

## Plainview Water District Participates in the Long Island Water Conference 2016 Legislative Forum

The Plainview Water District Board of Commissioners Joel R. Kessler, Andrew N. Bader and Marc B. Laykind recently attended the Long Island Water Conference 2016 Legislative Forum at Bethpage State Park. Many of Long Island's elected officials and water suppliers gathered to discuss some of the pressing issues facing Long Island's public water providers including critical policy changes. The goal of the forum was to promote collaboration among members of the water industry and elected officials to ensure that the future of Long Island's water supply remains safe and abundant for future generations.

“Venues such as the Legislative Forum are an integral part in forming the alliances necessary with Federal, State and local regulatory agencies as well as State and local legislators in order to safeguard our sole source aquifer” stated Commissioner Joel R. Kessler. “It is important that all of us understand the importance of meeting all of the regulatory mandates placed upon us but to also make sure that those regulations make sense and are based on reliable health and science studies.”



Photo: (l-r) Superintendent Richard W. Tobin, Commissioner Andrew N. Bader, NY State Senator Jack Martins, Commissioner Joel R. Kessler, and Commissioner Marc B. Laykind

## Plainview Water District Employee Receives Award



Photo: (l-r) AWWA Vice President, Martha Segal, Keith Fleming, and Richard W. Tobin Plainview Water District Commissioner Joel Kessler stated “We congratulate Mr. Fleming on receiving this prestigious award. He is truly deserving and his dedication and knowledge of the District and the water industry as a whole is an inspiration to his fellow employees and associates.”

Plainview Water District employee Keith Fleming has been named the 2016 New York State Section of the American Water Works Association “Operator of the Year”. The award represents outstanding job performance of regular duties as well as individual or collective accomplishments. Mr. Fleming has made outstanding contributions to the water treatment field in the areas of safety, training, plant performance and public relations. Mr. Fleming has worked for the Plainview Water District for almost 30 years.

## Plainview Water District Commissioners Visit Stratford Road Elementary School for Guest Reader Day

Plainview Water District Board of Commissioners Joel R. Kessler, Andrew N. Bader and Marc B. Laykind recently participated in Stratford Road Elementary School's Guest Reader Day as part of the Plainview-Old Bethpage School District's annual Parents as Reading Partners (PARP) program. PARP is a statewide program created to encourage children to read at home with their parent or guardian, grandparents, siblings or another family member for at least 15 minutes a day.



*Commissioner Joel R. Kessler*



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“We love having the opportunity to share stories with the young students in our community,” said Board of Commissioners Chairman Joel Kessler. Commissioner Andrew Bader said “As long-time residents, it is a rewarding way to give back to the Plainview-Old Bethpage community.” “It was a pleasure to give back and participate in Guest Reader Day this year at Stratford Road Elementary,” said Commissioner Marc Laykind. They also spoke to the Plainview-Old Bethpage students about the importance of protecting and conserving our water supply.

### Water Rates

The Board of Commissioners has approved the following rate structure for the 2016 fiscal year. No rate increase is taken lightly and the Plainview Water District understands the impact any increase has on its consumers. However, it must also be understood that the District experiences the same increases in electricity, insurance, fuel, chemicals, etc. as its consumer's and in addition must comply with increasing regulatory mandates and necessary improvements in water treatment processes.

USAGE	2016 Rates
Up to 10,000 gallons	\$ 14.00 minimum
10,000 to 30,000 gals	\$ 1.99 per 1,000 gallons
30,000 to 50,000 gals	\$ 2.40 per 1,000 gallons
50,000 to 70,000 gals	\$ 2.70 per 1,000 gallons
Over 70,000 gallons	\$ 3.00 per 1,000 gallons

In order to continue to produce an adequate supply of clean, safe water and to generate sufficient revenue to maintain the water supply and distribution infrastructure, it was necessary to increase water rates so as to provide financial stability for future generations. The minimum rate increase amounts to an additional \$2.00 per month.

## Cross Connection Control

With spring underway, the Plainview Water District Board of Commissioners, Joel R. Kessler, Andrew N. Bader and Marc B. Laykind, would like to remind residents that backflow prevention devices are required by New York State law and are designed to keep potentially contaminated water out of the public water supply if pressure drops due to fire emergencies, a water main break or other unexpected instances of high demand. For residents, lawn sprinkler systems are the most common need for a backflow device such as the double check valve shown below. Non-residential and commercial accounts are required to have a reduced pressure zone device.

Installation and/or testing are particularly important before irrigation systems are turned back on in the spring and usage increases. Therefore, the District reminds everyone to have their backflow prevention devices tested, if there is an existing device, or installed if no device exists.



“Consistent home sprinkler system installation, testing and maintenance are essential to keep our high quality water flowing to homes and businesses efficiently and as cost-effectively as possible,” stated Commissioner Marc B. Laykind. “We work diligently to ensure all homes in the Plainview-Old Bethpage community are in compliance with state mandated regulatory requirements.”

If you do not have or unsure if you have a device, please contact a licensed plumber or your lawn sprinkler company to verify your status. If you do not have a device, please visit our website: [www.plainviewwater.org](http://www.plainviewwater.org) and follow the information regarding the installation of a device and the subsequent required test.

It is important for all of us to safeguard the clean, potable water supply of the Plainview Water District as well as to comply with all applicable New York State regulations. By adhering to these regulations, we can protect the quality of our drinking water supply now and in the future. Please contact our Cross-Connection Control Office at (516) 931-6469 x127 or x142, if you have any questions or require any additional information.

## 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 2015 Annual Water Quality Report will be available by May 31 by using the direct URL link: [www.plainviewwater.org/2015waterqualityreport.pdf](http://www.plainviewwater.org/2015waterqualityreport.pdf). If you wish to have a copy mailed to your home, please contact the District office at 516-931-6469.

## 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 Superstorm Sandy, the District's water supply continues to operate safely and efficiently.

In the event of an emergency or natural disaster, the District is prepared to provide its consumers a dependable supply of water, with experienced crews on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. During previous natural disasters, water has been the public utility that consumers have been able to rely on with uninterrupted service. The generators will ensure that a power outage will not compromise the delivery of water to residents and businesses.



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## Plainview Water District Employees Part of Winning Team

Plainview Water District employees Lee Kessler and Chris Tobin along with David Dziomba of the Garden City Park Water District teamed up and were the winners of the Long Island Water Conference (LIWC) Top Op's contest. They will go on to represent the LIWC at the New York State competition.

The challenging Top Ops contest tests the everyday know-how of water treatment operators in a fast-paced question-and-answer tournament. Plainview Water District Commissioner Andrew Bader stated "We congratulate

these young men for their dedication to the water industry and they are a true example of the knowledgeable employees here in the Plainview Water District as well as the other water suppliers on Long Island."

### Add or Update Your Contact Information for Our 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 important 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 any emergency situation. 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](http://www.plainviewwater.org).



Photo: (l-r), David Dziomba, Chris Tobin, and Lee Kessler