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RECOGNIZING A CENTURY OF DEDICATED COMMUNITY SERVICE

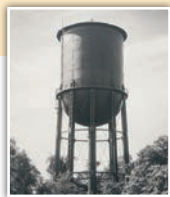


Times change...but the need for safe, clean potable water does not. Today, 100 years after our inception, the Jericho Water District is providing more water, to more people with full compliance at higher standards than ever before.

Board Chairman Thomas Abbate, a Jericho Water District Commissioner since 2004 observed, "I thank each and every one of our employees, associates and supporters whose energies have enabled us to effectively supply our consumers through the years. Water supply is an everyday effort, 24/7/365, and above all it requires

dedication and meticulous follow through. I salute our current team of professionals and all the people who have given parts of their lives to public service and to maintaining the JWD standard."

Commissioner Patricia Beckerle stated, "Water is so often taken for granted, and yet it is Earth's greatest natural resource. We recognize what it takes to bring water to all our residents and businesses. This Jericho Water District centennial of success could never happen without the dedicated efforts of generations of people. I extend a heartfelt thank you to all who have helped us to attain our goals and to the public for allowing us to serve you and continue the legacy all these years."



- JWD established on July 3, 1923 covering Jericho, Syosset, East Norwich, Glen Head, the Brookvilles, Greenvale, Woodbury, Locust Grove, Muttontown, Laurel Hollow & portions of surrounding unincorporated hamlets.
- First meeting July 10, 1923

- Temporary office over Commissioner Frank Tappan's garage.
- 1923/1924: Construction of Wheatley Road 1 million gallon storage tank.

- Albert Baylis received the first new service connection.
- Wells 1 & 2 drilled near Motts Cove Road and Scudders Lane.
- 3 miles of 14" universal cast iron water main installed between Wheatley tank and wells 1 & 2. Construction Cost: \$79,800.

- District reaches 488 service connections.

1923

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1926

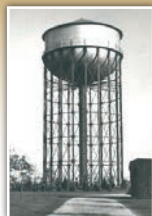


IN THE BEGINNING...

In 1923, the US was still recovering from the effects of The Great War (World War I). Calvin Coolidge was President and the Roaring Twenties were in full blast with flappers dancing the Charleston to music from newfangled AM radios.

1923 was a year of tin lizzies and Houdini, of F. Scott Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong. King Tut's burial tomb revealed unimaginable treasures, Warner Brothers was established and Yankee Stadium opened (yes, Babe Ruth slugged the first homer). Women were exercising their new constitutional right to vote and pre-talkie films like *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* and Cecil B. DeMille's *The Ten Commandments*, dominated American theaters.

Also in 1923, to much less fanfare but of no less importance, the Jericho Water District was established to bring safe, uninterrupted, potable water to communities primarily along Long Island's north shore. The rest, as they say, is history.



- Plainview Water District formed; purchased water from JWD. 1,600 feet of universal cast iron water main installed to connect the two.
- Oyster Bay Cove taxpayers (Platt/ Ames Syndicate) request and receive permission to join JWD.

- 125 Convent Road, Syosset: 1.5 million gallon elevated storage tank erected; Wells 3 & 4 able to pump 750 gallons per minute (gpm) per well.
- JWD fire hydrants number 900.

- 125 Convent Road, Syosset, Well 5 is drilled with a 750 gpm capacity.

- Wells 6 and 7 on Wheatley Road, Brookville, are drilled, each capable of pumping 1,200 gpm.

1928

1930

1937

1951

▶ PREVENTING A PREVENTABLE PROBLEM.



Backflow is the reverse flow of water in a piping or distribution system. Without a backflow device, water in a lawn irrigation system could potentially allow fertilizers et al. to backflow into a water supply.

New York State Sanitary Code part 5, Section 1.31 (a) (3) requires that every backflow device be tested by a certified backflow tester once a year. It is mandated because proper backflow testing by certified testers can minimize the risk of accidental public health hazards and contamination of the public water supply.

Before June 30 Please.

The JWD requests the test be done prior to June 30, 2023. This can easily be achieved by coordinating the Backflow Prevention Device testing with the opening of your sprinkler system. If that date is missed, please have the required testing done before the end of the year. Even if your sprinkler system is off for the season the test can still be done. Most plumbing and sprinkler installation/maintenance companies have certified backflow testers on staff.

