



Week of May 7, 2018

From The Desk of Mayor Don Ryan

Recently, I was joined by our Trustees and other members of my administration at a community meeting at Kennedy Memorial Park to provide village residents with an important update concerning the status of our water supply and to announce the Water Conservation Alert we are implementing throughout the Village.

This year, a compound Freon – 22, was, for the first time, put on the Nassau County Department of Health's Water Quality Monitoring Requirements list. Although the Village's Main Treatment Plant has the ability to remove this compound, other Village treatment plants lack that ability. As a result, any wells that have this compound have been removed from service and are undergoing renovation that will enable all of our water treatment plants to treat this compound.

The presence of Freon 22 in a portion of our water supply is not unique to Hempstead Village. Apparently, it has been detected in many other water systems on Long Island, predominantly in Nassau County. In fact, Glen Cove has recently gone through a similar situation.

We are working on a long-term solution to avoid these occurrences in the future. That involves constructing a treatment system for Wells 7 and 9. However, it could take until the summer of 2019 for the system to be completed and operational. Meanwhile, Village residents and businesses can help by conserving their daily water use, particularly during the peak summer water usage season.

We will also be prepared to enact more serious enforcement and usage measures if needed. Should an extreme situation develop the Village will be forced to purchase water from one of our neighboring suppliers, at a higher cost. Obviously, that's something we want to avoid, if possible.

In the event that the Village needs to enforce more strict water conservation or restrictions, we would like to inform you in a quick manner via our emergency notification program (Village Emergency Reverse 911).

Currently, we only have listed phone numbers in the system so we ask that you PLEASE visit our website www.villageofhempstead.org and register for our Reverse911 program. This information will only be accessed and utilized by the Village Emergency Reverse 911 notification and will not be shared with any other entity.

As we move forward, we will also be providing useful information to our residents and businesses in a variety of ways they can help lower consumption, including postings on the village website, e-blasts, mailings, brochures and flyers that will be handed out and made available at Village Hall, the Library, our parks and other public places throughout the Village. By the end of this month you will receive in the mail our Annual Water Quality Report. This report covers our water supply for calendar year 2017. This current issue will be reported in the 2018, which will be distributed this time next year.

The good news is that our water is both reliable and safe to drink. If everyone does their part to conserve water we have every confidence that we can get through the summer season and beyond until this matter is successfully resolved.

This Week's Best of Hempstead



Best of Hempstead honors this week go to Pat Moore. Born in New Jersey, Pat moved to Hempstead Village as a one-year old in the midst of the Great Depression in 1934 and has been a resident here ever since. Pat has led a fascinating life that includes serving as the first woman Hempstead Village Trustee in 1979, working as a teacher, becoming a lawyer and starting her own practice and more among many other accomplishments.

After graduating Hempstead High School in 1951, graduating college and earning a Master's Degree from Columbia University, Pat started her career as a teacher in Amityville in 1956 and over the next 15 years also held teaching positions in both the Island Trees and Plainview/Old Bethpage School Districts. In 1971, she enrolled in law school at Hofstra University as a member of the second class of the newly launched curriculum. After earning her law degree in 1974, Pat worked for about three years for the Legal Aid Society's location in Queens, serving as a voice for those who needed legal assistance and could not afford it.

In 1977, Pat started a law firm with several other partners and still practices law to this day under her firm, Harding-Moore, which specializes in wills, estates and real estate, and maintains offices in Queens and Hempstead. Pat has been a

long-time member of St. George's Episcopal Church as well as an associate of the Order of the Holy Cross, a Benedictine Monastery in West Park, NY.

Many of you also might know Pat from seeing her at Village Board meeting where she is a regular attendee and often imparts valuable insight concerning issues of importance involving our Village.

Pat, as someone I've known for many years and have grown quite fond of, it gives me great pleasure to recognize you as one of Hempstead's best. Congratulations for this well-deserved honor.

Sincerely,

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Don Ryan
Mayor of the Incorporated Village of Hempstead

