

LILWA Goes Webinar

Like most of you, the Long Island Liquid Waste Association was also blindsided by the sudden severity of this COVID-19 virus. For many months now we have been adapting to ever changing rules and guidelines in order to best serve our members and the septic industry and at the same time answering question from the public.

Obviously, this has been a learning experience for governments and the private sector alike. For the most part we have all been working without a manual leading to the conclusion there is no one size fits all solution. Each state, county, city and industry have to remedy the problem according to their individual circumstance.



At LILWA we kept one person in the office to handle mail, incoming calls etc. and the rest worked from home. That was the easy part. The major job was adapting our live certification program as a webinar, a bit like turning a book into a movie.

This involved first attaining the hardware, choosing and learning the software. There was some lag time on the hardware due to a demand backup but that did give us time to learn the software. Then came writing the script and creating the graphics. The deadline we set for ourselves was July 13th with a Part 2 on July 15th.

After many hours of tweaking the script and countless rehearsals we were ready to go on time and with 54 attendees. Yes, there were a few glitches and mistakes but all and all not much different than we see on TV.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



COVID-19 is starting to wear on most of us. In my case it actually involved an uptick in service calls. It appears with so many working from home and the children learning from home septic residential systems are being

used considerably more requiring more frequent maintenance.

Besides working more, I am learning new phrases like Zoom, webinar and social distancing and adding medical face masks to my wardrobe.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Minor compared to the dreadful loss of lives our nation has faced, there is also economic losses we must recover from. LILWA's losses were insignificant, so far our only casualties were this year's East End Meeting and our annual Summer Outing due to the social distancing requirements and they will return next year.

These difficult times did not curtail our Scholarship Committee. Chairman Bill Rode and his team were still able to complete their task and this year LILWA awarded two more deserving students' scholarships. Kudos guys great job as usual. Read more inside this edition of the LILWA News.

At LILWA we now have the ability to hold Board of Director meetings on the web when circumstances call for it. In addition, we have acquired the hardware and software and reworked our Certification Training Program enabling us to do webinars. This gives us two more arrows in our quiver.

The time invested in this project was consuming however I believe the reward will pay off. Whether it be a return of this situation, disastrous weather, or any other unforeseen dilemma we now have an alternative.

For over 42 years now since its establishment by members of the Long Island septic industry in 1974, LILWA has survived many challenging situations and always evolved and came out better for it and I have every reason to believe we will continue progressing and improving as in the past.

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Judge Coleman Memorial Scholarship Fund 2020

In spite of the difficult climate brought on by this epidemic our Scholarship Committee managed to press on and again delivered a successful fund raising program this year which culminated with the awarding of 2 scholarships. The yearly plan to raise and award \$1500 for a deserving student was again surpassed by your generous responses.

The scholarship committee consisting of Bill Rode chairman, Dick Crescenzo, Peter Barrese, and our members and supporters more than doubled our goal. Two outstanding young students Emily Hartmann and Grace Gallagher were awarded \$1500 each by the Annual Judge Coleman Memorial Scholarship fund.

In the 5th grade Emily was faced with and had to overcome a learning disorder with reading. Through hard work and the help of an aunt she managed to conquer it and is now a member of the National Honor Society and this past June graduated Bellport High School. She now has a desire to teach students and plans to attend Saint Joseph College.

Grace who is also a member of the National Honor Society is also an accomplished dancer, and orchestral violinist. Not only was she on the Principal's list every quarter since her freshman year in high school but she also ranked second in her graduating class at West Islip High School. As an undergraduate at Fairfield University she plans to major in biology and go on to attend graduate school and eventually go into the medical field.

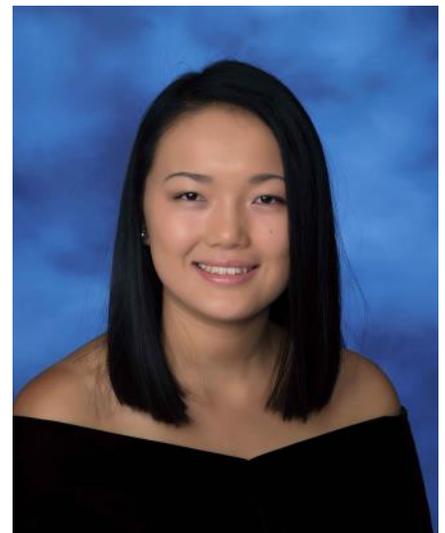
These two young ladies are a credit to their family and strengthens our faith in the next generation. We wish them all the luck in the world and a very happy life.

We will shortly be accepting applications and donations for the 2021 Annual Judge Coleman Memorial Scholarship fund at www.lilwa.org. Be sure to check in our site www.lilwa.org every once in a while to keep up on the latest.

