



# ALBERTSON

## WATER DISTRICT NEWS

Volume 7, Number 2 • Fall 2016

### Hollow Court Ground Storage Tank Rehabilitation Water Tank Update



**W**ater is earth's most precious resource, which is why the AWD does everything possible to conserve it. That includes storing 1.5 million gallons of water in our ground storage tank at Hollow Court for periods of high consumption. And the tank is going to undergo a big upgrade shortly.

"This scheduled upgrading is part and parcel of our ongoing preventive maintenance program," Commissioner Ken Vey stated. "The tank was constructed in 1957, so it has been in service for nearly 60 years. This maintenance includes replacing part of the roof, complete sand-blasting inside and outside and bringing the tank up to date with 2016 OSHA and Health Department requirements."

The contract for refurbishment received five qualified bids, and the contract was awarded on October 26. "The project was awarded by the Board of Commissioners to the lowest cost qualified bidder at \$1,799,500, which coincided with the recommendation of D&B Engineers And Architects, our engineering firm," Vey added. "Bids ranged up to \$2,769,000."



Commissioner Ken Vey

The project is underway and is expected to be completed by June 2017.

Exactly how much water is **1.5** million gallons?



More than **5,678,117**



**LITERS!**

Enough to fill **24,000,000**



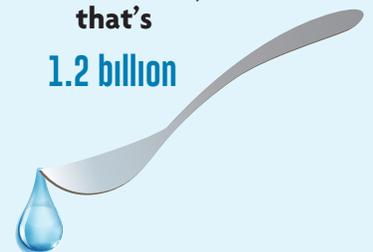
**8-OUNCE GLASSES!**

For mixologists, that means **192 million**



**FULL SHOT GLASSES!**

Or for cooks, that's **1.2 billion**



**TEASPOONS!**

## THE MAKING OF AN EAGLE SCOUT

L

ocating hydrants when they are buried under snow or obscured by bushes is never easy. That's why the installation of hydrant marker flags is so important and also why that became a means for one boy to attain his goal of becoming an Eagle Scout. David Scalese, a student at Carle Place High School, earned the rank with his hydrant identification project thanks to the assistance of the Albertson Water District and the Albertson Fire Department.

Aside from earning at least 21 merit badges, Eagle Scouts must demonstrate Scout Spirit, which includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads and manages. This project involved getting to each hydrant, removing the bolt, installing the hydrant marker flag and bolting the flag to each hydrant.

Commissioner Richard Ockovic observed, "In order to raise funds to support the project, David called on commercial establishments within the Albertson Water District. He explained the nature and importance of the project and the role he and his team would be playing, and the fundraising was quite successful."

All monies collected were put toward safety vests and supplies including food for David's young (and hungry) assistants. The Albertson Water District and Albertson Fire Company provided help to protect the team as they worked along busy streets including Willis Avenue.

Congratulations David on a job well done!



Commissioner Richard Ockovic instructs David Scalese (center) and assistants on hydrant marker flag installation.



**Eagle Scout** is the highest rank or achievement in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Only 4 percent of Boy Scouts are granted this rank.

**FYI:** The first Eagle Scout medal ever awarded was given to Arthur Rose Eldred, a 17-year-old member of Troop 1 of Rockville Centre, New York in 1912!



## Water Commissioner **ELECTION!** DECEMBER 13TH ELECTION



**In the USA**, few things are more sacred than the right to vote. Local level voting has been part of the American fiber dating to the New England town meetings and the Virginia House of Burgesses. The annual election of an Albertson Water Commissioner is for a three-year term beginning on January 1, 2017, and running through December 31, 2019.

**When:** Tuesday, December 13, 2016

**Where:** Albertson Fire House, 100 I.U. Willets Road, Albertson, New York.

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Eligibility:** Section 213 of the Town Law of the State of New York provides that no person shall be entitled to vote for improvement district commissioners unless he or she is a registered voter and a resident of the Albertson Water District a minimum of 30 days prior to election date. Contact us at 516-621-3610, or visit our website [www.albertsonwater.org](http://www.albertsonwater.org) for more information.



# ONGOING METER CHANGE OUT PROGRAM

**FYI**



If you haven't had your analog water meter replaced, you may receive a visit from our technicians. "Using new electronic meters means we won't need access to your home any longer," Commissioner Howard Abbondondelo stated. "The new meters are read remotely with computer accuracy, and they download information directly to our database. Also, they contain no lead or bronze alloys, so they are not dangerous."

The Commissioner went on to say, "it's important to know that all AWD technicians wear uniforms and

carry an ID. Please ask to see ID before admitting them to your premises. If you are still uncertain, call our offices. Or, if you would like to schedule an appointment, please call us at 516-621-3610 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. We'll try to make our visit as convenient for you as possible. There is no charge for the meter replacement.



Albertson Water Commissioner Howard Abbondondelo.



## MILESTONES Thank You Chris!

**Many highly talented people** have worked with the District through the years. Chris Carroll has been one of the best, and he has been a fixture since Jimmy Carter was President! Chris, the Assistant Superintendent, is officially retiring. He started as a laborer in September 1979. An Albertson resident from 1960 to 1982 and a graduate of Herricks High School in 1972 and SUNY Cobleskill in 1974, his last day will be December 30. Superintendent Rudolph Henriksen and Commissioners Abbondondelo, Ockovic and Vey are extremely appreciative of Chris' dedicated service and hard work. All the best to you in the future!



**Commissioner Ken Vey** reminds us, "Dangerous situations like blizzards, ice storms and hurricanes do hit Long Island and, potentially, each one could create a water emergency. SwiftReach Emergency Notification System is a free service that works like a reverse 911 system and automatically calls you in emergencies at whatever number you supply to us. In emergencies, it notifies you with a pre-recorded message extremely quickly."

Sign up for SwiftReach emergency notification is free. All that is needed is the phone number, text message or email address where you want to be notified. "As we have said in previous newsletters," Commissioner Ken Vey added, "once you're in our database, you have SwiftReach coverage. All information is 100 percent confidential."

For more information, see the AWD website at [www.albertsonwater.org](http://www.albertsonwater.org) or call us at 516-621-3610 to be included.

# ALBERTSON WATER DISTRICT

PO Box 335  
Albertson, NY 11507 USA

Telephone: (516) 621-3610  
Fax: (516) 626-8042  
Business Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday  
[www.albertsonwater.org](http://www.albertsonwater.org)

**Commissioners:**  
Howard Abbondello  
Richard W. Ockovic  
Kenneth Vey

**Superintendent:**  
Rudy Henriksen

**Counsel:**  
Anthony J. LaMarca

Proudly designed and produced by  
Progressive Marketing Group, Inc., Melville, NY USA  
[www.pmgstrategic.com](http://www.pmgstrategic.com)

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP OUR AQUIFER



1. Maintain your plumbing against leaks and drips. Inspect plumbing regularly.
2. Use organic and biodegradable fertilizers and pesticides whenever possible.
3. Never flush prescription medications down the toilet. Check with municipal authorities for proper disposal methods.
4. Report all sightings of illegal dumping or spills.
5. Unauthorized hydrant usage costs taxpayers money. Report this directly to us, or, if there's a question, call us at (516) 621-3610.
6. Follow town rules regarding proper disposal of household chemicals, paints, oils and batteries. They are hazardous to people and to our drinking water supply!
7. Make sure to winterize your home inside and out to prevent bursting pipes.



Presorted  
First Class Mail  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
PERMIT No. 102  
Albertson, NY 11507