



## Bartilucci Building Dedicated



Joan Bartilucci and Superintendent Peter Logan.

In July of 2016, the Jericho Water District lost its beloved chairman, Nicholas J. Bartilucci. In appreciation of his long and very distinguished career spanning nearly half a century, the remaining Board members felt it fitting to dedicate the Administration building in his honor. During his tenure, Nick helped shape and guide one of the largest municipally run districts in New York State to what we are today. With his engineering expertise, hands on experience, and most of all, his vision, the Jericho Water District enjoys a superlative record of efficiency, water quality and uptime. This dedication is but a small token of our gratitude for Nick's many contributions, as well as his influence on water districts across the island.



Anthony Cincotta addresses the gathering at the dedication of the Administration Building.

## NOAA: National Weather Service

It's probably coincidence that NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Noah, the biblical patriarch and builder of the Ark are homonyms, meaning they are pronounced the same, but spelled differently. Or was NOAA named that way on purpose since Genesis details how Noah survived the flood and 40 days of rain? Either way, the Jericho Water District is assisting NOAA, an Operating Unit of the US Department of Commerce, in a scientific study collecting data on rainfall...and that's no coincidence!

NOAA's mission is to "provide weather, water and climate data, forecasts and warnings for the protection of life and property and enhancement of the national economy." District personnel will collect data on local rainfall and report that information as an authoritative resource to help enable the most accurate, hyper local recording and forecasting. Collection of other information, in particular temperature data, may be a future cooperation. "We will be working with the NWS Cooperative Program Manager Timothy Morrin," JWD Chairman Thomas A. Abbate said. "Equipment will be installed at the District's main office on Convent Road, and some JWD staff will receive National Weather Service standards training.

Rainfall is measured today in much the same way it was done back when the National Weather Service started, and the District is pleased to collaborate. "We'll keep everyone posted," Chairman Abbate stated, "and for more information, a visit the National Weather Service website (<http://www.weather.gov/timeline>) can provide a great deal of fascinating information."



Rain Gauge



Thermometer

# CH-CH-CH CHANGES AT Jericho Water District Est. 1923

**W**hen David Bowie penned those lyrics he didn't intend them for the JWD, but the song certainly applies.

Longtime Commissioner and Chairman Anthony Cincotta has decided to step down. A Commissioner since 1990, Mr. Cincotta has been instrumental in ensuring the maintenance of District infrastructure, acquiring property for future District use and the installation of four new wells to meet increased demand. During his tenure, the average day rate demand increased over 30%, the peak day rate reached 37.6 million gallons, and more than 2,000 new water services were installed. We are grateful for his long and dedicated service.

Another ch-ch-ch-change is new Commissioner James S. Asmus who was elected Commissioner in the December election. A Syosset resident since 1984, Commissioner Asmus brings a wealth of business and financial expertise to his new position. Welcome aboard!



L to R: Superintendent Peter F. Logan; Commissioners, Thomas A. Abbate, Anthony Cincotta and James S. Asmus.

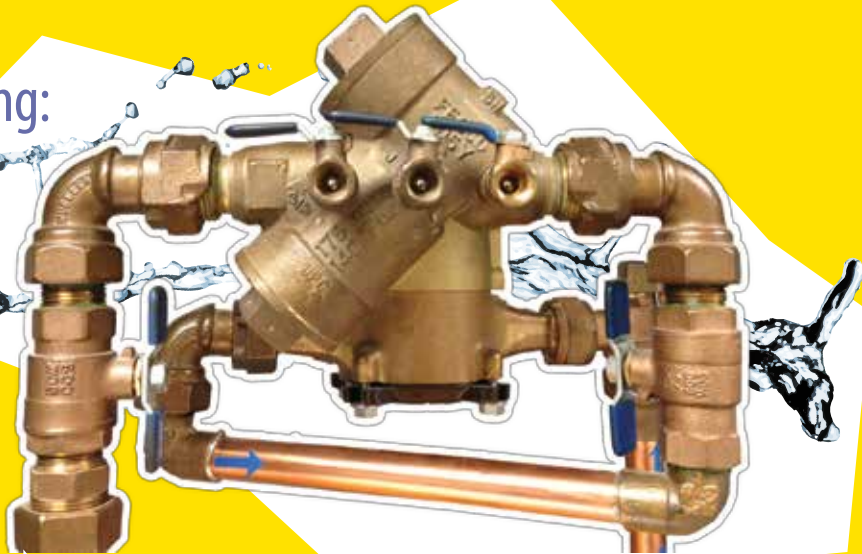
## Mandatory Backflow Device Testing: It's The Law

