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The Plainview Water District Newsletter

Congratulations, Poster Contest Winners!

Annually, Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District students in grades one through six are encouraged to participate in the Plainview Water District's Water Conservation Poster Contest. This year's winners were honored by Water District Commissioners Joel Kessler, Ed Shulroff and Kevin Langberg at a recent awards ceremony hosted for them and their families.



a very talented group of kids who truly understand the importance of conserving water and protecting the environment. My fellow commissioners and I were thrilled to see such great artwork, and we thank all of the artists for doing their part to spread our message to the community."

Awards were distributed to winners at each grade level. Each first-place winner received a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond; second- and third-place winners received \$50 Savings Bonds.

"The annual poster contest has long been one of our favorite community activities," said Board of Commissioners Chairman Joel Kessler. "It seems that the entries get better and better every year, and this year was certainly no exception. This is obviously

First Grade: First – Jungin Lee, Second – Joey Liszovics, Third – Scott Keelan • **Second Grade:**

First – Victoria Overbeck, Second – Stephanie Pollino, Third – Hareem Syed • **Third Grade:** First – Marissa Pizzuto, Second – Nicole Yuen, Third – Kenny Chelosky • **Fourth Grade:** First – Bhashta Khail, Second – Erik Simon, Third – Roshni Sethi • **Fifth Grade:** First – Isabel Ren, Second – Nicole Marie Hrvatin, Third – Amanda Gross • **Sixth Grade:** First – Kenta Kondo, Second – Amanda Silver, Third – Jessica Chasan

Plainview Water District Celebrates National Drinking Water Week

During the week of May 6-12, Plainview Water District celebrated National Drinking Water Week, a celebration of the vital role that water plays in our daily lives and in our communities. A safe, reliable water supply is critical to the success of any community. It creates jobs, attracts industry and investment, and provides for the health and welfare of citizens in ways ranging from disease prevention to fire suppression. Many people often take our water resources for granted, but National Drinking Water Week serves as a reminder of how important it is to conserve and protect our national water supplies.

To mark the occasion, Plainview Water District Commissioners Joel Kessler, Edward Shulroff and Kevin Langberg competed in the Long Island Water Conference's 22nd annual Best Tasting Tap Water Contest. "Long Island is home to one of the purest and most plentiful natural water reserves in the country," said Board of Commissioners Chairman Joel Kessler. "Our goal is to ensure that our residents continue to enjoy the cleanest, best-tasting water on Long Island."

Plainview Commissioner and Water Conference Chairman Edward Shulroff echoed Chairman Kessler's sentiments. "Along with my fellow commissioners and members of the Long Island Water Conference, I am excited to once again take part in this very special community event with people from all across Long Island," Shulroff said. "Programs such as the Best Tasting Tap Water Contest help reinforce the importance and necessity of this precious natural resource."

The Plainview Water Commissioners recognize that public awareness is the key to a successful water conservation campaign, which is why the Board asks residents to make a concerted effort to conserve water year-round. "The Plainview Water District works diligently to protect this precious resource and provide safe, reliable and great-tasting drinking water for literally pennies a day," stated Chairman Kessler. "Working together, we can help protect and preserve our water supply for future generations."

Employee Spotlight



Since 2004, Matt Johnson has been a reliable and dedicated employee of the Plainview Water District. Mr. Johnson has played an integral role in serving the community, and District Commissioners Joel Kessler, Edward Shulroff and Kevin Langberg are proud to highlight his contributions.

As a Water Servicer, Mr. Johnson's responsibilities include meter reading, installations and repairs, troubleshooting, hydrant repairs, and assisting with the repair of water mains and valves.

"Mr. Johnson has provided the Plainview Water District and the local community with exceptional service," said Board of Commissioners Chairman Joel Kessler. "He performs his work efficiently and with care."

Mr. Johnson's exemplary skills continue to help provide quality water to the Plainview community.

