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Oyster Bay Water District

A NEWSLETTER CONCERNING OUR WATER SUPPLY

SPRING 2004

OPENED FOR BUSINESS **DISTRICT OFFICE RENOVATIONS COMPLETED**

The Board of Commissioners is proud to announce that the Administration Building renovations project has recently been completed and the new office is open for business. The office, located at 45 Audrey Avenue in Oyster Bay, was originally constructed in 1966. The recent renovations include the addition of a second story and redesign of the first floor.

The new facility was designed to allow the office space to be in compliance with the Americans Disability Act (ADA), providing for full handicap accessibility. This includes an elevator to the second floor, handicap access ramps and handicap accessible bathrooms.

The Administration Building now includes a second floor meeting room to be used to hold the weekly Board of Commissioner's meetings, as well as future Public Hearings for Water District business. "As the Water District continues to grow, so must our office facilities to meet the needs of our residents", stated Commissioner Bladykas.

"We are also proud to announce that the entire project was financed from existing District funds, without having to raise the water use rates or tax rates", stated Commissioner McEvoy.

The Board of Commissioners would like to thank the Oyster Bay Fire Company for providing their building adjacent to the fire house to the Water District, as a temporary Administration Building during the construction. This allowed the construction to be completed over a shorter period and permitted the operations of the District office to continue without interruption.



Completed Renovations of District Office



Board of Commissioners and Supt. Dahlem at new Well No. 2-2

New Well To Go On-Line

The long process of constructing a new public supply well has just about to come to an end. The new supply well, No. 2-2, located at our Shutter Lane plant site has been completed and is ready to supply the residents of the District with up to 2 million gallons of water per day.

Back in 1998, the Board of Commissioners determined that an additional supply well was necessary to meet the increasing water demands of the community. After receiving the numerous approvals from the State, County, Town and Village, construction started in 2002.

The well and pump station is about to receive its final approval to operate from the Nassau County Department of Health and will be ready to provide high quality water to the community.

Supt. Karl Dahlem stated, "This new well will provide us the additional capacity we need to meet the significant demand for water we see on hot Summer days."

This new well brings the total number of District wells to five (5). Well No. 2-2 is drilled to a depth of 350 feet, and will withdraw water from the Magothy Aquifer. The water quality of the well is excellent. This well will have a useful life of over 50 years.



New Well House No. 2-2 – Shutter Lane

Taking Security Seriously

Since September 11, 2001, the Oyster Bay Water District has taken security and the safety of our water supply facilities very seriously.

The District has conducted a Vulnerability Analysis and reviewed all of its facilities and procedures from a security point of view. The District has made several improvements to further protect our water supply. The District has also revised and updated its Emergency Response Plan. The residents of our District should be assured that our staff will take all precautions to ensure that our water remains safe to drink.

Should you see any suspicious persons or activities at our Water District facilities, please contact the Police and our office at (516) 922-4848 immediately.

Backflow Prevention Device Testing

The District would like to remind all customers that all backflow prevention devices are required to be tested annually to ensure that they are operating properly. The New York State Health Department requires that the testing forms be submitted to the Water District Office once completed. Should you have any questions concerning the testing, please contact the District Office.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note that the Oyster Bay Water District routinely schedules its meetings every Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. at the Water District office located at 45 Audrey Avenue. All residents of the District are welcome to attend the meeting. Any changes in this Thursday meeting date will be published in the Oyster Bay Guardian.

In Memoriam – Ernest “Buck” Dawson

In February 2004, Ernest “Buck” Dawson died at the age of 88. Buck held the office of Commissioner of the Oyster Bay Water District for 29 years. He helped build the District from a small water supplier to its current system providing water to over 8,700 people.

Buck was very active in several water industry associations including the Long Island Water Conference and the American Water Works Association, as well as the Oyster Bay Fire Department.

Buck will be missed by the Oyster Bay Water District as well as the entire Oyster Bay community.

Distribution System Flushing Scheduled For This Fall

As part of our routine preventive maintenance program, the District has tentatively scheduled the flushing of the distribution system water mains during the month of October this Fall. This system-wide flushing will occur during the night (11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.) in order to minimize impact on the residents of Oyster Bay. The hydrant flushing procedures will remove any rust or other material that may buildup in the mains. During the flushing period the District will be adding small quantities of chlorine to our water as a precaution to prevent any bacteria growth.

Water Quality Report

Enclosed with this newsletter is the Oyster Bay Water District’s Annual Water Supply Report for 2003. This report presents the facts about the quality of our water supply and summarizes the water quality sampling test results taken throughout 2003. The District is proud to report that our water meets or exceeds all Federal and State drinking water standards. Should you have any questions concerning this report, please contact the Water District at (516) 922-4848.

MANDATORY SPRINKLING RESTRICTIONS STILL CONTINUE!

The sprinkling restrictions that were in effect last year will still apply this year, as follows:

- All water sprinkling for lawns, gardens and shrubbery is PROHIBITED between 10 AM and 4 PM.
- Even-numbered addresses are allowed to water on even-numbered days during prescribed hours.
- Odd-numbered addresses are allow to water on odd-numbered days during prescribed hours.
- Nassau County ordinances provide for a \$50 civil penalty against first-time violators, with increased fines for repeat offenders.

Please cooperate with our **WATER CONSERVATION EFFORT!**

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