



Oyster Bay Water District Water News

A Newsletter Concerning Our Water Supply

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WATER - NOT TO BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED

It is pretty amazing when you think about it. In every home in Oyster Bay, you can turn on the faucet and have as much safe and healthy water as you want, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. When was the last time you remember not having water available in your home?

Being such a reliable water supply takes extreme care and significant effort on the part of the staff of the Oyster Bay Water District. The District employs a staff of professional, State certified, water treatment plant operators whom are on call 24/7. The water is continuously tested to ensure the highest water quality and compliance with all Federal and State drinking water regulations. The District also utilizes state-of-the-art water treatment systems to improve the water quality before it is pumped to our residents.

The public should also realize that our water is not just utilized for drinking, cooking, washing and flushing toilets. Less than 20 percent of the water we pump is used for these purposes.

In 2010, the Oyster Bay Water District pumped a record amount of water at 465 million gallons. On a hot summer day, we estimate 80% of the water is used for irrigation of our lawns! We also maintain large quantities of water in our storage tanks for fire protection. Fire protection water supply is a very important aspect of maintaining a public water supply.

At a time when gasoline has exceeded \$4.00 per gallon and our electrical rates on Long Island are one of the highest in the nation, we are still able to deliver water to our residents at a cost of approximately \$1.25 per 1,000 gallons. That's about 8 gallons of water for one penny!

WATER - IT STILL IS THE BEST BARGIN IN TOWN!
SO LETS NOT TAKE IT FOR GRANTED!



MAINTAINING OUR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE



Existing Well No. 6-1 To Be Rehabilitated

The Oyster Bay Water District maintains over \$20 million of infrastructure including supply wells, treatment systems, water storage tanks and water distribution systems. Every year the District evaluates the condition of these assets and schedules preventive maintenance and rehabilitation to maintain the equipment and structures in top operating conditions and extend the useful life of each asset.

Over the past year, the District completed the repainting of the Berry Hill Road water

storage tank at a cost of approximately \$900,000. The District also completed the construction of the granular activated carbon wellhead treatment system at Plant No. 2 on Shutter Lane.

This year the District is in the process of replacing the well pump, electric motor, valves and flow meter for Well No. 6-1 on Berry Hill Road. The existing pump has been in service for over 22 years and is in need of replacement to keep it operating at top efficiency. The project should be completed this fall at a cost of approximately \$150,000.



Recently Repainted Berry Hill Road Elevated Tank at Plant No. 8

NEW COMMISSIONER ELECTED

On December 14, 2010, the residents of the Oyster Bay Water District elected Donald MacKenzie to the position of Water Commissioner for a three year term. Mr. MacKenzie brings to the Oyster Bay Water District over 15 years of experience as an attorney in private practice. His knowledge and understanding of municipal law will assist the Board of Commissioners in overseeing the administration and operations of the Water District.

Commissioner MacKenzie has been a life-long resident of Oyster Bay and currently lives in Oyster Bay with his wife, Doreen, and their two children.



Commissioner Donald MacKenzie

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 Enterprise Pilot and on the Water District's Website.

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Please log on and register your email address so we may add you to our database. The district will use this database to notify our residents of the important events and District information. You can also register to be part of our emergency contact program - Swift Reach.



COMMISSIONER FRANCIS BLADYKAS RETIRES AFTER 24 YEARS

After 24 years of service to the Oyster Bay Water District, Francis Bladykas retired from his position as Water Commissioner. Mr.



Retired Commissioner Francis Bladykas

Bladykas was first elected Water Commissioner back in 1986 and was re-elected seven times. During his term as Commissioner, the District upgraded its water supply facilities, extended public water into areas with inoperable private wells and areas without fire hydrant protection. Mr. Bladykas was instrumental

in assisting the District on improving water treatment at all of our supply wells.

Mr. Bladykas, a native of Oyster Bay, is a professional engineer with 35 years of experience in public works, with seven of those years as the head of Nassau County Water Supply Unit. Mr. Bladykas was also an involved member of the American Water Works Association, the Long Island Water Conference and the Nassau-Suffolk Water Commissioners Association.

The District would like to publically thank Mr. Bladykas for his 24 years of service to the Oyster Bay Water District.

WATER DISTRICT FACTS

DID YOU KNOW...

- The Oyster Bay Water District does not fluoridate the water!
- The average Oyster Bay Water District resident used an average of 144 gallons per day of water last year!
- That approximately 80% of the water pumped on a hot summer day is used for sprinkling our lawns!
- The Oyster Bay Water District conducts over 10,000 water quality tests per year!
- The Oyster Bay Water District maintains over 42 miles of water main!

EXCELLENT WATER QUALITY

The Board of Commissioners of the Oyster Bay Water District is once again proud to announce that the water quality being provided to our residents exceeds all Federal, State and Local Health Department drinking water standards. The enclosed 2010 Annual Water Supply Statement/Consumer Confidence Report has been prepared to summarize the water quality of our water last year. As shown in the report, our water met all water quality standards and we did not have any water quality violations.

The District continuously tests the water quality from all of our supply wells and from our distribution system. We have the water tested by an independent New York State approved testing laboratory that conducts over 10,000 tests annually, checking for over 180 different parameters. These parameters include heavy metals, inorganic compounds, volatile organic compounds, herbicides, pesticides, as well as bacteriological tests.

The Oyster Bay Water District takes pride in providing a safe and reliable source of water to our local residents. Should you have any questions concerning the quality of our drinking water, please contact our office at 516-922-4848.

I want to be here for you.

If only our water infrastructure could talk to us. The corner hydrant might remind us that only tap water protects us against the threat of fire, and that the pipes below our streets need constant attention to keep life-saving water flowing at the right pressure, 24/7, without fail.

We are all stewards of the water infrastructure generations before handed down to us, and our water bills keep that system strong and reliable. For more information about what your tap water delivers, visit www.oysterbaywaterdistrict.org



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NASSAU COUNTY 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 allowed 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!**

Water Quality Report Enclosed

Enclosed with this newsletter is the Oyster Bay Water District's Annual Water Supply Report for 2010. This report presents the facts about the quality of our water supply and summarizes the water quality sampling test results taken throughout 2010. 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.