Indoor Water Conservation Tips

Plainview Water District Commissioners Reminds Residents of Conservation Tips for Indoor Water Use

Plainview Water District Commissioners Joel Kessler, Ed Shulroff and Kevin Langberg ask all Plainview-Old Bethpage residents to be mindful of wasting water, as conservation efforts help ensure that the Water District will be able to maintain the high quality water supply for future generations. In order to assist customers in reducing water usage, the commissioners have issued conservation rules and regulations for indoor water use.

Water saving tips includes the following:

- Test for a leaking toilet by adding food coloring to the tank. If any color appears in the bowl after 30 minutes, your toilet is leaking. Leaking toilets can waste up to 700 gallons or more of water a day.
- Use water conserving plumbing fixtures and water flow constrictors on sinks and showers. If you don't have a low-flow toilet, place two half-gallon plastic bottles filled with water in your toilet tank. This saves one gallon of water each time you flush.
- Run your dishwasher and wash clothes only when you have a full load.
- Take short showers instead of a bath. Baths can use up to 30 to 50 gallons of water. Showers use only 5 gallons of water per minute, less if a flow restrictor is installed.
- Check your water meter while no water is being used. If the dials are moving then you have a water leak.
- Don't run water continuously when washing dishes, brushing your teeth, washing your hands and face, or shaving. Chill tap water in the refrigerator for drinking.
- Avoid using a garbage disposal. Disposal use a great deal of water. Add your garbage to the compost or trash instead of putting it down the garbage disposal.
- Do not use running water to thaw meat or other frozen foods. Defrost food overnight in the refrigerator or by using the defrost setting on your microwave.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above conservation suggestions, please contact the Water District.

Water-Saving Plumbing Products

Plainview Water District Recommends Water-Efficient Home Plumbing Products to Cut Water Costs

Nobody likes a high water bill, so Plainview Water District Commissioners, Joel Kessler, Edward Shulroff and Kevin Langberg would like to remind residents that other than closely monitoring the amount of water you use, the best way to save money is to use water-efficient home plumbing products, including aerated showerheads, energy-efficient clothes washers and 1.6 gallon-per-flush toilets. By using these products in the home, residents will not only lower water costs, but they will also greatly alleviate pressure on the local water supplier, which is extremely important in densely populated regions like Long Island. According to a report issued by the American Water Works Association (AWWA), the use of water-efficient plumbing across the nation would decrease the amount of water used by 3.5 billion gallons per day.

"It's amazing how much water we can save by using the proper plumbing fixtures," stated Board of Commissioners Chairman Joel Kessler. "If any of our residents are concerned about high water bills, they may want to look into the plumbing mechanisms they currently use in their homes. We welcome phone calls from residents interested in learning more about saving money and water by using more efficient plumbing equipment."

The report released by the AWWA also projects that reducing the amount of water used by 3.5 billion gallons per day would result in smaller operating and maintenance costs at local water utilities. When you combine the water reduction with energy savings from conservation, communities could save approximately \$127 per person by the year 2020.

Plant 2 Grand Opening

Plainview Water District Unveils New Treatment Facility

The Plainview Water District recently celebrated the grand opening of its newly renovated Plant 2 facility on Donna Drive in Plainview. One of 12 supply wells in the Plainview Water District, Plant 2 was recently fitted with a new water treatment system that will further enable the District to provide its customers with the cleanest and safest water possible.

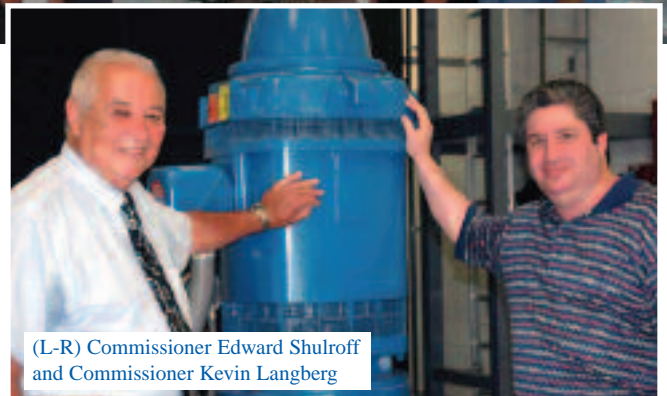
“We are thrilled with the results,” said Board of Commissioners Chairman Joel Kessler. “Not only will the new treatment system be a valuable tool for protecting our precious water supply, but the new building and external landscaping are major aesthetic improvements that will help the facility blend into the beautiful neighborhood surrounding it.”

