

Great Neck Water Pollution Control District



FALL 2021

THE FUTURE IS NOW

District Paves Way With Grease Receiving Station

With the completion of the Grease Receiving Station at the treatment facility, all three improvement projects based on the \$12.2 million state grant awarded to us in 2018 are complete. The Grease Receiving Station will be the first and only such facility in all of Nassau County. It will accept brown grease from restaurants and commercial kitchens, which then, in turn, will be used to help power the facility, translating to over \$125,000 in cost savings annually.

Along with the upgrades to the District's three anaerobic digesters and the purchase and installation of a third microturbine, these three projects will help protect the environment and supply energy cost savings for years to come.

The completion of the Grease Receiving Station is one of the many ways in which GNWPCD Chairman Steve Reiter, left, Commissioner Jerry Landsberg, Commissioner Patty Katz and Superintendent Christopher Murphy keep the District at the forefront of waste management technology.



District Awarded \$150,000 Grant to Conduct Sewer Feasibility Study in the Village of Great Neck Estates and Harbor Hills

Study to Evaluate Potential for Installing New Sewer Infrastructure and Connection

The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District has, through the efforts of County Legislator Ellen Birnbaum, been awarded a \$150,000 County grant to study the feasibility of connecting the unsewered portions of the Village of Great Neck Estates and Harbor Hills to its sewer collection system. The vast majority of these areas remain unsewered, and this study will provide a preliminary feasibility assessment of connecting approximately 1,000 existing homes to sewers.

Currently, the Village of Great Neck Estates does not have sewers, with the exception of approximately 50 properties that are serviced by the District through outside contracts as well as about 16 properties serviced by the Belgrave Water Pollution Control District, which borders the GNWPCD to the west. Harbor Hills residents also do not have sewers, with the exception of a limited number of properties along Bayview Avenue that are in the GNWPCD.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE...

While the District has been closed to the public since the COVID-19 outbreak, the GNWPCD is updating its policy to allow visitors and residents limited access to its office. Please call **516-482-0238** for information on the new procedure. For your convenience, our website has been upgraded and is now able to **process permits and payments online**. Out of an abundance of caution, we are continuing our temporary policy that prohibits employees from entering residents' homes unless it is an emergency situation. Please call **516-482-0238** in case of emergency.

DISTRICT ELECTION - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14
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SAVING OUR ENVIRONMENT

DISTRICT HOLDS ITS 8TH SUCCESSFUL SHED THE MEDS EVENT

Residents Help Save the Environment with Safe and Secure Pharmaceutical Waste Disposal

The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District continues to strive to educate environmental awareness to our residents by hosting its 8th biannual Shed the Meds event this past October. We offered a safer and easier option than flushing pharmaceuticals down the toilet. The easy drop-off, contactless drive-thru event at the District headquarters at 236 East Shore Road had a continuous flow of cars to dispose of residents' unwanted and expired pharmaceuticals and sharps.

"It is so gratifying to see our community embrace this important event," said Great Neck Water Pollution Control District Commissioner Patty Katz. "Since the Shed the Meds program inception in 2017, our residents look forward to coming twice a year to dispose of their unwanted medications and sharps. We at the District are thrilled that they are being so environmentally conscious and helping us protect our water supply and Manhasset Bay."



Helping to collect unused or expired medications during the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District's Shed the Meds event were GNWPCD Commissioner Jerry Landsberg, left, Town of North Hempstead Councilwoman Veronica Lurvey, Nassau County Legislator Ellen Birnbaum, GNWPCD Commissioner Patty Katz, NY State Assemblywoman Gina Sillitti and GNWPCD Superintendent Christopher Murphy.

DISTRICT'S NITROGEN DISCHARGE REMOVAL FAR EXCEEDS STATE REQUIREMENTS

It is no secret that nitrogen discharge is one of the greatest threats to Long Island's bays and groundwater. Due to its smart investments and efficient operations, the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District is preventing excess nitrogen from entering Manhasset Bay.

As a member of a waterfront community, it is vital that we limit the amount of nitrogen that goes into our natural environment, and we are proud to say that the District does so in ways that far exceed State mandates. Since the upgrade to its facility in 2014, the District's nitrogen removal has consistently met and surpassed the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation requirements. Through advanced technology and performance proficiency by its staff, the District has removed over 217,000 more pounds of nitrogen than its permit required. That is nearly 20 tons of nitrogen per year that is not discharged into Manhasset Bay.

As part of its continued nitrogen removal initiative, the District has helped eliminate septic use by connecting homes and businesses close to the District's borders. To date, it has connected the Americana Shopping Center and numerous privately owned homes. In addition, the District is in the process of preparing a sewer feasibility study for homes in the unsewered portions of Great Neck Estates and Harbor Hills to further eliminate excess nitrogen in our bays and groundwater.

