



CELEBRATING 90 YEARS!

■ 2018 Marks the 90th Anniversary of the Plainview Water District.

This is a special milestone for the District as we look back at some of the many achievements we've accomplished throughout the decades.

A lot has changed since 1928, yet our mission has always remained strong...

To deliver high-quality water and service to the members of the Plainview-Old Bethpage community.

To put time in perspective, our municipality was created one year before the great depression! Back then, we were purchasing water from a neighboring district. As the population in Plainview grew, the District began to modernize. In 1954, we built our first elevated storage tank to deliver water directly to the Plainview community.

A historical perspective on the District has been cataloged by our dedicated staff, and most of the artifacts, archives and photos of years past can also be viewed on our website at PlainviewWater.org or facebook.com/PlainviewWaterDistrict.

■ Here's a look-back at our District...from years past through current administration.

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It's important to stop and take time to reflect on the moments that helped shape the present. Our District's past accomplishments will always be remembered, and it is upon us to keep the torch of success moving into the future.”

- Board of Water Commissioners 2018





1928

Petition to establish the Plainview Water District in the Town of Oyster Bay



1954

After 25 years of purchasing water from Jericho Water District, former Commissioner John Harbes closes a value declaring "Plainview on its Own"



Boy Vandal Almost Flood 6,000 Homes

Plainview—Three Bethpage High School students were charged yesterday with tampering with the controls of the water district's plant—about 6,000 homes were saved by the district.

Second liquidation of the boys, one 14 and one 17, broke into the district's control shack on Montauk Hill Rd. at 4 PM Saturday. Police said they destroyed a few boxes that controls connected to the system warning lights stop the 140-foot tank and flow about 6,000 homes.

Chief superintendent John Trunk told police that if the boys had closed the valve another two inches, pressure would have been water pipes and flooded the lines of 6,000 homes were saved by the district. Trunk also said that a reasonably closed valve could have kept the district's water main because of the high pressure built up inside them.

Trunk said he received a call from a boy about 10:30 PM Saturday and they saw how the top of the tank. But Trunk said they were gone when he arrived. One resident, however, told Second Liquidation, Ray Spier and Andrew Hildner, who were investigating Trunk's complaint, that he had recognized one of the boys. Trunk, however, said that the boys had recognized one of the boys. Trunk, however, said that the boys had recognized one of the boys.

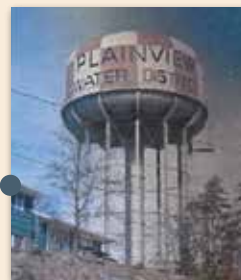
1956

Placing concrete during construction of 1.5 million gallon ground storage tank at Plant 4



1960

District continues to build well site facilities



1962

Original 1.25 million gallon elevated storage tank

Twin Awards For Water District

At a recent meeting of the New York Section of the American Water Works Association held at Whiteface Inn, New York, the Plainview Water District received two awards.

John C. Edwards, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners announced that the Water District had been awarded the Water Utility Advancement Award in recognition of an excellent safety record in the Water Works industry for the year 1963. The Advancement Award is a culmination of years of progressive efforts on the part of the Plainview Water District management and employees to keep its consumers aware of the responsibilities of such as pertains to their water supply.

The Water District has in the past, and will in the future, keep its consumers aware of any and all new plans, expansion plans, and other items concerning their Water District.

1964

Former Chairman John Edwards received recognition for utility safety record



1966

Taking advantage of grant opportunities to improve water infrastructure



1969

District continues to expand and drill new wells



1989

District personnel installing hydrants to expand fire flow capabilities



1990

District operations office showing water system control charts



2009-Present

System Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA), advanced technology for water system operations



2017

District awarded grant for future treatment facility



2018

The Board of Water Commissioners: Andrew Bader, Marc Laykind and Amanda Field