

Project Spotlight: Jericho Elevated Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation

After conducting an extensive condition and cost analysis assessment in late 2023, the District kicked off this essential project in the fall of 2024. As we all know, and to paraphrase the Poet Robert Burns, “the best laid plans of mice and men go often astray...,” several factors beyond the control of the District and Contractor prevented this work from being completed in the Spring of this year. In mid-September, the Contractor re-mobilized to finish the work.

The 185-foot tank, built in the 1950s, holds 1.5 million gallons of potable drinking water. In 2023, the Syosset Tank was replaced, giving the Jericho Tank (a community landmark) the distinction of being the oldest tank in the District. The project involves stripping the old coating, which lasted almost 25 years (far exceeding its expected lifespan of 15-18 years), and applying a new, durable three-coat system. The tank’s ladders and railings were replaced, making them compliant with current industry standards. The distribution piping at the base of the tank, both the inlet and outlet, will also be upgraded.

The District is committed to maintaining a safe environment for all residents during construction. The scaffolding and tarps around the tank are required by the Nassau County Department of Health to prevent blasting debris and paint from affecting the neighborhood. A Community Air Monitoring System (CAMP) is continuously active during blasting. If the system detects any decline in air quality, work is immediately halted. An independent engineering firm is overseeing the work to ensure compliance with all standards.

The project was originally scheduled for completion in May 2025. Since the tank is an invaluable component of the District’s operations, the only time it can be safely taken out of service is during the winter months. While the contractor had every intention of completing the work within the time allotted in the contract, it became apparent in April that he would not be meeting the deadline. After re-mobilizing in late September, the containment tarps were re-installed, and work on the remaining section, the roof, commenced. Within three weeks, the blasting, priming and painting had been satisfactorily completed. It will take about three or four weeks to disassemble the tarps/scaffolding, which, for residents of a certain age, would be similar to playing with an erector set. The remaining work, replacing the inlet and outlet pipes and valves, will be completed shortly after. The tank will undergo the required health department testing before being reintroduced into the distribution system.



REPAIR CREW IN ACTION

The District's dedicated Repair Crew expertly maintains more than 350 miles of water mains and 3,600 fire hydrants. Their work requires skill, precision, and constant vigilance, and they make a demanding job look easy.

Whenever a break or emergency occurs, our crews respond swiftly and safely, working around the clock to restore service and minimize disruptions. When you see them on the road, please slow down, give them space, and drive with caution—your attention helps protect them as they protect our water system.

We're proud of their professionalism and deeply grateful for their commitment to serving our residents every day.



UPDATES AROUND OUR DISTRICT

Well 22 AOP: Commencement of this single-well, postage stamp-sized property, started in October of 2023, and continues on as of this writing. The expected completion date is June of 2026, when the well will be returned to service utilizing the AOP equipment.

Gooseneck Replacement: The District has reviewed the installation records of all water services, identifying the ones that have a lead gooseneck pipe connection between the iron pipe service and the cast iron water main. Those services with a gooseneck connection will be replaced with copper from the water main to the curbstop shutoff, which is just outside of your property line. It is expected that all services such as these will be removed before the October 2027 deadline.



Adopt the Hydrant Nearest To Your Home



When every second counts during a fire emergency, quick access to a fire hydrant can make all the difference. That's why Jericho Water District is encouraging residents to "Adopt a Hydrant" in their neighborhood.

How You Can Help: A Small Effort, A Big Impact!

- Don't pile snow (or anything else, for that matter) on top of or around the hydrant. Keep the area around the hydrant clear of snow in the winter (about 3 feet in all directions).
- Avoid planting any trees or shrubs close to hydrants. Trim back shrubs, bushes, or landscaping, if they are already there, that might block access.
- Avoid parking vehicles too close to hydrants. NYS law states that it is illegal to park within 15 feet of either side of a fire hydrant.
- Report any damage, leaks, vandalism or suspicious activity to a hydrant immediately to the Jericho Water District.

Adopting a hydrant is a simple step that has lasting benefits for the entire community. Together, we can help ensure our hydrants are ready to use when they're needed most.

For questions or to report a hydrant issue, please contact the Jericho Water District at 516-921-8280.



THANK YOU VETERANS

Veterans Day, November 11, is a federal holiday meant to honor all veterans of the uniformed services who served or are still serving during times of both peace and war. It’s a day to recognize the contributions of veterans to national security and to acknowledge all that veterans have sacrificed and done.

The Jericho Water District thanks all those who serve our nation.



DRINKING WATER NOTICE Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Jericho Water District

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During the July 2023 – December 2023 period, the District did not complete all monitoring for WQP and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

What This Means

This is not an emergency. There is nothing you need to do at this time. The table below lists the contaminants we did not properly test for during the last half of 2023, how often we are supposed to sample for these contaminants, how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were (or will be) taken.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	Number Of Samples Required	When samples were taken
WQP	6 Months	10	20	Jul 2023-Dec 2023

What Happened

The District is required to collect, and have analyzed, hundreds of water samples per year. They include Specific Organic Chemicals, 1,4-Dioxane, PFAS, PFOS, Principal & Unspecified Organic Contaminants, Nitrate, as well as a number of other constituents that are required by the New York State Dept. of Health to be monitored on a regular basis. The samples that were not collected during the second half of 2023 are known as Water Quality Parameter samples. They include Ca Hardness as CaCO3, Calcium, Field Temperature and pH, Alkalinity, Total as CaCO3 and Specific Conductance. These are collected at specific sampling points throughout the distribution system and are representative of the water quality being delivered to our customers. The collecting of these samples was overlooked during the second half of 2023.

Steps We Are Taking

To avoid the recurrence of such a monitoring violation, a system of checks and balances has been instituted. Starting in the 1st half of 2024, the District began collecting our samples for WQP on June 28th, 2024, and will continue to follow our required monitoring schedule.

For more information, please contact Peter Logan at 516-921-8280 or 125 Convent Rd., Syosset New York, 11791.

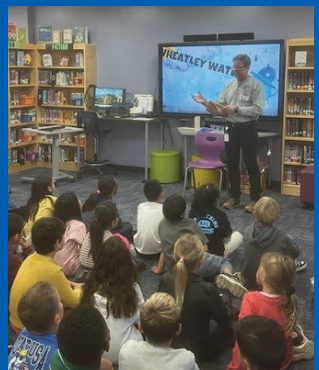
Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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Wheatley visits South Grove Elementary School!

In October, Wheatley Water made his first visit to South Grove Elementary School in Syosset. As part of South Grove’s PTA “Pick a Reading Partner” week, Superintendent Peter Logan and Educational Program Coordinator Erica Napolitano visited the school to read “Did a Dinosaur Drink This Water?” to the 3rd grade classes. The children learned about where our water comes from, how it gets to the faucets in our school and homes, and how to conserve and protect our most precious resource!



The children also got to enjoy a short video narrated by Wheatley himself that encourages the children to become a Junior Water Conservation by visiting our website and completing various activities and experiments!

Join Wheatley in the Jr. Water Conservationist Program!

Named after Jericho Water District's first water tank built in 1923, Wheatley Water has become the face of our new Jr. Water Conservationist Program and wants to invite children of our District from 5-12 years old to participate!

This program was created to help educate kids about water conservation through fun activities like mazes, crosswords, and problem-solving challenges. Schools, scout troops, and community groups are encouraged to share this program to help inspire the next generation of water conservation leaders!



**FOR MORE
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PLEASE VISIT
OUR WEBSITE:**



Nothing is softer or more flexible
than water, yet nothing can resist it.
-Lao Tzu



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