



ALBERTSON

WATER DISTRICT NEWS

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» PROACTIVITY: Staying Ahead of the *Curve*

The quality of water provided by the AWD meets or exceeds federal, New York State Department of Health and Nassau County Department of Health standards. Our year-round proactive maintenance program continually maintains and upgrades the water supply system to ensure compliance with all governing agencies and to provide you with a pure and plentiful supply of water for the future.



COMMISSIONER Edward W. Scott III

Commissioner Scott on BACKFLOW

Backflow prevention is one of the most important means of protecting our water supply and our aquifer. Handling the District's large number of backflow devices requires detailed record keeping and significant staff time. With our goal of cost-effectiveness in mind, we have thoroughly researched and retained a qualified outside firm to handle these efforts on a trial basis. This enables us to rededicate existing staff for other tasks and realize an overall cost savings rather than hiring another employee expressly for the purpose of backflow fulfillment.

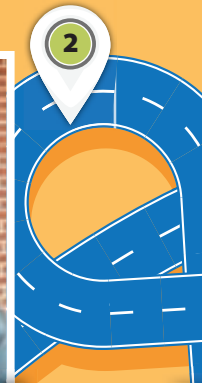
This method has proven very successful in other Long Island water districts, and we are confident that our decision will produce similar results. The AWD has engaged AQUA Backflow (formerly Test My Backflow) on a trial basis to manage and provide reminder and final notices regarding backflow testing. All residences and commercial water users having backflow devices will be receiving reminder mailings from AQUA Backflow, beginning in January 2024.



COMMISSIONER Janell Giordano

Commissioner Giordano on NEW OFFICE HOURS

In a move to maximize public access, improve workflow and maintain employee safety, the Albertson Water District has altered its public office hours. In effect as of July 1, 2023, the new office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Entry to the AWD office for any and all matters of business will be between these hours, unless prior arrangements have been made. As always we look forward to servicing all our residents in the most convenient and efficient manner.



COMMISSIONER Brian Hassan

Commissioner Hassan on HYDRANT MAINTENANCE

Preventive maintenance of the AWD's fire hydrants was completed in June, 2023. Every one of the 450+ hydrants were inspected and operated taking static readings of every hydrant. (Due to Well No. 4 being out of service this year, they were not flushed). Wherever required, repairs were made immediately, and each hydrant was left in fully operational condition. In the future when conditions permit, the hydrants will be inspected and flushed. Flushing helps remove any iron build up in the water main which over time could potentially reduce the flow of water.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY BACKFLOW DEVICE TESTING

Public Health Law § 225, New York State Sanitary Code, Part 5, § 5-1.31 (Cross-connection control), and Nassau County Public Health Ordinance, Article 6, § 15 (Cross-connection control), require that all backflow devices be tested annually. This requirement becomes the responsibility of the water purveyor. In keeping with the requirements for backflow testing it is required that all backflow devices be tested on the anniversary of installation, not one year from the last test performed.



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.

CONSTRUCTION
ZONE

>> 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.

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.

Thank You

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Respecting The Brave



★ **YOU SERVED FOR US ALL.**

You endured the hardships, the battles, the interminable boredom, the separation from family and loved ones, the pain and suffering and the sorrow of seeing comrades in arms fall.

★ **YOU GAVE ALL YOU HAD.**

On Veteran's Day the Albertson Water District salutes every man and woman whose sacrifices have made this country the great nation and world leader it is today.

Cast Your Ballot For WATER COMMISSIONER!



Voting is as American as apple pie, and exercising your vote is at the very core of the American fiber. The 2023 election of an Albertson Water Commissioner is for a 3-year term, beginning January 1, 2024 and running through December 31, 2026.

WHEN: Tuesday, December 12, 2023

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

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 a minimum of 30 days prior to election date. For more information, contact us at (516) 626-8042, or visit our new website www.albertsonwater.org.