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GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS



COMMISSIONER Edward W. Scott III



COMMISSIONER Janell Giordano



COMMISSIONER Brian Hassan

» With inflation and supply chain issues regularly driving up operating costs, Commissioner Scott has made it a focus of his tenure to be a watchdog on Albertson Water District expenditures. Costs associated with water supply-related items ranging from chemicals for testing to water treatment have risen dramatically, as have utility costs.

"The recently mandated compliance treatments and protocols established by federal, state and local governments have more than ever spurred the need to conserve dollars and meticulously oversee expenditures," Commissioner Scott stated.

An unapologetic advocate on behalf of taxpayers, Commissioner Scott led a review of District insurance policies. Determining that some policies were no longer beneficial to the District, the policies were cancelled, thereby creating significant savings. "Going forward," Commissioner Scott added, "I will be seeking to identify more ways to achieve meaningful cost savings without diminishing services and not automatically spending taxpayer monies without scrutiny."

» A resident of the Albertson Water District since 1973, Commissioner Giordano received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Hofstra University and a master's degree in Healthcare Informatics from Adelphi University. Employed at Douglas Elliman Real Estate, she knows the Albertson community and its people inside and out.

"I have long felt that communities benefit when elected officials are plugged in, informed and motivated," Commissioner Giordano said. "Albertson Water District ratepayers should receive what they deserve and pay for, and I will make sure that the best interests of my neighbors are always represented."

Acting on her feelings that that she wanted to serve her community on a local grassroots level, Ms. Giordano was elected in the recent Fall 2022 election.

» With former Commissioner Ockovic resigning his position and moving out of the Albertson Water District, the Town of North Hempstead was empowered to appoint a new interim Commissioner to fill the vacancy. Your new Commissioner is Brian Hassan, a longtime Albertson resident who brings with him a wealth of knowledge from his professional employment at LIPA as well as associated experience from years served on the Herricks School Board.

"I enjoy being active and involved, and I bring my energy and ideas to the position," Commissioner Hassan observed. "From my work experience, I understand operations and the pressures placed on operations management. My track record includes working hard to find innovative, beneficial solutions to all situations that arise."

INFRASTRUCTURE

CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATES

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o two days are ever quite the same when it comes to supplying water to the public. The need for water is never-ending, which is why we have been in a state of vigilance, monitoring and maintenance since our inception in 1917. Significant progress has been made on a number of Albertson Water District projects including several wells and the projected installation of a new water main.

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>> WELL NO. 1: REHAB & CLEAR WELLS REPAIRS:

The rehabilitation of the well and the clear well repairs have been completed, which includes transfer pumps and motors. What remains to be done as of this writing is the sampling of the facility prior to bringing it back online. This project will be paid from the Albertson Water District's Capital Improvement Fund.

>> WELL NO. 3: ADVANCED OXIDATION PROCESS (AOP) TREATMENT:

Bids for this project were made available on April 4, 2023, and will be received until May 16, 2023. At that time they will be publicly opened. After review, all bids received will be turned over to the District's engineering firm for their professional recommendation of the lowest responsible bidder. This project will be paid from the District's 2020 Bond Issue.

>> WELL NO. 4 GAC:

Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) is a widely used, highly effective treatment to remove micropollutants, and we are pleased to announce that the GAC system at well No. 4 is underway once again. Many delays have been incurred to date, due in large part to the Town of North Hempstead's stop work order, but also to various supply chain issues in obtaining necessary materials. The stop work order has been lifted, but the supply delays are unfortunately beyond anyone's control. This project will be funded from the District's 2020 Bond Issue.

>> FUNSTON AVENUE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT:

A new water main will be installed on Funston Avenue from the intersection of Evans Avenue going south to the dead end of Funston Avenue. The purpose of the replacement is to upgrade the existing supply line to a larger, new 6" water main with a hydrant. This project will be funded from the District's Capital Improvement Fund.

New AWD Website

The Albertson Water District has launched a new website to help keep our consumers up to date with information, water facts and timely news. The new intuitive site is at the same web location (www.albertsonwater.org) and includes more effective, modern security measures. It replaces our original website which served community needs extremely well for over twelve years. The new site is also built with responsive design, thereby enabling visitors to conveniently access it via desktop, tablet or smartphone.

