

LONG ISLAND LIQUID WASTE ASSOCIATION

Winter 2023

LILWA Board of Directors Elects New Executive Board

At this past January's board meeting elections were held to fill seats of the LILWA board of directors. A slate of nominations for board member positions was presented for consideration. The current terms of office for Peter Barrese of United Site Services, David Galbraith of Clearbrook, Tom Gallagher of Sewer Stewards, Inc. and Dave Warren of Clear River Environmental Services were up and all four were nominated to be re-elected to the LILWA board of directors. Soon after the installation of the new board members the board of directors elected a new executive board. As per the LILWA bylaws single ballot was cast by the Secretary, Dick Crescenzo for the following:

President - Bob McInerney, United Cesspool Service

Vice President – Dave Warren, Clear River Environmental Services

Secretary – Dick Crescenzo, W.A.S.T.E, Inc.

Treasurer – Dave Galbraith, Clearbrook

Congratulations to the newly elected officers and board members. The hard work, time and effort they contribute to the improvement and growth of the industry we work in, and to the association growing to support its stakeholders.

Passing of the Gavel

LILWA would like to extend our gratitude to the outgoing President Andrew Andriola for his eight years at the helm. Through that time we saw this association grow from approximately 45 members to over 90 members, introduction of the new I/A OWTS sanitary systems, expansion of the LILWA certification program to be recognized and approved by Suffolk County Department of Consumer Affairs, Covid-19 and online Zoom meetings, taking the training to a webinar based program. It has been a challenging, but productive eight years. Andrew, Thank you for your service to this industry and good luck on all your future endeavors.



Judge Coleman Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Long Island Liquid Waste Association (LILWA) Board of Directors believes it is important to give back to association members and their employees. This is the motivation which brought about the establishment of the Judge Coleman Memorial Scholarship Fund, dedicated to the memory of a long time LILWA member who gave so much to LILWA and the industry he worked in. Applicants must be a member of LILWA, family member of a LILWA member, employee of a LILWA member, or direct family member of an employee. Every year at least one scholarship will offered in the amount of \$1500, based on donations, other scholarships may be awarded. Complete application (add additional pages if necessary) and submit post marked no later than April 30, 2023. The scholarship winner and/ or winners will be chosen by a majority vote of the scholarship committee. Scholarships will be awarded at the June 2023 LILWA Board of Directors meetings. To make a contribution to the scholarship fund or to complete an application for a scholarship please turn to pages 12 and 13 or go to https://www.lilwa.org/scholarship-program

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The L.I.L.W.A. News

The LILWA News is a quarterly publication produced by the Long Island Liquid Waste Association Inc. and is distributed to its members and is available on the association's website (www.lilwa.org). This vibrant publication provides members of LILWA with letters from the president, informative articles written by industry professionals and service providers, updates on current legislation, opportunities for licensing certification and contact hours as well as affiliated business advertising. The organization strives to provide our members with timely information and tools needed to keep them informed on issues that impact our industry and those relevant to our customers. The Newsletter Committee is always open to suggestions and in search of new material to share and publish. Contributed articles should be educational, non-promotional in nature, and have a suggested word count between 500 and 1,500 words. LILWA reserves the right to edit articles to conform to content and space requirements. If you are interested in submitting an article for possible inclusion, please contact our Executive Director, Linda Perlow at info@lilwa.org.

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President's Corner

Hope Springs Eternal!

Just as the calendar turns towards March so do our thoughts turn to Spring. Thankfully we all survived the Winter of 2022/2023 (the Winter that wasn't!!) and we can now look ahead to warmer weather and the new opportunities that we have to strengthen the relationships with our employees, our existing customers, as well as the customers we haven't met yet.



But first I would like to take a moment to thank my fellow board members, who are both friends, colleagues, and at times competitors, for having the trust and

confidence in me to elect me as the new President of LILWA. I am humbled by their support. I would like to thank my wife Lisa –whose patience I continually stretch to the limit. I owe a ton of thanks to Linda Perlow for pushing me into this! I would especially like to thank Andrew Andriola for his service and dedication to this Industry. He was a quiet leader but carried a big gavel!!

