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CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

Over the past few years, Albertson Water District has completed numerous capital improvement projects to enhance both water treatment and system delivery for consumers. We're proud to share progress on several key initiatives that strengthen reliability, improve water quality, and prepare our infrastructure for future demand. Below are the latest updates for the fall and winter seasons.

Using Transmission Mains to Replace Lost Capacity

Given its elevation, Albertson Water District has long had limitations on its ability to get water from one side of the District to the other. Working with its engineers, a hydraulic model of the District was used to design a set of transmission mains – more than 5,000 linear feet worth – to solve the bottleneck and restore balance to the system. The District is happy to report that all the mains are currently installed and functioning – and work was completed in record time!



TRANSMISSION MAIN



Hollow Court Booster

The Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC) units have been installed, with only the building enclosure and final blacktopping remaining. Although the project is currently ahead of schedule, completion may extend into 2027 due to a backlog of critical electrical components.

Once complete, the building enclosure will allow the plant to operate efficiently throughout the winter months.



GRANULAR
ACTIVATED
CARBON (GAC)
UNIT



Well #1 – GAC

The contract for the construction of the GAC unit at Well #1 is underway. It is anticipated that this project will take Well #1 out of service for approximately two weeks. At this time, the construction schedule has not affected the operation of Well #1, as contaminant levels remain within the limits established by regulatory agencies.

Well #5

To keep Well #5 in service and maintain compliance with all contaminant level requirements, a temporary plant will be built to treat the water until the new facility is completed. The GAC unit and certain electrical components will later be incorporated into the new plant. This approach will reduce costs for taxpayers and help preserve essential water during periods of peak demand.



WELL #1 SITE



WELL #5 SITE



HOLLOW COURT BOOSTER



COMMISSIONER *REPORT*

COMMISSIONER Brian Hassan

Peak Season & Fire Hydrants



As we move out of the summer's peak demand period, water usage across the District drops significantly — from as much as 3–5 million gallons per day in the hottest months to less than 1 million gallons during the cooler fall and winter seasons. The high summer demand is attributed to irrigation, household leaks, and theft of service mainly by illegal fire hydrant use. All fire hydrants are clearly marked with a flag and a “CERTIFIED USERS ONLY” sign. The flag not only helps firefighters locate hydrants quickly during emergencies but also assists our crews during heavy snowfall.

Unfortunately, some individuals attempt to open hydrants without authorization — a serious offense that can damage the hydrant, reduce water pressure for firefighting, and compromise public safety. An illegally opened hydrant can waste thousands of gallons of water in just minutes, water that should be reserved for homes, businesses, and emergency services.

If you ever see someone tampering with or opening a hydrant, please notify the District immediately at (516) 621-3610. Our team will respond to all calls, investigate and take any steps necessary to ensure that the illegal user of the hydrant is prosecuted and that the hydrant returns to a safe working condition.

Smart Clocks Now Required for Irrigation Systems

COMMISSIONER Janell Giordano

To promote water efficiency, New York State law now requires that all irrigation systems be equipped with a smart controller (clock) and rain sensor. These devices automatically adjust watering schedules based on weather conditions — saving water, protecting your lawn, and reducing your water bill.

The Albertson Water District enforces this requirement on new installations and encourages all residents to upgrade older systems. For guidance on approved smart controllers, visit our website or call the District office.



COMMISSIONER Emmanoyil Vlepakis

Check for Leaks!



Did you know that a small leak on a toilet can use 1/3 of a gallon a minute? That can add up to 475 gallons a day of usage! If this goes unnoticed, it can cause your quarterly bill usage to increase by over 42,000 gallons.

It is always good practice to check all toilets in the house periodically for any signs of water usage when no one is using them. Sprinkler systems are another big culprit for high bills when they are damaged or set to the wrong schedule for lawn watering. These systems should also be checked for signs of leaks like pooling water or broken sprinkler heads.

The Albertson Water District always welcomes calls about how to conserve water or help pinpoint leaks. Although we cannot come in and fix any of these leaks, which is up to the homeowner, we can come out and do a 90-day history on the meter to see when the water is being used and help you find the source of a potential leak.

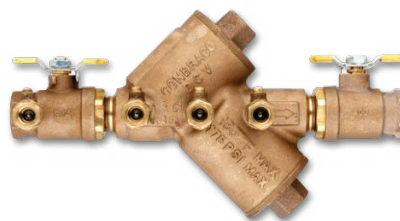
Winter Home Maintenance



Now is the time to prepare your home for the colder months ahead.

-  **Fire Hydrants:** If you have a fire hydrant on or near your property, please be mindful of any debris or snow that may build up around it. Always keep the area around a hydrant clear and visible to ensure its accessibility in the event of an emergency or required maintenance.
-  **Outside Spigots:** Turn off all external spigot valves from within your home. Leave the outside valves open to allow the water line to fully drain and prevent frozen or burst pipes when temperatures dip low.
-  **Hoses:** Disconnect garden hoses and store them to prevent freezing and breakage.
-  **In-Ground Sprinkler Systems:** These need to be blown out, usually by a professional, to ensure that no water is left inside the lines through the winter.
-  **Protect Interior Pipes:** Insulate pipes located in unheated areas of your home to reduce the risk of freezing.
-  **Shut-Off Valve:** It's always smart to know where your home's main water shut-off valve is located so that it can quickly be turned off in the event of an emergency.

BACKFLOW DEVICE REMINDER TESTING DUE!



The Albertson Water District is responsible for enforcing the use of protective backflow devices by its consumers. This is your end-of-year reminder to test your backflow devices, which are designed to protect the public water supply against contamination. Annual testing must be done by a NYS-certified backflow tester and as of 2024, all backflow test results must be submitted on TrackMyBackflow.com.

The Albertson Water District has partnered with Aqua Backflow to assist with its backflow program operations. The District will be utilizing the TrackMyBackflow.com tracking website, which

will alert customers when backflow testing is due, as well as how to submit proper paperwork to the District.

When hiring a backflow tester, be sure to verify that they are connected to us through Aqua Backflow and will submit your test results to the District through TrackMyBackflow.com.

For a link to the form and more information on compliance, or for a list of certified testers, please visit: albertsonwater.org/backflow.

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Upcoming Water Commissioner Election

The 2025 election of an Albertson Water District Commissioner is for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2026 and running through December 31, 2028.

- ✓ **When to vote: Tuesday, December 9, 2025**
- ✓ **Where: Albertson Fire House**
- ✓ **Time: 3:00-9:00 PM**
- ✓ **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 the election date. For more information, contact us at (516) 621-3610 or visit our new website www.albertsonwater.org.



Próxima elección del Comisionado del Agua

La elección de 2025 de un Comisionado del Distrito de Agua de Albertson es por un período de tres años que comienza el 1 de enero de 2026 y se extenderá hasta el 31 de diciembre de 2028.

- ✓ **Cuando votar: Martes, 9 de diciembre de 2025**
- ✓ **Dónde: Casa de bomberos Albertson**
- ✓ **Tiempo: 3:00-9:00 PM**
- ✓ **Elegibilidad:**

El artículo 213 de la Ley Municipal del Estado de Nueva York establece que ninguna persona tendrá derecho a votar por los comisionados del distrito de mejoras a menos que esté registrada como votante y resida en el Distrito de Agua de Albertson durante al menos 30 días antes de la fecha de las elecciones. Para más información, contáctenos al (516) 621-3610 o visite nuestro nuevo sitio web www.albertsonwater.org