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The site's streamlined design includes full-site top navigation throughout as well as dedicated, user-selectable regions on the home page for often-used site destinations such as Conservation, Backflow and Water Quality.

The new Resources page includes important information on water rates, billing, ordinances and pertinent articles. The About Us page includes information on our commissioners and our staff and provides an annual overview of Board meeting dates and times. The News page is an up-to-date repository of the Albertson Water District's public notices and activities.

Visitors can also easily access recent AWD newsletters. The Water Quality page features a downloadable PDF of the latest Annual Drinking Water Quality Report prepared by our engineering team which contains invaluable information, data and tables that report water quality in great detail.

The new website is our way to best inform and serve our residents. Please explore it and enjoy your user experience!



CONSERVATION as a Way of LIFE

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he Albertson Water District has long promoted conservation and sustainability through our regularly published newsletters, our website and various outreach communications to all our residents. Long Island is home to a remarkable glacial aquifer containing an adequate supply of water for present and even projected future needs. However, the AWD stresses conservation to achieve sustainability and to ensure the future of our greatest natural resource. Your AWD water is carefully regulated by federal, local and very stringent New York State regulations and is compliant with all standards. We urge you to make water conservation a part of your life.



» CONSERVATION OF WATER, WHICH IS THE GATEWAY TO LONG TERM SUSTAINABILITY, OFFERS NUMEROUS ADVANTAGES, SOME OBVIOUS, SOME NOT SO OBVIOUS:

- **Cost savings:** By not wasting water, consumers can save money on water bills.
- **Energy savings:** By saving water, less total energy is required to pump water to meet community needs.
- **Infrastructure cost savings:** It stands to reason that construction of new wells, pumping systems and storage systems would be less if less water were required.
- **Conserving water eases the strain on the water system, especially during dry spells or droughts and times of peak demand.**
- **Less usage, particularly in hot summer months, helps to avoid severe water use restrictions for everyone.**
- **Reduced usage helps to ensure that water for essential firefighting needs is always readily available. Just think where our community would be without sufficient water or water pressure!**

» HOW CONSUMERS CAN HELP CONSERVE OUR MOST PRECIOUS NATURAL RESOURCE:

- **Make the reduction of water in home or business a conscious effort year round.**
- **We all enjoy lush green lawns, but most lawns are overwatered regularly and this is not good for your lawn, our aquifer or your water bills.**
- **Practice xeriscaping with plants that require less water and still look beautiful. You'll love the results!**
- **Regularly check for and repair leaks inside your home and outside. Running toilets can be particularly wasteful.**
- **Look into WaterSense which is a voluntary partnership program sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Its purpose is twofold: WaterSense labels water-efficient products and serves as a proven resource for educating and helping people save water. You can follow the recommended WaterSense guidelines at: <https://www.epa.gov/watersense>**

Recognizing a Good Samaritan

The Albertson Water District regularly monitors and site checks all infrastructure throughout the District. Recently, while doing the required district survey, Albertson Water District employee Chris Melara came across a stopped vehicle. As he carefully navigated around the vehicle, Chris spotted a woman lying on the ground. He immediately exited his vehicle to determine if assistance was needed. The woman informed Chris that she had fallen while going to the mailbox and could not get up. With the help of the driver of the stopped vehicle, Chris helped the woman to her feet. She assured them she was fine, thanked both Chris and the driver of the stopped vehicle and continued on her way.

Hats off to water AWD employee Chris Melara for his recognition of a potentially dangerous situation, and for his assistance in helping a person in need.



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Memorial Day: Honoring Their Sacrifices

Memorial Day is a federal holiday that is observed on the last Monday of May each year. The first truly national observance of Memorial Day (then known as Decoration Day) was on May 30, 1868. New York became the first state to recognize the day in 1873. This most solemn holiday now commemorates all those who have died in U.S. military service. We at the Albertson Water District honor all the men and women who sacrificed their lives so that a nation might live free.