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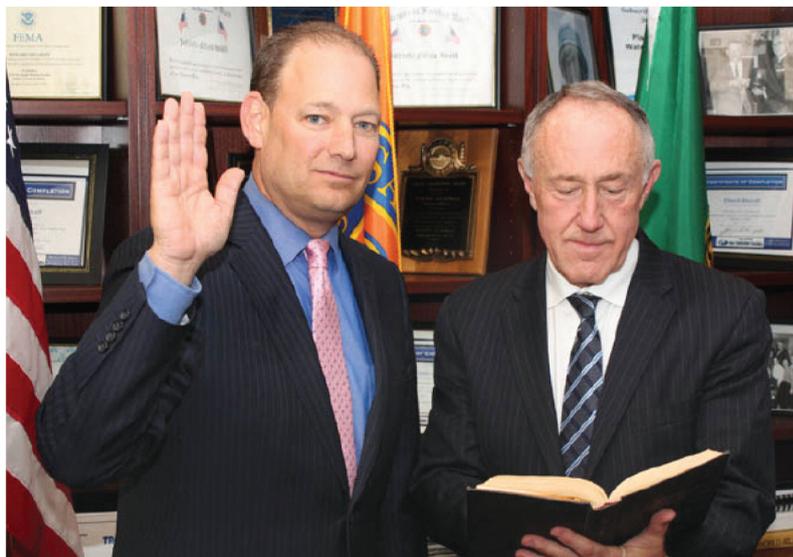
The Plainview Water District Newsletter

Marc B. Laykind Sworn-in as a Commissioner of the Plainview Water District

At a Plainview Water District Board of Commissioners public meeting held on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, Marc B. Laykind was sworn-in to the position of Commissioner for a three-year term. Commissioner Laykind was elected to the post by the community during the District election held on December 9, 2014.

"I am honored that the Plainview-Old Bethpage community has elected me to the position of Water District Commissioner," said Commissioner Marc B. Laykind. "I pledge to carry out my responsibilities with the needs and interests of our community residents as my foremost concern."

Commissioner Laykind is an attorney in private practice with offices in New York City and Nassau County. He has been an active member in the Plainview-Old Bethpage community for 22 years, where he resides with his wife, Debbie, and sons, Matthew and Michael.



Counsel Michael Ingham administers the oath of office to Marc B. Laykind as he is sworn-in as a Commissioner of the Plainview Water District.

Plainview Water District Elects Officers for 2015

Also at the Plainview Water District Board of Commissioners public meeting on January 6, 2015, the Board elected officers for 2015. Commissioner Joel R. Kessler was inducted as Chairman, and Commissioners Andrew N. Bader and Marc B. Laykind were inducted as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.

"I am honored that my fellow Commissioners have selected me as Chairman, said Commissioner Joel R. Kessler. "The residents of Plainview-Old Bethpage have entrusted me and my fellow Commissioners to represent the community with regard to water-related issues, and we take this responsibility seriously. Protecting the quality of our water supply is the Board's top priority and we will continue to do this by remaining proactive."



Plainview Water District Board of Commissioners (pictured L to R): Chairman Joel R. Kessler, Secretary Marc B. Laykind and Treasurer Andrew N. Bader.

Successful 'Toys For Tots' Campaign at Plainview Water District This Holiday Season

The Plainview Water District volunteered as a drop-off location for the United States Marine Corps Reserves 'Toys For Tots' Program

The Plainview Water District Board of Commissioners Joel R. Kessler, Andrew N. Bader and Marc B. Laykind proudly announce the success of the District's annual U.S. Marines Corps Reserve 'Toys For Tots' collection.

'Toys For Tots' is a nonprofit dedicated to collecting new, unwrapped toys to distribute as gifts to less fortunate children in the community that the campaign is conducted.

The Plainview Water District again volunteered to be an official drop-off location for the 'Toys For Tots' Program, and encouraged residents and local business owners to drop-off toys in the official 'Toys For Tots' bin inside the District's administrative offices.

"During the holiday season, there are always opportunities to make a donation that will make all the difference in the world for a child in our community," said Board of Commissioners Chairman Joel R. Kessler. "We're proud to again support this cause, and are thrilled at the community turnout for the campaign."



Plainview Water District Superintendent Richard W. Tobin and Board of Commissioners Chairman Joel R. Kessler are pictured with some toys collected during the 'Toys For Tots' campaign.

Backup Generators Ensure Safety of Water Supply in Times of Power Outages

The Plainview Water District Board of Commissioners remind residents that emergency backup generators have been installed at all District facilities. The installation of backup generators was part of the District's proactive approach to ensure that during severe weather conditions such as those that Long Island has experienced in recent years, including Superstorm Sandy, Nor'easter Athena, and frigid temperatures, the District's water supply continues to operate safely and efficiently.

In the event of an emergency or natural disaster, the Plainview Water District is prepared to continue to provide the Plainview-Old Bethpage community a dependable supply of water, with experienced crews on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

During previous natural disasters, including Superstorm Sandy, water has been the public utility that consumers have been able to rely on with uninterrupted service. The installation of backup generators will ensure that a power outage will not compromise the delivery of water to residents and businesses in Plainview-Old Bethpage.

