

**GREAT NECK  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT**

July 17, 2008

Dear Neighbor,

On May 14<sup>th</sup> the Town of North Hempstead held a public meeting to discuss the future of our water pollution treatment facility. We would like to thank the many who came that evening and showed overwhelming support for an environmentally sound approach for meeting New York State's new mandated standards for sewage treatment.

At that meeting, the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District (District) made absolutely clear our intention to build an enlarged, upgraded facility, most capable of meeting Great Neck's future sewage treatment needs. **This approach is the least expensive, the most cost effective and the most environmentally sound option.**

As you may know, the District processes sewage for the villages of Kensington, Great Neck Plaza, Thomaston, Saddle Rock, the unincorporated areas, part of Manhasset and one-third of the Village of Great Neck. We have worked hard on our plans for an upgraded plant that will also include the flow from those Village of Great Neck residents not now included in the District. This will continue to allow residents to retain their local control with direct influence over capital expenditures and improvements, while being served by our rapid response times for emergency situations.

***YOUR MONEY***

Upgrading and enlarging the District's wastewater treatment facility will yield millions of dollars in long-term savings for residents of the District and the Village. The savings due to increased efficiencies and economies of scale are expected to exceed \$60 million over 30 years. **The Village of Great Neck (Village), whose residents now pay considerably more than the District's taxpayers,** has the opportunity to send its sewage flow to our new state-of-the-art plant, thereby allowing the Village to close its own treatment plant for a savings of over \$2 million a year.

The District and the Village are subject to strict New York State Department of Environmental Conservation deadlines. If these deadlines are not met, District and Village taxpayers could be fined \$1.685 million in the first year and \$1.945 million each additional year that the new treatment plant is not completed. **The District is on schedule to meet those deadlines.**

***THE COUNTY***

District residents pay substantially less in annual sewer taxes than any resident served by Nassau County's seriously under-funded sewer system. Nassau County's alternative of pumping Great Neck's sewage 20 miles away to the South Shore will be far more expensive. Review of the County's own \$30 million diversion cost estimate by an independent engineering firm has determined that these costs are based on outdated cost figures, averages of widely varying prices, is not specific to our site, etc. We all know how costs have escalated in the past four years. The outside consultant estimates the cost of the pipeline construction at approximately \$65 million.

The District has informed the Nassau County Commissioner of Public Works by letter dated May 22, 2008, that independent analysis has shown that it is in the best interest of its taxpayers and the environment to upgrade our facility to the newest technology. We hope that with your support this will close the issue of sending Great Neck's sewage to the South Shore.

Recently, the District was visited by State officials, who paid our existing plant numerous compliments, as well as giving high marks for our proposal for a new and enlarged treatment facility. Their approval reinforces our position that **the District's plan for a state-of-the-art treatment facility is the best for the economic and environmental well being of our community.**

To tour our facilities we invite you to call Cary at (516) 482-0238, ext 10, to arrange for a visit or please come to our regular Thursday morning meetings to discuss these issues. We look forward to seeing you. At our public hearing on August 6, 2008 at 7:30 PM.

**Thank you for your interest and support,**

**Board of Commissioners**



**E. Jane Rebhuhn  
Commissioner**



**Jerry Landsberg  
Commissioner**



**Deena Lesser  
Commissioner**

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Location: Great Neck Senior Center  
80 Grace Avenue**

**Date: August 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 7:30PM**

**Topic: Expanded District Facility**



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**COMMUNITY UPDATE**