



Week of July 2, 2018

From The Desk of Mayor Don Ryan

Over the past several weeks, Village residents and businesses have received two important pieces in the mail. 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 information concerning a water conservation alert the Village announced in May. 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 are currently not able to do so. As a result, two wells where this compound has been detected were removed from service and are undergoing remedial maintenance that will allow the compound to be properly treated. The presence of this compound is not unique to Hempstead Village. Apparently it has been detected in many other water systems on Long Island, predominantly in Nassau County.

Now that we are in the midst of 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's website at www.villageofhempstead.org) water ONLY using the ODD and EVEN 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 a week or every other week.

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 and beyond until the matter is successfully resolved.

To view the 2017 Annual Water Quality Report or to view the recent mailer in English and Spanish, please visit:

www.villageofhempstead.org. Copies of the Annual Water Quality Report and Water Conservation Alert are also available at Village Hall.

This Week's Best of Hempstead



Angel Sosa receives this week's Best of Hempstead honors. Born in El Salvador, Angel grew up in Hempstead Village and is a product of our educational system, graduating from Hempstead High School in 1985. Angel was also a member of the Hempstead High School championship soccer team of 1983. He has forged a successful career in the legal profession as a paralegal but as part of his desire to put his best foot forward in representing the El Salvadoran community, Angel's role as a volunteer is where his contributions are truly notable.

For the past five years, Angel has served on the organizing committee of the annual Salvadoran-American Day celebration. This event is the largest of its kind on Long Island and involves countless hours of planning and execution. This year's Salvadoran-American Day will take place on Sunday, August 5 from 12 noon to 7 p.m. in Municipal Lot #1 at the corner of Washington and Front Streets. The family-friendly event is free to the public. I always look forward to participating and enjoying all the live music, dancing, food, ceremonial Salvadoran activities and the opportunity to recognize Salvadoran-American leaders from the community.

For the past six years, Angel has also been a volunteer for the NY Soccer Latin Academy based in Uniondale and will be actively involved in the organization's upcoming Youth Soccer Tournament on Saturday, August 4. The winners of the tournament will receive their awards on the main stage during the Salvadoran-American Day celebration. In addition, Angel is involved in planning the Kiddie Afternoon event that will be held in conjunction with Hempstead's Department of Recreation and Parks at Kennedy Memorial Park at 3 p.m. on Friday, August 3. Hundreds of children and their parents will enjoy a fun afternoon of games, music, entertainment and refreshments.

Angel, I know you are a humble man who quietly goes about his duties each and every day. However, this is an opportunity for your efforts to be noticed. Therefore, it gives me great pleasure to recognize and congratulate you as one of Hempstead's best.

Sincerely,

Don

Don Ryan
Mayor of the Incorporated Village of Hempstead