GREAT NECK WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT ELECTION – TUESDAY, DECEMBER, 14TH – 1 – 9 PM

PLEASE NOTE: For the safety of our residents and our staff, the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District election on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 will take place at one location only, our District headquarters, located at 236 East Shore Road, Great Neck.

All residents should remember that the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District election takes place on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. The office to be filled is that of Commissioner for a term of three years, beginning on January 1, 2022. There are two election districts; however, due to the continued COVID-19 pandemic, there will again be one polling place this year, located at the GNWPCD headquarters.

WHO CAN VOTE?

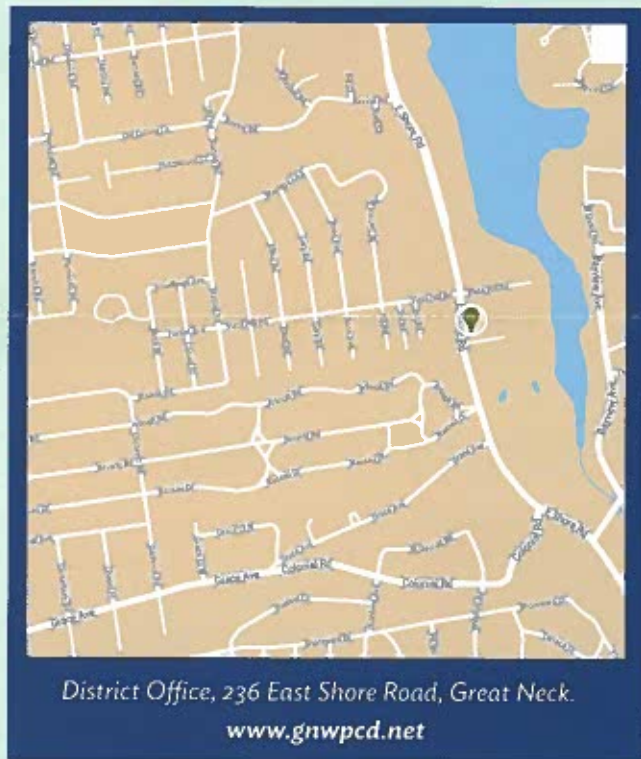
All persons 18 years of age or older who have resided in the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District for a period of 30 days prior to the election—and who are registered with the Nassau County Board of Elections from their Great Neck Water Pollution Control District address for at least 23 days before the election—are eligible to vote.

WHERE CAN I VOTE?

The GNWPCD headquarters, at **236 East Shore Road, Great Neck**, at the Vista Hill traffic light entrance.

HOW ABOUT ABSENTEE BALLOTS?

In an effort to meet the special needs of District residents, the Board of Commissioners will provide absentee ballots for the upcoming election. Applications for absentee ballots are currently available at the District office, 236 East Shore Road. Any resident unable to pick up an application should call (516) 482-0238 to receive a copy by mail. Those registered with the Nassau County Board of Elections as permanently disabled will automatically be sent an absentee ballot at the address shown on the Nassau County Board of Elections roll. The absentee ballot application contains complete instructions on who is eligible to vote and how to file. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the last date to file for an application for an absentee ballot is December 7, 2021. If the ballot is to be picked up at the District office by the voter or their duly authorized agent, the last date is December 13, 2021. The sealed absentee ballot must be received at the District's headquarters by mail, or hand delivered by an authorized agent to the District office before 4:00 p.m. on the date of the election. **No absentee ballots will be accepted at the polling location. If you have any questions, call 516-482-0238 or visit the District website at www.gnwpcd.net.**



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VOTE

Tuesday, December 14, 1 – 9 P.M. • At 236 East Shore Road

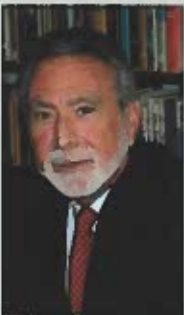
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From the Desk of Chairman Steve Reiter



The past 18 months have been as difficult for us here at the District as they have been for all of you, our residents. The accommodations we have had to make due to the pandemic to keep all our employees safe, while continuing to supply our usual high level of service, has been daunting, to say nothing of a winter with over 32 inches of snow and the record rainfalls and flooding we experienced this fall.

I am happy to report that, thanks to the planning, dedication and hard work of our management and staff, so ably led by Superintendent Murphy, we have hit all our goals for 2021 despite all of the difficulties we have faced. We have completed construction of the three major projects at our main facility and are moving ahead with improvements to our collection system, as well as upgrades to five of our ten pump stations.

I also want to thank all our local first responders for the marvelous job that they have done throughout this pandemic to assure our safety and the safety of all our residents.

On behalf of the entire GNWPCD family, we wish you and your loved ones a happy, healthy and safe Holiday Season and New Year.

Sincerely,

Steve Reiter, Chairman of the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District