

SPECIAL REPORT February 2007

The Manhasset-Lakeville Water District serves all of Manhasset and Lake Success and portions of New Hyde Park, North Hills, and Great Neck



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Manhasset-Lakeville Water District

**170 East Shore Rd.
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Board of Commissioners Meets Weekly

Tuesdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Open to the public between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Thursdays 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Open to the public from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

After public hours, the Board meets for executive session. Special arrangements can be made through Barbara Pisani 466-4416, ext. 704.

All meetings will be conducted in the boardroom at the district office, 170 East Shore Road, Great Neck, unless otherwise publicly notified. Office hours are 8a.m. to 4p.m.

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MANHASSET-LAKEVILLE WATER DISTRICT

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MANHASSET-LAKEVILLE WATER AND FIRE DISTRICT THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION!

Some believe that County government can, in theory, provide you with better service than special districts like Manhasset-Lakeville Water and Fire District.

The opening salvo against our style of local rule government, a system that provides you with community elected commissioners who manage the districts and provide you with personal services at non profit rates, began with New York State and County government officials, coupled with biased print and video media outlets, accusing our Districts of levying on you, our customers, excessive taxes for water usage and fire protection as well as prohibiting the County's use of District property for the installation of security communication systems.

NY State and County Government accuses our District of levying excessive taxes... NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH.

Of the total property tax levy including Nassau County, Town of North Hempstead, School and Library, and Local Village, the Manhasset-Lakeville Water District tax is the lowest amount at less than one percent (1.0%). As a taxpayer, you pay more to support Nassau Community College than you pay in water taxes. The Fire District tax is under two percent (2.0%).

As we all know, the most significant consumer of our tax dollars are the School and Library



Existing Nassau County radio equipment atop the Thomaston tank.

at about sixty percent (60%). The Nassau County Police and Police Headquarters take up the second largest portion of your taxes at about eighteen percent (18%). County and Town taxes essentially account for the remaining nineteen percent (19%).

Manhasset-Lakeville Special District taxes have historically been maintained at low levels while the delivery of excellent service remains our daily mission. The Board of Commissioners strongly believes that your local community control produces the best form of government.

MLWD has been falsely accused of being uncooperative with the Nassau County Police and of foiling their plans to erect radio communication systems on our District water tanks. This distortion of the truth is aimed at further undermining the need to have special districts — claiming that these districts impede public works and endanger community security.

Local press and television releases accused MLWD Commissioners of prohibiting installation of security communication systems... NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH.

For more than twenty five years, the Manhasset-Lakeville Water District Commissioners have continuously allowed the Nassau County Department of Public Works and the Nassau County Police Department to maintain ground equipment on site and a significant number and variety of radio communication units mounted on our Thomaston water tank. Past use has been free of charge to the county entities. It is only in recent years that the N.C.D.P.W. entered into a "barter agreement" wherein the District is to receive the equivalent of \$20,000.00 annually in goods and services. The initial annual payments were represented by the delivery of 800mhz portable radios and support items.

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Current District attempts to renegotiate this contract have not been addressed by the County.

Moreover, in 2005 the Nassau County Police requested that the Water District permit the installation of a newer version of the police department's 500mghz communication system that consists of twenty-two additional whip and dish antennae. The Manhasset-Lakeville Water District Commissioners expressed approval of this request subject to the placement of radio equipment

only on the tank rails and support legs. Future use of the top of the tank is prohibited. Due to the dramatic increase in the scope of the new proposed radio system, the District requested the County to renegotiate terms. The District is still awaiting a response from the County. Meanwhile the District is being accused of being uncooperative.

In our 2007 budget, Manhasset-Lakeville Water District has allocated \$1,200,000.00 to paint the Thomaston water tank. Over

the past two years, the District has entered into commercial contracts with three major wireless carriers that compensate the district with approximately \$150,000.00 annually. **These funds offset District expenses and lower taxes.** Similarly, any reasonable form of payment, such as an easement or title to County land for a future well site, would be most welcome as a payment from the County. While we remain cooperative, we are still awaiting a County response.

You have the right to preserve your special district form of government... SPEAK OUT—VOICE YOUR OPINION!

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2007 Tax Rates for Manhasset and Great Neck within the Manhasset-Lakeville Water/Fire District

Perhaps we need MORE Special Districts and LESS Town and County Government if we really want to reduce property taxes!

UNINCORPORATED AREA Typical Manhasset Tax Assessment Tax Levy Description			Tax Rate per \$100	Percent of Total	VILLAGE AREA Typical Great Neck Tax Assessment Tax Levy Description			Tax Rate per \$100	Percent of Total
Manhasset School Tax	288.754	58.79%	Great Neck School Tax	298.768	53.06%				
Nassau County Police	52.412	10.67%	Village Tax*	63.9	11.35%				
Nassau County Police Headquarters	41.706	8.49%	Nassau County Police	52.412	9.31%				
Town of North Hempstead Highway	25.47	5.19%	Nassau County Police Headquarters	41.706	7.41%				
Nassau County General Fund	18.968	3.86%	Great Neck Park District	22.027	3.91%				
Manhasset Library Tax	18.218	3.71%	Nassau County General Fund	18.968	3.37%				
Manhasset Lakeville Fire District	9.345	1.90%	Great Neck Sewer District*	16.76	2.98%				
Town of North Hempstead General Fund	8.999	1.83%	Great Neck Library Tax	15.393	2.73%				
Nassau Community College	6.957	1.42%	Manhasset Lakeville Fire District	9.345	1.66%				
Manhasset Garbage District	5.744	1.17%	Town of North Hempstead General	8.999	1.60%				
Manhasset Lakeville Water District	4.892	1.00%	Nassau Community College	6.957	1.24%				
Town of North Hempstead Sanitary District	2.753	0.56%	Manhasset Lakeville Water District	4.892	0.87%				
Manhasset Park District	2.375	0.48%	Nassau County Fire Prevention	2.3	0.41%				
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Town of North Hempstead Lighting District	1.674	0.34%		563.058	100.00%				
Nassau County Environmental Bond	0.631	0.13%							
	491.198	100.00%							
Total MLW&F District	14.237	2.90%	Total MLW&F District	14.237	2.53%				

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