Submit the Forms.

Once the tester has performed the test, copies of the completed form must be submitted to the Nassau County Health Department and the JWD. Please ensure the forms include your JWD Account Number to facilitate recording of your test. Test results can be submitted by mail, fax (516) 261-9462 or email backflow@jerichowater.org.

Infrastructure UPDATE:

Construction of the Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) treatment plants at the Kirby, Merry and Stillwell Lane sites progresses despite continuing supply chain issues. The Packed Tower Air Stripper (PTAS) at the Wheatley site is in the final stages of receiving NYSDOH approval. Construction of the tank replacing the 93-year-old Syosset tank is on schedule to be online before end of year, 2023. The Southwoods Rd. well and treatment plant is on track to be online in late 2024.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing new lead and copper regulations which will take effect in October, 2024. The JWD is proactively reviewing our records, and we are well prepared to meet the new EPA criteria.

OUR CHANGING SKYLINE



As we enter a new century of service, the original Syosset elevated water storage tank will be retired after 93 years. It holds a special place in the District's history as its location was perfectly positioned to supply clean, potable water to Syosset residents as populations boomed. The new tank will be put into service later this year.



• 1,200 gpm Well 8, Highland Rd., Syosset drilled & runs until early 1980s.

• 1.5 million gallon elevated Jericho water storage tank constructed on Merry Lane & Jericho Tpke.

• Well 9 drilled at Merry Lane with 1,200 gpm capacity.

• Well 11 is drilled, with a 1,000 gpm capacity, at Motts Cove Road, Glen Head.

1953

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1954

1955

1956



PROTECT OUR MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCE

POSTER CONTEST

The Jericho Water District has been focused on the need for better water management, compliance, conservation and sustainability through public education for a century.

That's why to commemorate the District's 100th Anniversary, and to encourage JWD residents and their families to learn more about the water cycle as it relates to groundwater, we inaugurated the "Protect Our Most Precious Resource" poster contest in early 2023. We received outstanding community support from District schools, libraries, companies and individuals. We thank you one and all!

Theme, rules, conditions and entry forms were made available through our website and partners. Each participant will receive a Certificate of Recognition, and winning posters are being showcased on the Jericho Water District website and included in this, our Centennial newsletter.

Please join us in recognizing the winners and participants of the Jericho Water District "Protect Our Most Precious Resource" poster contest!



Participants

Katlyn Cai
Lucas Camhi
Jocelyn Chang
Abi Cho
Yashi Devjani
Baylie Epstein
Chris Hui
Jenna Lee
Tessa Lee
Jordan Li
Ryan Li
Amani Khan
Nichole Ki
Noelle Ki
Ella Lanza
Scott Marmor
Rhiane Martin
Helen Pan
Lisa Poon
Isaac Sedighi
Humza Sheikh
Bluebell Tung
Spiro Ventouratos
Samanvi Vidap
Vicky Yu

• Wells 12 & 13 are drilled at our site in Woodbury, off Jericho Tpke.

1957

- JWD drills Well 14, Tobie Lane & Well 15, Saratoga Dr., both Jericho, both 1,200 gpm capacity.
- Huge 1950s & 1960s population surge.
- December, 1960 JWD reaches 12,098 service connections.

1960



- Northern Blvd. widened/substantial portion of JWD headquarters used for highway. Commissioners select Convent Road, Syosset for new JWD Headquarters.

1962



- First Board Meeting held at new headquarters.
- Well 16, Wheatley Road, Brookville, is drilled with a 1,200 gpm capacity.