For those of you that don't know me here is a quick little bio:

I started out in this Industry like many of us did ---just a 17-year-old kid that needed a job. That was in 1983. Back then you were judged by how many hours a day you could work with a shovel, and how many acid jugs you could hump into back yards. The work was hard, the hours were grueling. There was extraordinarily little technology in use at that time – unless you consider a probing bar and sledgehammer technology. But then somewhere along the way a funny thing happened. A job turned into a career. I am honestly not sure when it happened, but I looked up and 20 years had gone by. Fast forward another 20 years and here we are today.

As I look back on the last 40 years –I have met <u>a lot</u> of characters – and have been lucky enough to meet a lot of great people too. It is those relationships that keep me going and make it all worth it. Now in 2023 it seems like technology is finally catching up! –although I have a sneaky suspicion that it's been creeping up on us all along!

The new I/A systems are a HUGE advancement in technology, and along with them every aspect of this business is being touched by technology from trucks, to locators, to ground penetrating radar, to cellphones, tablets, and even drones! The future of this Industry is on such a positive trajectory ----it's all very exciting and I am thrilled to be a part of it.

If I can help any of you in any way, I will do my best. --do not hesitate to reach out to me. I look forward to meeting each one of you, whether it's to help solve a problem, let you vent some frustrations, or just have a beer and talk about the good old days! Man, it's really has been 40 years if there are "good old days."

In closing I hope that I can do half as good a job as my predecessors – this is an exciting time for our Industry. I know that I can't wait to see what the next 40 years brings!!!

All the best, Bob McInerney

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Long Island Nitrogen Action Plan (LINAP)- Newsletter

Five Tips for an Eco-friendly Lawn

It's almost spring and lawn care is on the minds of many Long Islanders. Fertilizer is often thought of as a key ingredient to a healthy, vibrant lawn but fertilizer use, especially improper application, can be harmful to the environment. Excess nitrogen in fertilizer pollutes our waterways, negatively impacts aquatic life and interferes with fishing, swimming and boating. In fact, fertilizer is the second leading source of nitrogen contamination of Long Island waters; residential wastewater is the primary source.

In this issue of the LINAP newsletter, we review several ways to care for your lawn while protecting coastal waters, as well as our drinking water supply.

Most important, fertilizer should not be applied before April. Grass simply cannot efficiently absorb fertilizer at this time. Furthermore, **it is illegal to fertilize your lawn in Nassau and Suffolk counties before April 1.**

To be clear, lawns are not a natural landscape feature and usually require high maintenance. If having a lawn is your preferred landscape option, then follow the suggestions below to help decrease the likelihood of overapplying fertilizer and, therefore, reduce the amount of excess nitrogen that enters groundwater and surface water.

- 1. **Don't start fertilizing!** If you're not currently using fertilizer and you are happy with how your lawn looks, then don't start fertilizing. Many lawns can be aesthetically pleasing without any added fertilizer.
- 2. Eliminate or shrink your lawn. Consider reducing the lawn area requiring fertilizer. One of the most effective ways Long Islanders can do their part to protect local water resources, is to replace their lawn or a portion of it with less water-intensive landscaping, also known as "xeriscaping." Xeriscaping makes use of drought tolerant plant species. Often, native plant species require little to no extra water and fertilizer and help to absorb and filter rainwater. Also, xeriscaping is aesthetically pleasing and can increase property value.
- 3. Keep those grass clippings on your lawn. Mulching mowers finely chop grass into small pieces which get deposited into the lawn and decompose quickly. It is like adding a little bit of fertilizer every time you mow, and allows you to lessen, or eliminate, chemical fertilizer application. As a general rule, no more than a third of the grass blade should be removed during a single mowing. And it's also good practice to keep the height at least three inches high, which encourages deeper, healthier roots.
- 4. **Apply less fertilizer to your lawn.** If you decide to use fertilizer, especially on a well-established lawn, then apply one-third to one-half the amount recommended on the fertilizer bag. If you are satisfied, then you applied the right amount. Nice work!
- 5. **Timing is everything.** If you are going to fertilize, then apply it at the right time close to Memorial Day and/or Labor Day. Fertilizer shouldn't be applied before April or after mid-October. Nor should it be applied during the hottest summer months when grass is dormant. Grass simply cannot efficiently absorb fertilizer at this time so don't bother trying you'll just waste fertilizer and money. On Long Island, if you fertilize once a year, it is best to do so around Labor Day.

