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## **Press Release**

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## Press Release

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### The East Orange Water Commission Celebrates 100 Years of Service

East Orange, NJ – The East Orange Water Commission is celebrating 100 years of service. The East Orange Water Commission operated as the East Orange Water Department from 1903 to 1909. Through a referendum by a majority vote of the citizens of the City of East Orange, the East Orange Water Commission was created in 1909.

During the early 1900s, the city consisted of approximately 20,000 people, who needed potable water on a daily basis. It took 5 million gallons of water per day to supply a population of 20,000 on an unmetered system. By 1920, the Water Commission metered every service in the city, including domestic, commercial, fire and sprinkler systems. As a result, the commission has been able to serve the growing community with less water – from 90 gallons per person per day to 63 gallons per person per day. Today, the commission serves over 80,000 residents in East Orange and South Orange Village and it takes on average 11 million gallons of water per day (mgd) to satisfy the needs of the citizens.

In honor of this momentous occasion, the Water Commission is hosting a celebration on Saturday, April 10, 2010. For more information about attending this function, please contact Customer Service at (973) 266-8869.

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