Once more, thank you all for making this possible.

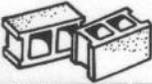


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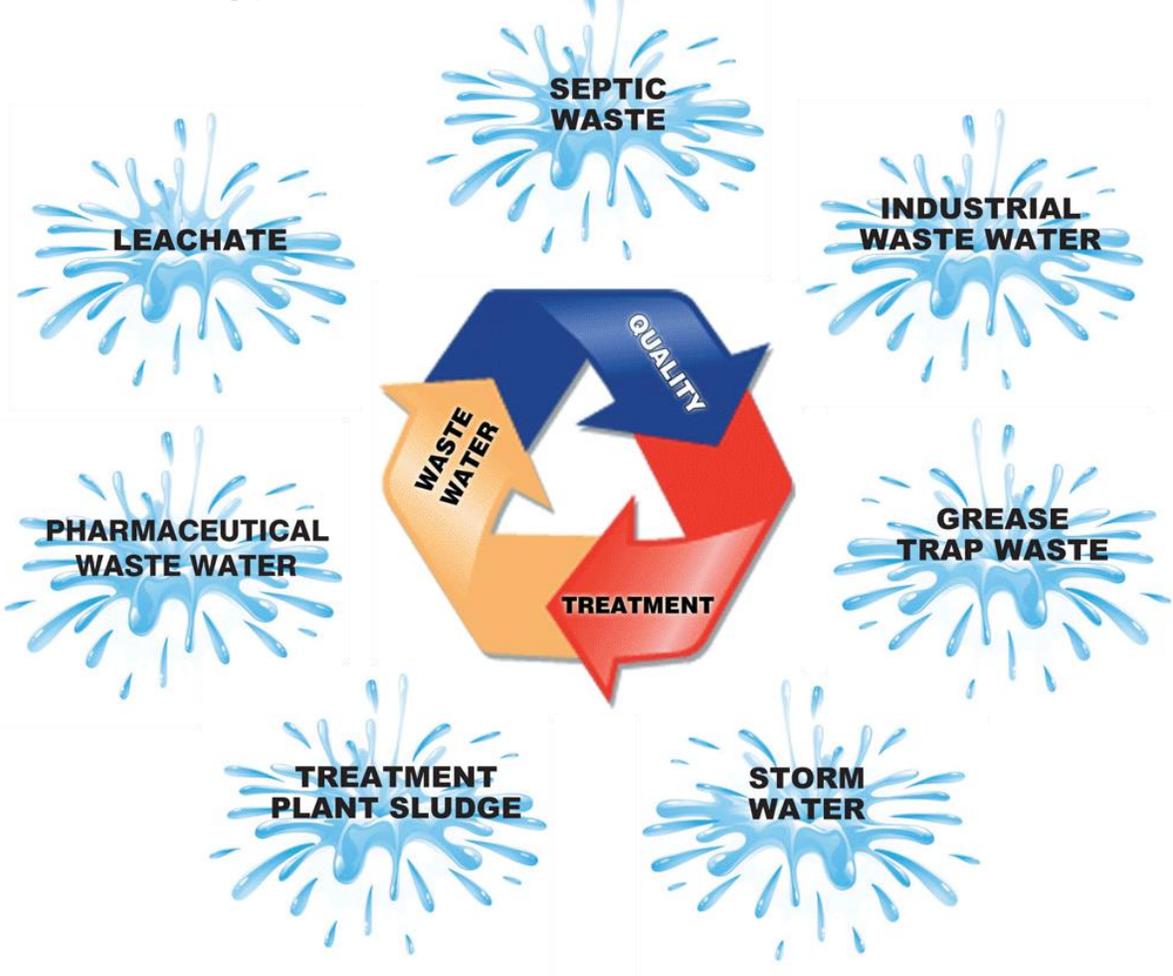


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Executive Director Highlights



Linda
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This year for me so far has been consumed by health issues. It started off with some major problems concerning one of my daughters and my husband. Fortunately, thanks to some great medical care and the well wishes and prayers of so many of you the situation is now under control. I thank you all.

On top of this, LILWA lost three long time members, who we will miss very much, due to illness not COVID-19 related. Then came the corona pandemic debacle with all the changes it has forced upon our everyday lives and the way we do business.

First and foremost - we miss you; we are thinking of you and we cannot wait to see you in person again. The Long Island Liquid Waste Association's President, Board of Directors and myself are doing our best to navigate this new pandemic landscape. We are researching avenues to serve our membership and the industry during these trying times while maintaining the health and safety of our patrons, members, staff and volunteers.

