

Week of May 14, 2018

From The Desk of Mayor Don Ryan

Over the next week or so Village residents and businesses will be receiving two important pieces in the mail that I wanted to make you aware of. The first is our 2017 Annual Water Quality Report, a document the Village Water Department produces and distributes each year that provides detailed information about the quality of drinking water in the Village of Hempstead, pursuant to state and federal regulations.

The second mailer is a water conservation alert the Village recently announced. As we approach the historically high water usage summer season we are asking all Village residents and businesses to join us by conserving water. Doing so is easier than you might think. Below are a few tips that, if followed, can go a long way toward saving water and helping us in our water conservation efforts.

STOP ALL LEAKS – Locate your water meter, and find the small RED DIAL on the meter face. If this red dial continues to move, after you are sure the water is off, you have a leak. Usually, the toilet or an underground lawn sprinkler is the source of the leak. You can also save water by lowering the water level by adjusting the float to a lower position in the tank.

WATERING YOUR LAWN and GARDENS – As per Village Code 136-2, (accessible on the village website at www.villageofhempstead.org) water ONLY using the ODD and EVEN day system, the last house number digit on the right will decide if you are ODD or EVEN. Watering is not permitted from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Do not water when it is raining.

NO RUNNING HOSES – Do not use the water hose, unless it has a nozzle that will shut off automatically when not in use. Do not use water to clean sidewalks, driveways, and decks; use a broom instead.

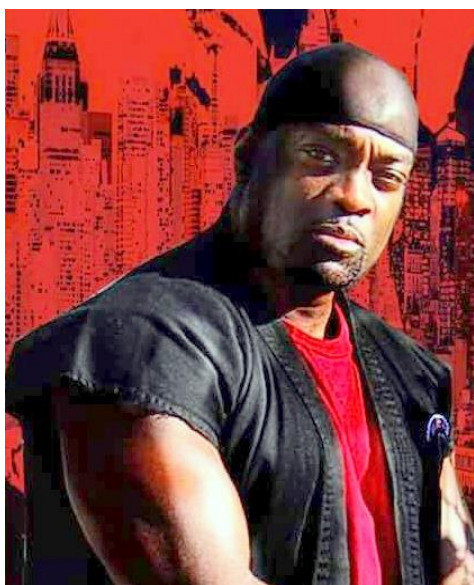
NO RUNNING FAUCETS – When you are brushing your teeth, shaving, washing hands and face or rinsing dishes, SHUT THE WATER off until needed. Remember, for a cold glass of water keep a container of water in refrigerator, instead of running the faucet, until the water chills.

WASHING – Try to restrict showers for 5 to 10 minutes (shorter if you can) and when doing laundry or washing dishes, make sure the loads are full in the machines. Also, car washing should be limited to once week or every other week.

In the coming weeks, we will also be providing useful information to our residents and businesses in a variety of ways they can help lower water 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.

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 seamlessly get through the summer season.

This Week's Best of Hempstead



Aaron Allen receives this week's Best of Hempstead accolades. Aaron is a well-known figure in Hempstead Village and has dedicated his life to Martial Arts, which he began practicing in 1968 when he was a young boy. Aaron is one of a select few that has achieved the title of Grand Master, Martial Arts highest honor. For over 25 years, Aaron has taught countless men, women and children this art of self-defense at various health clubs, schools and other facilities, including a youth program in Martial Arts he has conducted at Kennedy Memorial Park for the past five years and another one for adults he currently teaches as well. According to Aaron, the self-defense techniques he teaches have saved many lives. Well over a hundred of Aaron's self-defense videos have been posted on You Tube under the name "Sensei Aaron Allen."

Aaron is also known as a "Strongman" and for years has performed amazing feats of mental and physical strength to the delight of onlookers at Village events and other venues that include ripping in half 10 thick phone books in under 10 seconds, breaking 12 two-inch thick bricks in one blow and tearing up license plates like they were made of paper. He also has the ability to defend himself from attack using a folded sheet of paper or an open bag of potato chips. A truly gifted individual, Aaron is comparable to being a true life Luke Cage, a fictional Marvel Comics superhero with superhuman strength.

In addition to his Martial Arts exploits, Aaron has served as a body guard for many celebrities, including deceased rapper Tupac Shakur, Singer-Songwriter Patti LaBelle, R&B group New Addition and American hip-hop group Public Enemy.

I've had the pleasure of knowing Aaron for many years and appreciate his willingness to openly share his self-defense expertise and other talents with our residents. I am pleased to recognize and congratulate Aaron as one of Hempstead's best.

Sincerely,

Don

Don Ryan
Mayor of the Incorporated Village of Hempstead