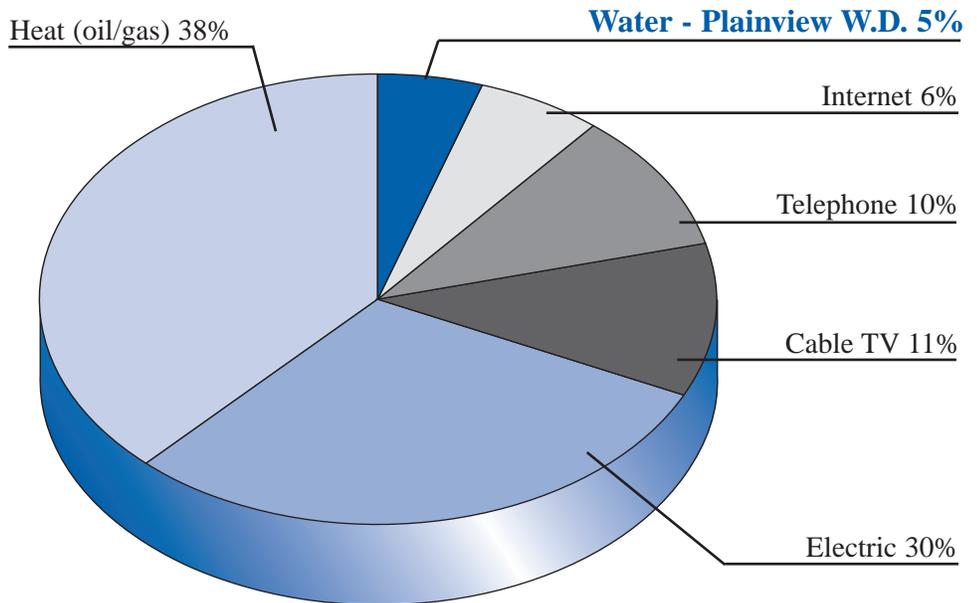


# Plainview Water District Residents Shower in Savings

The Plainview Water District bill is among the lowest utility bills charged monthly to homeowners. In fact, the average monthly bill is \$27 – representing only about 7 percent of monthly utility costs, including telephone, cable, heat, internet and electricity. Not only is water one of the least expensive utilities, the Plainview Water District holds the lowest percentage of the tax bill at just 1.9 percent. “We provide a service that is essential to every household in Plainview,” said Plainview Water District Commissioner Kevin Langberg. “In doing so, we ensure that the community receives the highest quality water at the lowest possible cost. Although we are extremely proud of the service we provide, we will continue to explore ways to lower the average monthly cost to our community members.”

**Comparison of Average Monthly Utility Cost for the Average Plainview Water District Residential Customer Based on 2005 Rates**



## Plainview Water District is Prepared in Case of Emergency

The Plainview Water District commissioners are conscious of the critical need to be prepared in the event of any kind of emergency. That’s why Superintendent Paul Granger, Distribution Manager John Speciale and Operations Manager Al Bassetta recently attended a water system emergency “tabletop” exercise hosted by the New York State Department of Health. “The Plainview Water District is committed to

ensuring that a safe and ample supply of drinking water is always available to our customers,” said Chairman Kevin Langberg. This conference provided a wealth of information that will help us in handling emergency situations. It was also an excellent opportunity to make sure we have people on board who know how to react during emergency situations.”

# Edward Shulroff Sworn in for Third Term; Kevin Langberg Inducted as Chairperson

At a recent public meeting of the Plainview Water District Board of Commissioners, Edward Shulroff took the oath of office, beginning his third term as Commissioner. During the meeting, the Board selected Commissioner Kevin Langberg as Chairman, Commissioner Joel Kessler as Treasurer and Commissioner Shulroff as Secretary of the Board.



*Top photo: Commissioner Edward Shulroff is sworn into office by Richard Guercio, of Guercio and Guercio law offices; bottom photo: Plainview Water District Commissioner Kevin Langberg sworn into office*

“I’m honored that my fellow Commissioners have selected me to lead the Water District in the upcoming year,” said Commissioner Langberg. “The residents of Plainview-Old

Bethpage have entrusted my fellow Commissioners and me to represent the community with regard to water-related issues, and we take this responsibility seriously. The Board’s top priority is protecting the quality of our water supply, and we will continue to implement initiatives aimed at that goal. In order to provide cool, clean, refreshing drinking water, we must remain vigilant in our fight against threats to our water supply, including MTBE spills.”



According to Commissioner Langberg, Board goals for 2006 include continuing to hold petroleum companies responsible for spills that may affect our drinking water, extend security measures related to the water supply in light of America’s fight against terrorism, introduce technologies that will increase the efficiencies of the District, increase water-education efforts in the community, and step up our water conservation initiatives to even greater levels.

## Promoting Water Freshness and Quality

Plainview Water District Commissioners Kevin Langberg, Joel Kessler and Edward Shulroff met with enthusiastic Plainview residents at this year’s North Shore University Hospital Annual Community Health Fair, where they discussed the quality and safety of the region’s water supply. A main issue addressed by the Commissioners was the importance of water conservation in promoting a healthy environment. Many



*(L-R) Plainview Water District Commissioners Joel Kessler, Edward Shulroff and Kevin Langberg*

consumers were surprised to learn that bottled water can be as much as 1,000 times more costly on a per volume basis compared to tap water – and that some bottled water is less healthy than the Plainview Water District’s tap water.

