

**CONSERVE WATER FOR
FUTURE
GENERATIONS...**

- Use water-saving showerheads, faucets, toilets and appliances.
- Fix leaks and drips promptly
- Turn water off while brushing teeth, shaving, etc.
- Wash only full loads of clothes and dishes.
- Turn the hose off when washing your car.

For your protection and that of your neighbors, please make sure snow is cleared from around fire hydrants near your home.

Receive the annual Water Quality Report? If not, come down to the MUA and pick one up or call and we will send one to you right away! Its good reading and very informative!

If you have any questions concerning your drinking water or any suggestions for this newsletter please contact John F. Wegele, Billy J. Doty or Kathleen Shortway at the Pompton Lakes M.U.A. office, (973) 839-3044. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Also, visit our website at www.plbmua.org to view previous newsletter in our archives.

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MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
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**LETS MAKE IT
CRYSTAL CLEAR**

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SEE INSIDE...

- WE DISCUSS DUPONT'S TESTING FOR VAPOR INTRUSION
- OUR DRINKING WATER CONTINUES TO COMPLY WITH ALL STATE AND FEDERAL SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT STANDARDS.
- UPGRADES TO YOUR WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES IN PROGRESS

POMPTON LAKES MUA

George D. Decker – *Chairman/ Executive Director*
Kevin P. Carroll – *Vice Chairman/ Water Commissioner*
Lawrence DeMaio – *Secretary/ Personnel Commissioner*
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Richard C. Fleischer – *Treasurer/ Commissioner*

A Message from the Chairman's desk regarding our drinking water and DuPont's remediation project in the plume area:

Some comments are “moving” around town and appearing in the media questioning the quality of our drinking water here in Pompton Lakes and the impact of contaminants known as Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's) found by DuPont underground in the “plume area” located in the northeast section of town.

***Is our drinking water safe? Yes!
Will the Authority continue to test and monitor our three wells located in town for any impact from this contamination? Yes!***

I happen to live in the plume area and have lived there for 17 of my 47 years in Pompton Lakes so, although I serve all residents as a commissioner, I do consider this matter a little more personal as well. I have dealt with and monitored the DuPont “matters” as a resident and commissioner for many, many years unlike some who seem to have a lot to say about these matters and a lot to say about “our water business” without having all the facts.

Let me assure you that the Authority is proud and stands behind the quality of the water we deliver to our customers, the residents of Pompton Lakes. It is “award winning” and “tastes good”. It continues to meet or exceed all Federal and State Safe Drinking Water Act standards (tough requirements to meet!) and, as stated above, we sample constantly. Please make sure to review the annual Water Quality

Report we send you each June and be informed. Know where your drinking water comes from and be assured that the Authority works hard to constantly monitor the quality of the drinking water we provide you.

My fellow commissioners, our management team and I are always available and eager to discuss any concerns you may have about your drinking water or any service we provide to you, our customers.

Regards,
G.D. Decker, Chairman, PLMUA
January 2010

UPDATE ON CAPITAL PROJECTS AND CONSTRUCTION:

The Authority installed a new 12” water main in Wanaque Avenue last summer to replace the existing 100 year old 8” main. The project, done at night to minimize disruption to our business district, was done on schedule and within budget.

We apologize for the “bumps” and uneven road surface created by our work that still exist and assure you that the plan continues to be to provide final “smooth” paving of the street in conjunction with the Borough’s “Streetscape” project that is now underway!

The Authority took advantage of the Federal Government's Stimulus Programs available in 2009 through the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust and submitted 9 water and sewer treatment projects for funding. We are pleased to advise that two of our projects with estimated project construction costs of **\$2.8 Million** were approved under the “principal forgiveness” provisions which means the Authority will only have to pay back 50% of the loan amount, a savings of **\$1.4Million!**

The financing is also being made available to us at very favorable interest rates. A third project is still being considered under the principal forgiveness criteria. All 9 projects will be completed in the next 12 to 15 Months... **and the best news –the debt service for these 9 projects will have no impact on our current rate structure!** For additional information on these projects feel free to contact us and we will keep you informed on our progress.

PLMUA has Best Tasting Drinking Water in New Jersey!



Water Chairman, Kevin Carroll, PLMUA

Once again, the Pompton Lakes MUA entered our water in the annual “Best Tasting Drinking Water Contest” at the New Jersey Water Association Meeting in Atlantic City in October, 2009. **For the 4th time in 6 years, we earned the title of providing the “Best Tasting Drinking Water in the State of New Jersey!”** In the words of Comm. Rich Fleischer, “we win again”! The panel of judges included water professionals from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Water Association. As the winning contestant among many entrants we will represent the State of New Jersey at the next National Rural Water Association’s “Great American Water Taste Test” in Washington, DC in February, 2010.