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## UPGRADES COMPLETE TO BOOSTER STATION

With upgrades complete, the Board of Commissioners recently toured and inspected the work at Plant #6 located at Washington Avenue. The rehabilitation of Plant #6 is part of the Plainview Water District's series of capital improvements designed to protect the community's water supply and increase the efficiency of the District's facilities.

"The upgrades at Plant #6 have numerous benefits. The upgraded plant will support the distribution of water during times of high demand, particularly during emergencies as well as routine maintenance," said Commissioner Andrew N. Bader.

Plant #6 was built in 1960 and served as a booster station to provide consumers in the high-pressure Washington Avenue area with a reliable and consistent water supply. With the subsequent construction of Plant #7, the District was able to make significant improvements to Plant #6 without disturbing water distribution to residents at any time during the upgrade process.

*Chairman Joel R. Kessler, Superintendent Richard W. Tobin, Secretary Marc B. Laykind and Treasurer Andrew N. Bader reviewing plans for Plant #6.*



## PLAINVIEW WATER DISTRICT PARTICIPATES IN THE LONG ISLAND WATER CONFERENCE 2015 WATER QUALITY SYMPOSIUM

The Plainview Water District Board of Commissioners Joel R. Kessler, Andrew N. Bader and Marc B. Laykind recently attended the Long Island Water Conference 2015 Water Quality Symposium. Elected officials and water suppliers from across Nassau and Suffolk counties gathered to discuss many of the pressing issues facing Long Island's public water providers. The goal of the symposium was to promote collaboration between members of the Long Island water industry and elected officials, raise awareness about Long Island's water quality, and ensure that the future of Long Island's water supply remains safe for years to come.

### DRY SUMMER LEADS TO HIGHER CONSUMER USAGE

Throughout the summer of 2015, Long Island experienced consistently high temperatures and limited precipitation resulting in higher water usage across Nassau and Suffolk counties. During the summer months, many of the District supply wells were working at capacity to provide high quality water to residents and business owners, ensuring that drinking water was readily available at all times. Despite this increase in consumer usage and District pumpage, a recent survey of similar water providers indicated that Plainview Water District residents are paying among the lowest rates in the county. While a dry summer increased the amount of water pumped, the District's commitment to smart and efficient infrastructure reinvestment and fiscal responsibility has kept rates among the lowest in Nassau County. For more information and conservation advice, please contact the Plainview Water District at 516-931-6469.

## PLAINVIEW WATER DISTRICT UPGRADES INFRASTRUCTURE AT ITS HAYPATH ROAD FACILITY - PLANT #5

In keeping with the District's proactive approach to maintaining its infrastructure, the existing well 5-1 has recently been redrilled, due in large part to the District's water plant operators due diligence.

Plant #5, located at Haypath Road, supplies more than 30 percent of the community's water demand and is the location of four of the District's wells. Well 5-1 provides two million gallons of water per day to Plainview-Old Bethpage homes and businesses. Over the past few years, there have been many major improvements completed at this facility including the installation of a state-of-the-art backup generator, guaranteeing residents will continue to receive clean, safe and reliable drinking water in the event of an emergency.

"Wells need maintenance repairs at various times," said Commissioner Marc B. Laykind. "The original well was built in 1960, and this vital screen replacement will allow the District to utilize the well for another 50-100 years rather than be forced to do a costly replacement. We are always looking to make sure the Plainview Old-Bethpage community has the most up-to-date infrastructure, ensuring consistent water delivery for many years to come."

The Plainview Water District routinely inspects each plant to confirm it meets or exceeds all county, state and federal regulations. Plainview Water District representatives determined that a problem related to the well screen developed, thereby necessitating its replacement. The old bronze screen has been replaced and upgraded with a stainless steel screen. This proactive modification not only helps preserve the well, but will save the District money in the long-run.



## COMMISSIONERS ATTEND FALL CRAFT & HEALTH FAIR; EDUCATE RESIDENTS ON TAP WATER QUALITY



The Plainview Water District Board of Commissioners recently attended the Plainview-Old Bethpage Craft & Health Fair located outside the Plainview-Old Bethpage Library. The event provided an opportunity for residents, local craft makers and gift vendors to come together, display their items and explain their services in an interactive environment. Local elected officials including Nassau County Legislator Judy Jacobs and Town of Oyster Bay Councilwoman Rebecca Alesia were among the many residents who stopped by the Plainview Water District's booth.

Plainview Water District Chairman Joel Kessler and Commissioners Andrew Bader and Marc Laykind set up an information booth and met with residents to distribute water-related pamphlets, as well as to provide water conservation-themed coloring books to children in attendance. The Commissioners also educated residents as to where the community's water supply comes from, how often it is tested

and how it is delivered into homes and local businesses. "The fair is always a fantastic opportunity to speak with members of the community about our local water resources," said Plainview Water District Chairman Joel R. Kessler.