“Meeting with the public, hearing their concerns, and helping educate Long Islanders about what we do to ensure that our water supply is clean and safe is a great opportunity,” said Water District Chairman Kevin Langberg. “Conserving water is an important environmental responsibility; Long Islanders understand the importance of fresh, clean water in our daily lives and we are committed to safeguarding it and preserving it.”

As caretakers of one of nature’s most precious resources, one of the missions of the Plainview Water District is to educate the public on issues related to water, including quality, security and conservation. During the North Shore University Hospital Annual Community Health Fair, the Commissioners handed out literature, educational coloring books for children and the District’s 2004 Water Quality Report.

# Plainview Water District Partners with Concerned Citizens

The Plainview Water District is pleased to announce a partnership with the Concerned Citizens of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Community Neighbor-to-Neighbor Watch Program. After many years of working closely with the Concerned Citizens on numerous community efforts, the Water District will now take part in this exciting new civilian watch initiative. The program's goal is to reduce crime in the Plainview-Old Bethpage community, while sustaining the neighborhood's quality of life.

"The Concerned Citizens are staying vigilant and helping the Plainview-Old Bethpage community become a safer place to live. We're pleased to partner with them in the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Watch Program," commented Chairman Kevin Langberg. "We encourage residents to be on the lookout and help our fellow neighbors."

The program will rely on the use of window decals as visual deterrents, the watchful eyes of neighbors and internet communication. Suspicious activities will be reported to the proper authorities, and the Concerned Citizens will be informed so that the organization may alert residents. The program utilizes

a centralized email network to share information about any unusual behavior, important news or dangerous conditions in the community. This information is distributed along with Nassau County Police Department-Security Police Information Network (NCPD-SPIN) alerts. Online communications will enable busy residents to remain in touch and receive information via the internet while at home, at work or traveling.

Concerned Citizens President Carol Meschkow commented, "The Plainview Water District is committed to the health and welfare of the residents of this community, and we're looking forward to their joint participation in the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Watch Program. We're hoping for communitywide support of this innovative new program."

To receive more information about Neighbor-to-Neighbor Watch or to join the Concerned Citizens, please write: Concerned Citizens of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Community, Inc., 998-C Old Country Road, Suite #143, Plainview, NY 11803, or email [ccpobcl@aol.com](mailto:ccpobcl@aol.com).



## Employee Spotlight

John Speciale has played an important role in serving the community since 1986, when he joined the Plainview Water District as Senior Water Servicer. Since then, he has been promoted to Distribution Manager, responsible for the supervision of the District's entire water distribution system.

Mr. Speciale coordinates town and county water permits, oversees roadwork, and supervises the relocation of water mains and hydrants; vehicle and heavy equipment maintenance and repair; the meter program; and distribution of supply and material ordering and inventory, among other responsibilities

Plainview Water District Commissioners Ed Shulroff, Kevin Langberg and Joel Kessler recognize and appreciate Mr. Speciale's dedication to his job. Commissioner Shulroff commented, "On behalf of my fellow Commissioners, I'd like to thank Mr. Speciale for helping provide quality water to our customers for almost a decade. The efforts he has made during his years with the District demonstrate his commitment to the health and comfort of our community."

## Our Employees Keep Water Flowing 24-7



*Water servicer Ed Glasberg (left) and Distribution Manager John Speciale (right) in a trench preparing to fix a water main break.*

The dedication of our Plainview Water District employees is laudable. While most of us were laying our heads down to sleep late one December night, Plainview Water District employees Lee Curro, Matthew Johnson, Ed Glasberg and John Speciale were hard at work, tending to a water main break at the intersection of Coronet

and Phipps lanes in Plainview. Though the frigid, 29-degree temperature and gusting winds made repairs difficult, the crew managed to fix the break quickly.

Plainview Water District personnel are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to guarantee safe drinking water is provided to the public. "It's unfortunate whenever a water main breaks, as service is disrupted to our consumers and our employees must work under any and all circumstances to remedy the situation," said Water District Secretary Edward Shulroff. "My fellow Commissioners and I are proud of those employees who answered the call quickly and effectively. Their selfless actions speak volumes of the Plainview Water District's staff."

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## Community Unites in Successful Coat and Toy Drive



The Plainview Water District, whose office served as an official drop-off site for the National Cleaners Association *Coats for Kids* drive held this past November, extends thanks to Plainview-Old Bethpage community residents for their generosity. Since the inception of *Coats for Kids* in 1986, nearly 500,000 coats have been distributed to schools, charities, churches and synagogues.

In addition to the coat drive, the Plainview Water District collected numerous toys for the *John Theissen Children's Foundation*, a nonprofit organization that distributes the toys to children in local hospital pediatric wards and shelters. According to Plainview Water District Chairman Kevin Langberg, response from the community and Water District employees was terrific.

District Chairman Kevin Langberg expressed his gratitude to those who participated. "On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, I extend my thanks to all of you who opened your closets and toy chests during the drive. Your donations are another example of the care and warm-heartedness that has always characterized the Plainview-Old Bethpage community."