmable logic controllers and sensors that enables AWD to gather, process and display data to interact remotely with our valves, pumps and motors. Due the addition of the new required treatments, the District had no choice except to update its current daily operations system. Being that system is somewhat out of date, parts have become difficult to obtain.

Shepherd Lane ground storage tank rehabilitation: A detailed condition assessment report for the Shepherd Lane ground storage tank rehabilitation is underway.

Shepherd Lane elevated storage tank: A detailed assessment condition report for the Shepherd Lane elevated storage tank is underway. Power washing of the tank will be completed late November/early December.

Roslyn Road water main replacement:

As everyone is well aware, National Grid has installed a large natural gas supply main on Roslyn Road. In doing so the Albertson Water District water main was disturbed and at times, ruptured. Albertson Water District has come to an agreement with National Grid to relocate approximately 1,500 feet of water main beginning at the intersection of I.U. Willets Road and going south to the East Williston Boundary line approximately 200 feet south of Barnyard Lane.

Help Us Help You



In cold months, winterize your home inside and out (see article in this newsletter) and be a good buddy by clearing snow from nearby hydrants.



In hot summer months where water usage can be 5 times average, cut back on irrigation times and follow Nassau County's odd and even usage regulations.



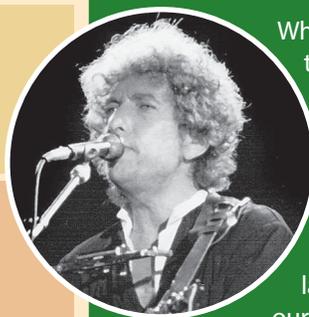
In all months, check for and fix leaks and enjoy the savings on your utility bills.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website has conservation tips for your home. View their WaterSense program at www.epa.gov.



"The Times They Are a-Changing"

-Bob Dylan, 1964



When the bard of the baby boomers wrote this tune, he wasn't thinking of climate change, but the title certainly applies. Despite a surprisingly rainy summer in 2021, water conservation is extremely important today and will be even more important tomorrow.

"Long Islanders are fortunate to have such a large and reliable aquifer system right beneath our feet," Commissioner Ken Vey said. "Our mission at AWD is not only to provide water but to be stewards of the public trust, to protect our water supply and to encourage conservation. Consider that each person uses approximately 170 gallons of water per day, and you'll get the picture very quickly that H₂O is a precious commodity. It's not like we are running out of water, but our aquifer is our sole source, and we need to take care of it by conserving water to create a sustainable future."



Commissioner Ken Vey

COVID UPDATE:

We instituted a series of safety measures designed to protect both AWD workers and the public at the beginning on the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the ongoing threat of COVID, the Albertson Water District office remains closed to the public. To reiterate other measures:

- **No cash payments will be accepted.**
- **Payments are only accepted by check or money order.**
- **Payments other than by mail can be left in the mailbox by the main entry or in the mailbox on the entrance gate.**

The Board of Commissioners regrets these restrictions but is maintaining them to best ensure the health and safety of all parties.



GET READY FOR WINTER!

“Long Island receives just about every winter weather condition and sometimes more than one at a time,” Commissioner Richard Ockovic said.

“This makes winterizing your homes thoroughly extremely important, especially for snowbirds who may winter elsewhere. Interior and exterior water pipes are vulnerable to the freezing/thawing cycle, and if they burst, serious and expensive property damage can result. Don’t let that happen. Here are some tips to observe:



Commissioner Richard Ockovic

- **First and foremost: Know the location of your main shut-off valve in case of a cold weather emergency or any water emergency.**
- **Use your eyes and ears to check regularly for leaks that can lead to big damage in cold weather.**
- **Water pipes in unheated areas are accidents waiting to happen. Insulate pipes against freezing.**
- **Safeguard pipes on outside walls, especially in uninsulated areas. Open cabinet doors under sinks to allow warmer room air to help prevent freezing.**
- **All outside water should be turned off at your interior source.**
- **Disconnect and stow outdoor hoses. Open each outdoor spigot.**
- **Make sure all irrigation systems are winterized, meaning drained and turned off.**



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DECEMBER 14 ELECTION

Local voting is considered by many to be the cornerstone of the American political system. The annual election of an Albertson Water Commissioner is for a 3-year term, beginning January 1, 2022 and running through December 31, 2024.

WHEN: Tuesday, December 14, 2021

WHERE: Albertson Fire House, 100 I.U. Willets Road, Albertson, New York

TIME: 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

ELIGIBILITY: Section 213 of the Town Law of the State of New York provides that no person shall be entitled to vote for improvement district commissioners unless he or she is a registered voter and a resident of the Albertson Water District for a minimum of 30 days prior to election date. For more information, contact us at (516) 621-3610, or visit our website www.albertsonwater.org