The Board of Commissioners welcomed dignitaries from state and local government for the July 27 ribbon cutting ceremony. Honored guests included Town of Oyster Bay council members Anthony Macagnone and Rose Marie Walker, Town Clerk Steve Labriola, Receiver of Taxes Jim Stefanich and Assemblyman Charles Lavine. Nassau County Presiding Officer Judy Jacobs also presented the commissioners with a citation commemorating the event and their continued dedication to the people of the Plainview-Old Bethpage area.

The Plant 2 facility supplies two million gallons of water per day to more than 10,000 households and businesses in the Plainview Water District.



(L-R) Superintendent Paul Granger, Joe Fasolina, Commissioner Edward Shulroff, H2M Group President John Molloy, Commissioner Kevin Langberg, Acting Superintendent Mike Gele and Water Plant Operator Keith Fleming



(L-R) Commissioner Edward Shulroff and Commissioner Kevin Langberg

Plainview Water District Updates Master Plan

The Board of Commissioners of the Plainview Water District recognizes that proactive planning is essential to the success of any organization, and that is why the District has recently drafted an update of their Master Plan.

The Master Plan Update will provide an updated assessment of the District’s operations with respect to water quality, water quantity, projected growth, infrastructure condition, public health protection, security and financial resources. This document will include revised recommendations, schedules and cost opinions for maintaining and upgrading the infrastructure and operations of the Water District as required to meet the projected needs of the community throughout the next five to ten years. In addition, this report will also provide an update on the recommendations made in the 2004 Master Plan.

The Board of Commissioners of the Plainview Water District are committed to providing its residents with a reliable supply of high quality and reasonably priced potable water while ensuring public health protection and complete compliance with all prevailing state and federal environmental regulations.

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Plainview Water District Exceeds Water Testing Standards

The Plainview Water District takes very seriously its ongoing commitment to provide its customers the safest and cleanest water possible. Supplying the highest quality drinking water to tens of thousands of residents is truly a 24/7 operation, and one that the District undertakes with professionalism and precision.

“Protecting the quality of our product is our highest priority,” said Joel Kessler, Chairman of the Plainview Water District Board of Commissioners. “We are very proud of our excellent safety record and aggressive monitoring practices because our customers deserve nothing less.”

The Water District pumps ground water from 12 wells located throughout the Plainview-Old Bethpage area. These wells reach deep underground into the Magothy Aquifer, a huge underground layer of sand and gravel that contains trillions of gallons of fresh water. From this natural source, the District withdraws over 1.5 billion gallons of water that is distributed to more than 10,000 households and businesses in the community.

Monitoring and maintaining this massive amount of water is a daunting task, but the Plainview Water District’s team of professionals are well equipped for the job. The District’s plant operators routinely monitor the drinking water supply for over 135 separate parameters, including bacteria, organic contaminants, lead, copper and many more. Adhering to strict standards from federal, state and county environmental agencies and health departments – and often exceeding recommended testing protocol – the Water District tests water samples on a daily, weekly or quarterly basis depending on the parameters. Results of these tests are published each year in an annual drinking water quality report, which is available at the Plainview Water District office at 10 Manetto Hill Road.

“We know that residents can feel secure and confident in the water delivered to their homes,” Kessler said, “because my fellow commissioners and I are all proud Plainview residents, and we would accept nothing but the best for our families, friends and neighbors.”

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