1963

BEST OF THE BEST POSTERS

K-2nd Grade Category:



1st Place – Uma Pal Hafeez - 2nd Grade
Village Elementary School, Syosset

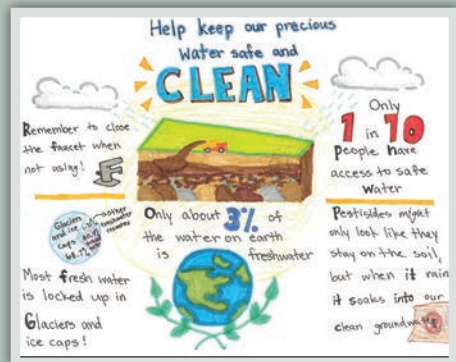


2nd Place – Noah Ki – 2nd Grade
George A. Jackson Elementary School, Jericho

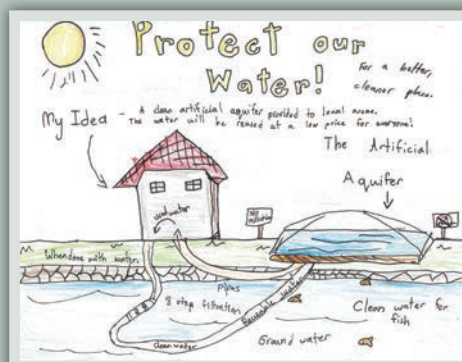


3rd Place – Devraj Pal Hafeez - Kindergarten
Village Elementary School, Syosset

3rd-5th Grade Category:



1st Place – Emma Chan - 5th Grade
Cantiague Elementary School, Jericho



2nd Place – Ren Dewal - 5th Grade
Cantiague Elementary School, Jericho



3rd Place – Mika Sekiguchi - 4th Grade
Robert Seaman Elementary School, Jericho

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1965

- Well 17, Cold Spring Road, Laurel Hollow, is drilled with a 1,200 gpm capacity.
- Well 22, Route 106, Jericho, is drilled with a 1,200 gpm capacity.

1966

- Wells 18 & 19, off Split Rock Road, Syosset are drilled, each with a 1,200 gpm capacity.

1967

- Well 23, Sunnyside Boulevard Ext., Woodbury, is drilled with a 1,200 gpm capacity.

1968



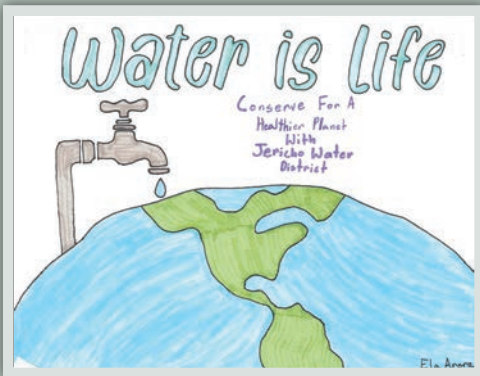
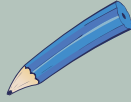
- Nicholas J. Bartilucci, JWD's longest serving Commissioner (1968-2016), appointed.

1969

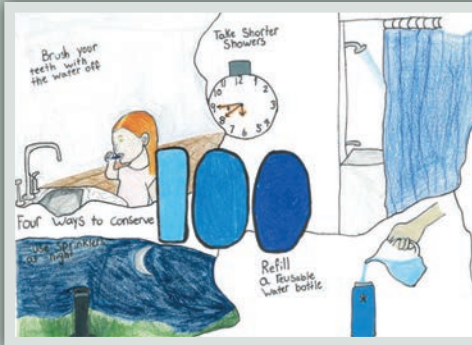
- Well 25, Kirby Lane, Muttontown, is drilled with a 1,200 gpm capacity.

Ensuring Our Future

6th-8th Grade Category:



1st Place – Ela Arora - 7th Grade
Harry B. Thompson Middle School, Syosset

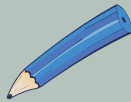


2nd Place – Lily Etes - 6th Grade
Southwoods Middle School, Syosset



3rd Place – Chase Pendrick - 7th Grade
Harry B. Thompson Middle School, Syosset

9th-12th Grade Category:



1st Place – Elaine Chen - 11th Grade
Syosset High School, Syosset



2nd Place – Jeana Espinal – 12th Grade
Syosset High School, Syosset



3rd Place – Sarah Leong – 10th Grade
Syosset High School, Syosset

1972 • Well 27, Glen Cove Road, Greenvale, is drilled with a 1,400 gpm capacity.

1984 • Well 20, Stillwell Lane, Woodbury is drilled with a 1,400 gpm capacity.

1989 • Well 29, Oyster Bay Rd., Muttontown drilled with 1,400 gpm capacity.