That being said we have equipped ourselves to hold the LILWA Board of Directors meetings online while our staff works mostly from home.

Our research and experience in education over the years have brought us to the conclusion that a live classroom setting is the most effective and involving method of teaching. However, in an effort to serve our members and patrons during this crisis we have redesigned our certification program as a webinar.

Besides revising the LILWA Certification Program we had to accumulate the proper hardware and software to run a webinar. We did run into a little snag; the pandemic had created a high demand on the hardware causing a back log on delivery. So, in the meantime we worked on the software and the rewrite of the program.

The flavor of today in software programs appears to be Zoom so we took it for a test ride which was impressive. We first used it for some small meetings and then formally used it for the LILWA June Board of Directors meeting which also worked with very few bumps in the road.

We have since upgraded to the webinar version and used it as I speak for the July Certification Session. Through feedback we have learned that about 50% of our participants have already used Zoom. Besides meetings many with young children have used it for school programs.

For the participants convenience we have scheduled the 8 hour program to take place over 2 nights. Part 1 a 4 hour session on a Monday night and part 2 was another 4 hour session on a Wednesday night.

Depending on the response we receive on our first webinar we may offer both alternatives in the future. The live presentation will still remain a daytime 8 hour session.

Since the inception of LILWA in 1974 there have been many transformations in the operation of our association and the septic industry as a whole. The most extensive could arguably have been in the last six years and now we are faced with this COVID-19 epidemic. I personally am completely confident we will emerge from this emergency better and more resilient than ever. We always do.

German philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche so eloquently said "That which does not kill us, makes us stronger." I believe he was right on. As for my personal life our family grew closer together while overcoming our health issues. I realized that due to our busy and sometime hectic day in and day out lives suffer the loss of our priorities and what is important. When it comes to business associates, especially the ones who you now look upon as friends, enjoy the time together, One never knows when it will come to an end.

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Septic Improvement Program

Suffolk County continues to effectively transition from the use of outdated cesspools and septic systems to Innovative and Alternative Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (I/A OWTS).

Under the County's Septic Improvement Program, homeowners are eligible for a grant for the purchase and installation of an approved I/A OWTS and associated engineering and design services. Under the program, homeowners who decide to replace their cesspool or septic system with the new and advanced technologies are eligible up to \$30,000 in grants from Suffolk County and the New York State Septic System Replacement Fund to offset the cost of one of the new systems. In addition to the grant, homeowners can qualify for low interest loans from Community Development Corporation of Long Island for up to \$10,000 to cover any additional costs such as engineering and soils analysis.

As of April 16, 2020, 1494 people have applied for the grants, of which 370 systems have been installed, with an additional 205 installations pending and 187 in progress. Outside of the County SIP program, there have been 418 systems installed for a total of 788 throughout the county. Some of these additional installations were funded by other sources including town Community Preservation Funds and the State Septic System Replacement fund.



Septic/Cesspool Upgrade Program Enterprise (SCUPE)

Suffolk County continues to examine, test, and approve new nitrogen removing septic systems (I/A OWTS) technologies through its DEC-funded Septic/Cesspool Upgrade Program Enterprise (SCUPE). In 2015, the County started to test these systems at private residences throughout Suffolk County. This demonstration program resulted in a total of 13 proprietary technologies installed on 35 residential sites. Suffolk County has approved 8 of these technologies for provisional use. To be approved for provisional use, the average effluent total nitrogen concentration cannot exceed 19 milligrams per liter.

The 2019 cumulative average effluent total nitrogen concentration of all provisionally approved systems sampled was 16 milligrams per liter. Of the installed systems, 70 percent are utilizing technologies that are performing at a rate of 13 milligrams per liter!

In addition, the County is working with the NYS Center for Clean Water Technology to test and monitor 2 constructed wetland systems and 8 nitrogen reducing biofilters (NRB's).

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Hopefully sometime in the near future our world will return to normal however until then we now have this webinar component in our quiver when needed.

The August and November Certifications as of now are scheduled as webinars. Next years certifications will be decided at a later date. We are a resilient country and our business owners are highly creative and we will get through this as in the past.

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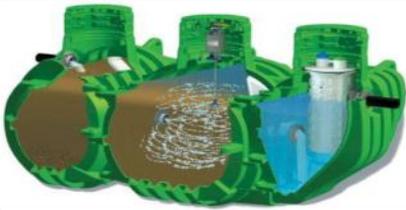
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The program consists of a classroom presentation and/or webinar. It is designed to educate those applying for or renewing a Suffolk County Septic License.

An application for the LILWA program and a free study guide can be down loaded at: www.lilwa.org. You will be supplied with a study guide at the session, however studying ahead of time will greatly assist you in completing the session.

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