Plant #6 Rehabilitation

Upgrades to the facility and its equipment will increase flexibility and efficiency

The Plainview Water District Board of Commissioners Joel R. Kessler, Andrew N. Bader and Marc B. Laykind are pleased to announce that upgrades to Plant #6 have officially been completed. The facility was updated to meet and/or exceed the operating requirements of the District's water supply system.

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

The full mechanical and electrical rehabilitation included the installation of three new booster pumps, new water piping and upgrades to several systems including new motor controls, variable frequency drives and general electrical improvements.

In the spring, the District will begin the second phase of the project which will address the aesthetics of the site.

PWD Reminds the Community of the Importance of Cross Connection Control Programs

Testing must be facilitated annually by a professional certified by the NYS Department of Health

With spring quickly approaching, the Board of Commissioners Joel R. Kessler, Andrew N. Bader and Marc B. Laykind want to express the Plainview Water District's commitment to providing clean and safe drinking water, and remind residents and local business owners of the importance of the District's backflow testing and cross connection control programs. These measures are designed to protect the community's water supply from potential hazards that could alter the quality of the drinking water.

Backflow prevention devices ensure that potentially contaminated water cannot be drawn into the public water supply if pressure drops due to fire emergencies, a water main break or other unexpected instances. Testing is particularly important before the spring, as irrigation systems are turned back on and usage increases.

In compliance with the New York State and Nassau County Department of Health, the Plainview Water District continues to implement an ongoing plan to comply with state sanitary

codes. District employees will determine which locations require a cross-connection control device and letters will be mailed to residents to remind them to either have their device tested or to have a device installed beginning in March (January for commercial establishments) of each year. The schedule of reminder letters is under constant review to obtain the highest compliance percentage as the New York State and Nassau County Departments of Health mandate 100% compliance.

The District suggests that the consumer arrange for a New York State Department of Health certified tester to test your backflow prevention device annually as required to be sure it meets all mandated guidelines. A list of NYS certified testers located in Nassau County is available on the District's website, www.plainviewwater.org (click on the Backflow tab) as well as the New York State Department of Health's website at http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/cross/backflow_testers/nassau.htm.

Commissioner Andrew N. Bader Elected NSWCA 2nd Vice President

Plainview Water District Commissioners Joel R. Kessler and Marc B. Laykind congratulate Commissioner Andrew N. Bader, who was recently elected 2nd Vice President to the Nassau Suffolk Water Commissioners Association (NSWCA) Board for the 2015 term. The NSWCA is comprised of commissioners from more than 20 water districts dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of water quality in the region.

"I am extremely honored to be selected to serve on the board of the Nassau Suffolk Water Commissioners Association," said Commissioner Bader. "It is a privilege to serve my community and the region, and it will continue to be my highest priority to help protect Long Island's water supply."

Commissioner Bader has been an active member in the Plainview-Old Bethpage community for more than 20 years. In addition to serving his second term as a Commissioner of the Plainview Water District, he is a member of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Chamber of Commerce, Plainview-Bethpage Lions Club, Concerned Citizens of Plainview-Old Bethpage, Plainview Jewish Center and Men's Club, and the Theodore Roosevelt Association. He is also on the executive board of The Friends of Sagamore Hill.

The 2015 Nassau-Suffolk Water Commissioners' Board: (L-R) Andrew N. Bader, 2nd Vice President (Plainview Water District); Raymond Averna, 1st Vice President, (Massapequa Water District); Thomas Hand, President (Massapequa Water District); Vincent Abbatiello, Secretary (Westbury Water District); Karl Schweitzer, Treasurer (Hicksville Water District)



Plainview Water District Commissioners Joel R. Kessler, Marc B. Laykind and Andrew N. Bader.



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Or Current Resident

Add or Update Contact Information to Emergency Notification System

The Plainview Water District Board of Commissioners would like to assure the Plainview-Old Bethpage community that in the event of any water-related emergencies or notifications, the District's reverse-911 system will deliver urgent messages to residents. By ensuring that your contact information is correctly added to or updated in the reverse-911 system, the District will be able to contact residents and business owners with information regarding water main breaks and other water-related emergencies.

The reverse-911 system, provided by SwiftReach Networks, forwards District-related notices to residents within the region. To be added to the notification database, please fill out the appropriate form under the tab for "SwiftReach 911" on the District's website, www.plainviewwater.org. All contact information will only be accessed in the aforementioned circumstances and will be kept confidential.

Annual Water Quality Report Electronic Delivery

Last year, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) changed the regulation concerning the delivery of the AWQR to the public. The USEPA now allows for the electronic delivery of the report. The Plainview Water District's 2014 Annual Water Quality Report will be available prior to May 31 by using the direct URL link: www.plainviewwater.org/2014waterqualityreport.pdf. If you wish to have a copy mailed to your home, please contact the District office at 516-931-6469.

Plainview Water District Rates and Charges 2015

Charge Description	Water Rates
Up to 10,000 gallons	\$8.00 minimum
10,000 to 30,000 gallons	\$1.70 per 1,000 gallons
30,000 to 50,000 gallons	\$2.25 per 1,000 gallons
50,000 to 70,000 gallons	\$2.70 per 1,000 gallons
Over 70,000 gallons	\$3.00 per 1,000 gallons