**T**he value of backflow devices cannot be underestimated. They keep contaminants out of our water supply, which is why testing the devices annually is the law. New York State Sanitary Code Part 5, Section 1.31 (a) (3) requires that every backflow device must be tested by a certified backflow tester every year. Please have your device tested before June 30 of each year.

### **CERTIFIED TESTERS:**

Most plumbing and sprinkler installation/maintenance companies have certified backflow testers and it's wise to check with them regarding testing. You can access a list of certified testers at: [https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/cross/backflow\\_testers/nassau.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/cross/backflow_testers/nassau.htm)

For more information, contact the Nassau County Health Department, NYS District Office, or email the Bureau of Water Supply Protection at [h2ocert@health.state.ny.us](mailto:h2ocert@health.state.ny.us).



### **PROCEDURE:**

Once your tester has completed the test and filled out the certification form:

- 1 Submit copies to the Nassau County Health Department **AND** the Jericho Water District.
- 2 Make sure the form includes your JWD account number to facilitate recording of your test.
- 3 Test results should be submitted to the JWD by only one of the following:
  - **Mail:** 125 Convent Rd, Syosset, NY 11791 USA
  - **Fax:** (516)921-7554 or
  - **Email:** [backflow@jerichowater.org](mailto:backflow@jerichowater.org) or [jbarbato@jerichowater.org](mailto:jbarbato@jerichowater.org).

*Thank you for your cooperation.*



# Irrigate Wisely

Irrigation systems are intended to supplement precipitation not replace it. If rainfall is sufficient, irrigation systems should be shut off, either manually or automatically. For automatic shut off, make sure your rain sensor has been tested and is accurately measuring precipitation.

## SHERLOCK?

Sprinkler systems are notoriously prone to leaks that generally go unobserved since most irrigation occurs in early mornings. Thousands of gallons of water are wasted, and unfortunately homeowners pay for it. To reduce the amount of water and dollars wasted, make sure your sprinkler systems are inspected regularly. You don't have to be Sherlock Holmes to see abnormally moist, soft or yellow spots in your lawn, or broken, clogged, dripping, sunken or tilted sprinkler heads!

## HELPFUL HINTS

- Electrical storms and power outages can wreak havoc with your sprinkler system's programmable time clock, resulting in sprinklers being on more frequently and/or for greater lengths of time. Check your time clock settings to ensure that they are set according to the originally programmed schedule to meet your lawn's irrigation needs for each particular month.
- Program each irrigation zone based on different plant requirements, e.g. soil type, sun/shade exposure and lay of the land, flat or sloped surfaces.
- Change system activation time from 2 a.m. - 6 a.m. when most sprinkler systems are on and stressing our system, to later morning or early evening.

## LAWN IRRIGATION. Meet The Challenge Head On.


**W**ater is precious. While the JWD is not in any danger of running out of water, the bigger picture, that of conservation for present and long term sustainability, must be considered. If this winter's dry weather pattern prevails through spring and summer, homeowners will be challenged to care for lawns, and the JWD will be challenged to meet increased water demand during the irrigation season.

Ordinances from Nassau County and the JWD that govern turf irrigation, gardens, shrubs and hedges are in effect all year round to ensure that adequate water pressure is always available for firefighting purposes, as well as personal use.