For more information, please visit the following resource: <u>https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/109857.html</u>



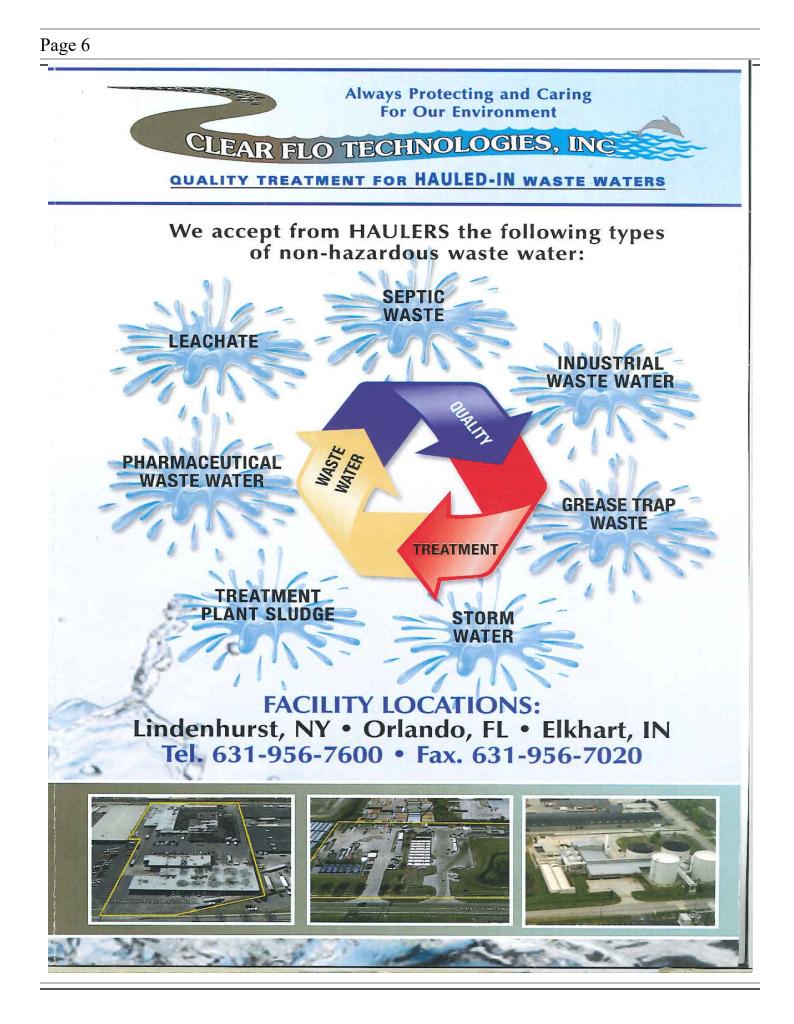
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LILWA Celebrates 49 Years of Public Service

Happy Birthday LILWA!!

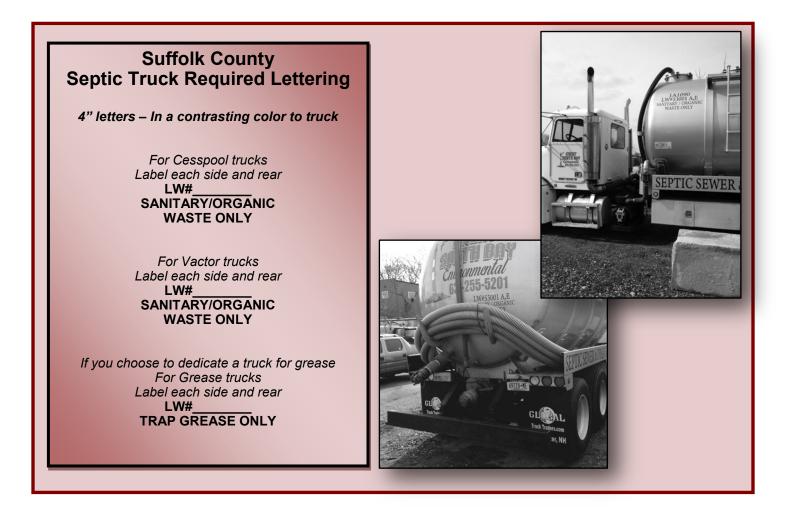
The Long Island Liquid Waste Association is celebrating 49 years of advocating for the septic industry and the residents we serve, longer than many out there have been working in the field. Since 1974 we have worked with government, environmental groups and septic industry members in support of pragmatic improvements for all.