1990 • Well 30, Oyster Bay Rd., Muttontown drilled with 1,400 gpm capacity.
• JWD reaches 18,226 service connections.

1998 • Well 21, Stillwell Lane, Woodbury is drilled with a 1,400 gpm capacity.



Under the MICROSCOPE:

A voter-elected special district celebrating its 100th anniversary of public service, JWD services 58,000 people across 37 square miles through some 20,000 services. JWD has 25 wells located on 15 different sites which draw from the Magothy and Lloyd Aquifers. Six tanks provide 12 million gallons of storage capacity. District personnel maintain 350 miles of water mains and some 3,600 hydrants.

1,4-Dioxane UPDATE:

In November of 2020, the District received a deferral from the New York State Department of Health for the new 1,4-Dioxane Maximum Contamination Level (MCL) in order to meet the changes in potable water requirements. In July of 2022, the District requested, and was granted, a 1-year renewal of the deferral. Progress on the 4 advanced oxidation process (AOP) projects is continuing to move forward.

For more information, or to learn more about what Jericho Water District is doing to remove this contaminant:

- **Direct link:** www.jerichowater.org/deferral
- **Visit:** our website at www.jerichowater.org
- **Call:** Superintendent Peter F. Logan at (516) 921-8280
- **Email us:** waterquality@jerichowater.org

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Recognizing a Century of DEDICATED COMMUNITY SERVICE

Commissioner James Asmus said “a century of success is difficult to achieve, let alone replicate. Our goal is to continue the superlative efforts of our predecessors. I believe the legacy of hard work, foresight and the wisdom of the JWD staff and industry professionals is marked by efficiency and reliability even during unforeseen events like Superstorm Sandy.”

District Superintendent Peter F. Logan’s responsibility is providing the community with clean, potable water, something he has done precisely for 45 years. Pete rose through the ranks and his knowledge of the water industry and the JWD is immeasurable. “When I look back I wonder what daily operations were like in those first days, months and years. We were just emerging from ‘The Great War’, and Long Island was mostly farmland. In our community, several like-minded individuals had the foresight and initiative to create a community water system and the where-

withal to turn their vision into a reality which continues today. Each Board member since then has brought similar vision to the task. And I can’t forget all the employees who have given their best for the District. Without them, we truly would not be here today. I am extremely thankful to have been a part of this history.”

Business Manager Kathleen Cannon, CPA, oversees the District’s financial and business operations and manages administrative staff. Kathleen reflected “looking back on my 15 years of service, it’s incredible to see the advancements in technology and the multitude of changes in the water industry and governmental accounting practices. As our infrastructure ages, our District will continue to rise to all challenges thanks to a hardworking and dedicated staff, community support and proactive administration. I feel honored to be a part of this District family in our centennial year, and I look forward to what the future holds.”



- Well 26, Kirby Lane, Muttontown drilled with 1,400 gpm capacity.
- JWD transitions to touch pad meter reading technology.

2001

- Well 31, Oyster Bay Rd., Muttontown is drilled with a 1,400 gpm capacity

2002

- First Granular Activated Charcoal (GAC) treatment installed at Wells 13 & 26.

2007

- GAC installed at Well 14.

2009

- GAC installed at Well 9.

2010



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Proudly serving you since 1923.



Celebrating our Centennial in
2023!

• Well 28, Glen Cove Rd.,
Greenvale drilled with
1,400 gpm capacity.

2012

• New Wheatley Tank constructed,
1.5 million gallons storage.
• New treatment plant, Merry
Lane facility.
• GAC installed Wells 4 & 18.
• JWD begins converting to smart
cellular meters.

2018

• Nicholas J. Bartilucci
Administration Building dedicated
Convent Road, Syosset.
• GAC installed
Wells 17 & 20.
• PTAS installed,
Wheatley Road
site.

2020



• AOP treatment
construction commences
at Kirby, Merry & Stillwell
Lane sites.
• Syosset: Construction
commences on 1.5 million
gallon elevated storage
tank to replace 93 year
old tank.
• JWD reaches 20,895
service connections.

2022

• Commencing construction of
AOP treatment at Well 22
• Commencing construction
of new well and treatment
plant at Southwoods Rd.

2023