- **Sprinkling is prohibited before April 1 and after November 1.**
- **Sprinkling is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.**
- **Residents with even numbered or unnumbered residences may water only on even dates.**
- **Residents with odd numbered residences may water only on odd dates.**
- **Sprinkling is prohibited during periods of rainfall.**
- **Hoses must have a shut-off nozzle that is automatically self-closing, requiring hand pressure on the valve to permit the flow of water.**

The Jericho Water District requires:

- **Permits must be filed for all new underground sprinkler systems or modifications of existing systems.**
- **All commercial/industrial properties (apartment complexes, condominiums, co-ops, schools, HOAs, etc.), may irrigate ONLY between 6 p.m. and midnight on their designated odd/even dates.**

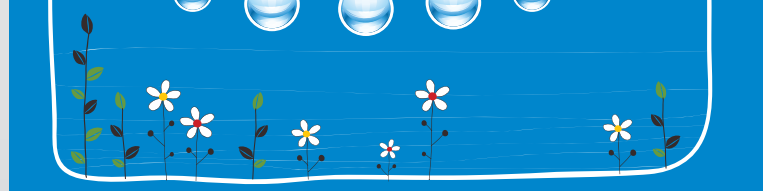


**What You Can Do**

Individuals can and should do more to maximize water conservation efforts. First, get involved in the establishment of the irrigation schedule for your property.

While irrigation is allowed as of April 1, one can usually hold off and begin watering in May. Water use requirements vary by month. Lawns generally need 1/2" – 1" per week less water in the spring and fall (May and October) than summer (June – September); depending on conditions, 1 1/2" – 2" per week may be needed to sustain turf areas. Please make sure your time clocks are set accordingly.

APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
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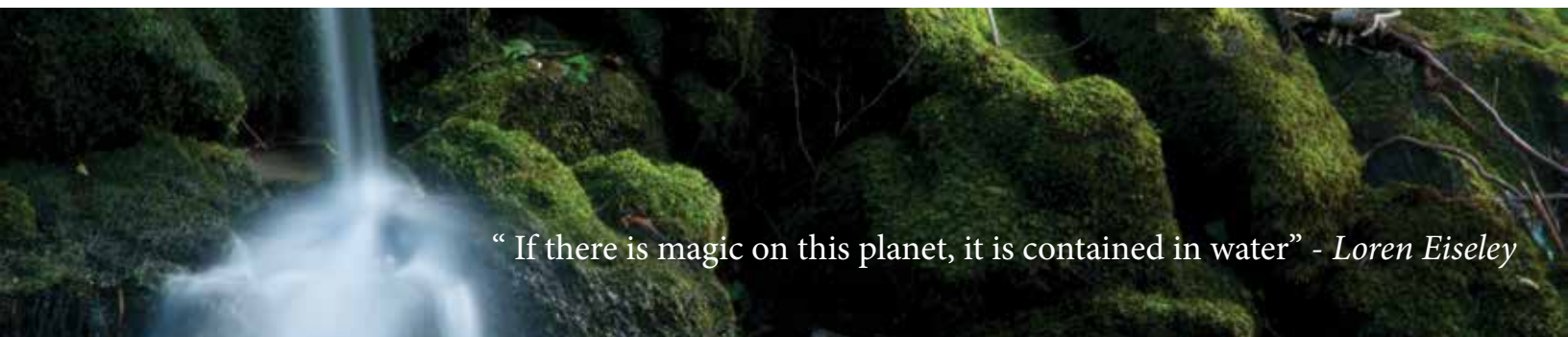
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“ If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water” - *Loren Eiseley*

**SALUTING OUR VETS**

**What greater service** can there be than when someone stands up and is counted as a defender of our great country? We honor our revolutionary founding fathers and all the ensuing generations of military men and women who upheld the freedoms now enjoyed by over 320 million Americans. Our military, homeland security and defense personnel have made sacrifices and endured hardships in their defense of Old Glory and all it represents. This Memorial Day, the JWD proudly salutes all those who have served, been in harm's way, and risked their lives or lost them in support of this great nation.