We have led the way from the days of a simple home improvement license when anyone (such as a carpenter, painter etc.) could service a cesspool to a separate septic license. We are proud of the fact that whenever there was a problem to be addressed at Bergen Point it was LILWA who met with them to resolve it. Yes, when Bergen point instituted early closings, LILWA was able to resolve the issue.

In 2015 LILWA was honored by a 2page spread in two national magazines the Pumper and the Onsite Installer recognizing the work we do. We are also very proud to be a part of the National Association of Wastewater Technicians (NAWT) as their representative on Long Island.

Again, LILWA led the way responding to the new requirements for continuing education for the Suffolk County Liquid Waste License renewal and adapting their certification program to provide 8 credit hours of training for the industry. Through Covid-19 our organization again adapted to the classes being held online in the virtual Zoom platform.

The journey has been exciting, challenging at times, but nothing we cannot handle. The afore mentioned is just a sampling of our resume, which just keeps growing as the years go by. Be sure to be a member for the 50th anniversary year of the Long Island Liquid Waste Association! Lets honor the founding fathers of this great organization by constantly moving forward and improving this industry.



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Applicant's Signature

Date

All applications and applicants are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Applicants will be notified of the Board's decision immediately after the Board has met within the month of application submission. This agreement shall not be cancelled unless written notice is sent to the Association office by Registered or Certified Mail.

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LILWA ONLINE Certification Training Seminar

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Our certification program will be available soon as an online – on demand webinar consisting of approximately 7 hours of video and an open book online exam to be completed on your own time, on your own schedule. You will no longer have to wait for the next scheduled class. The program and test, once completed, will still earn each registrant 8 Training Credit Hours (TCH) to be used towards Suffolk County Department of Consumer Affairs Liquid Waste license applications or renewals.

The LILWA Certification program has been approved by Suffolk County to fulfull the qualification of endorsements 1,2,3,4,5,6,7, and 9 and has been designed to educate those applying or renewing their license.

Study guides and registration forms will be available online at

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New Text Communications Platform to Replace Phone Chain



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> The text notification service will be used to advise member companies of upcoming meetings, important messages and for DOT enforcement notices. We are currently testing the application and we are excited to roll this out in the coming weeks. Please look out for the upcoming announcement email.

Suffolk County Announces New SHIP Reporting Requirements

On January 24th, 2023 Suffolk County held an information webinar to the industry for the "<u>Updated Report-ing Requirements for Replacing Sanitary Systems</u>". The presentation was held via Zoom and reiterated the requirement set forth in Article 6 of the Suffolk County Sanitary Code Section 760-605 which requires all replacements or retrofits of existing onsite sewage disposal systems to be registered with the Suffolk County Department of Health Services in accordance with the "Standards and Procedures for the Replacement and Retrofits of Existing Sewage Disposal Systems for Single-Family Residences and other than Single-Family Residences".

During the presentation it was announced that the Septic Haulers Information Portal "SHIP" location has been moved to a new URL. The updated SHIP portal can be accessed at https://aca-prod.accela.com/SUFFOLKCO.

In order to use the new SHIP Portal you must create a user account and link that account to your Suffolk County Department of Consumer Affairs Liquid Waste License Number prior to entering any project information. The link to register for the account is locate at the following URL: https://aca-prod.accela.com/SUFFOLKCO/Welcome.aspx

Slides of the January 24th presentation can be viewed at

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Judge Coleman Memorial Scholarship 2023

Just a reminder...

LILWA is still collecting donations for this year's Memorial Scholarship awards.

At least one scholarship will be offered in the amount of \$1,500. Additional scholarships are awarded based on donations and the number of applications received. Again last year, your generosity allowed us to not only meet but exceed our original goal through this fund-raising drive which began in January and runs through the end of April.

In addition, we are also accepting applications from students applying for a scholarship. Applications and information are available on the LILWA website: <u>www.lilwa.org</u>. This LILWA opportunity is available to all LILWA members & their families, their employees and their employee's families. Each year the



Judge Coleman Memorial Scholarship is awarded at the Board of Directors meeting in June.

For those who have already generously donated thank you for your contribution. To those who would like to donate and support this memorial program, please fill in the information below. LILWA will acknowledge all contributors in the Summer newsletter.

To date the scholarship program has awarded \$24,000.00 distributed among 16 recipients.

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2023 Judge Coleman Memorial Scholarship Fund Application

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