



Oyster Bay Water District Water News

A Newsletter Concerning Our Water Supply

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PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION TO OUR COMMUNITY

Everyone knows that the Water District provides water to our homes and commercial establishments for drinking water, irrigation of our lawns and our normal everyday water needs. However, most people forget one of the other important reasons for a public water system - **Fire Protection**. The Oyster Bay Water District maintains over 400 fire hydrants throughout the community. Our water supply system of wells and storage tanks are designed to provide a large quantity of water to meet a fire fighting water demand that could occur at any moment. The District routinely tests and services the hydrants to ensure they are in proper operating condition at all times. The District conducts a hydrant flushing program that both cleans out sediment from our water mains but also tests the hydrants. The District replaces hydrants as necessary to ensure every hydrant can operate in an emergency. The good news is that there is most likely a fire hydrant within 750 feet of your home.

District personnel do their best to keep all hydrants clear from snow and debris. Residents are advised not to block hydrants with snow. Vehicles should never block hydrants. If you have a hydrant near your property, the District requests that you please keep all fire hydrants clear of snow, debris and parked cars. This will minimize the time necessary for firefighters to run hoses from the hydrant to the fire, when time is critical. Time saved in responding to a fire can save a life!

I want to be here for you.



If only your 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.



Only Tap Water Delivers

BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROTECTS WATER QUALITY

Backflow is a term used to describe the hazardous reversal of water flow within a water system that could allow contamination to enter the distribution system. A backflow condition may occur when a very low or negative water pressure occurs due to a water main break, or significant change in pressure. When this infrequent event happens, water in your home or water in a commercial plumbing system may be siphoned backwards into the street water main. This siphoned water may be contaminated which in turn will contaminate the rest of the distribution system water.

Backflow prevention devices, when properly installed and maintained, will eliminate this backflow condition.

The Oyster Bay Water District is required by the New York State Department of Health to maintain a Backflow Prevention Program. As part of the program, any commercial establishment and any home with an underground irrigation system must have a backflow device on its water service.

Each backflow device must be inspected and tested annually by a certified backflow tester and the paperwork must be presented to the Water District for its records. If you do not have your device inspected and tested, the Water District will conduct the inspection and test themselves and the owner will be charged a fee of \$150.

Should you have any questions concerning the Water District's Backflow Prevention Program, please contact the District's office.

SWIFT911 - EMERGENCY

NOTIFICATION SERVICES

If you haven't already, we urge you to sign up for the Oyster Bay Water District Emergency Notification System. The Swift911 Emergency Notification System automatically calls you with a pre-recorded message in the event of a water emergency. The system database is populated with all listed phone numbers within the District. However, should your phone number be unlisted, your number is not automatically in our system. In addition, you may want to add your cell phone number to our system so that we can notify you by Text Message or Email.

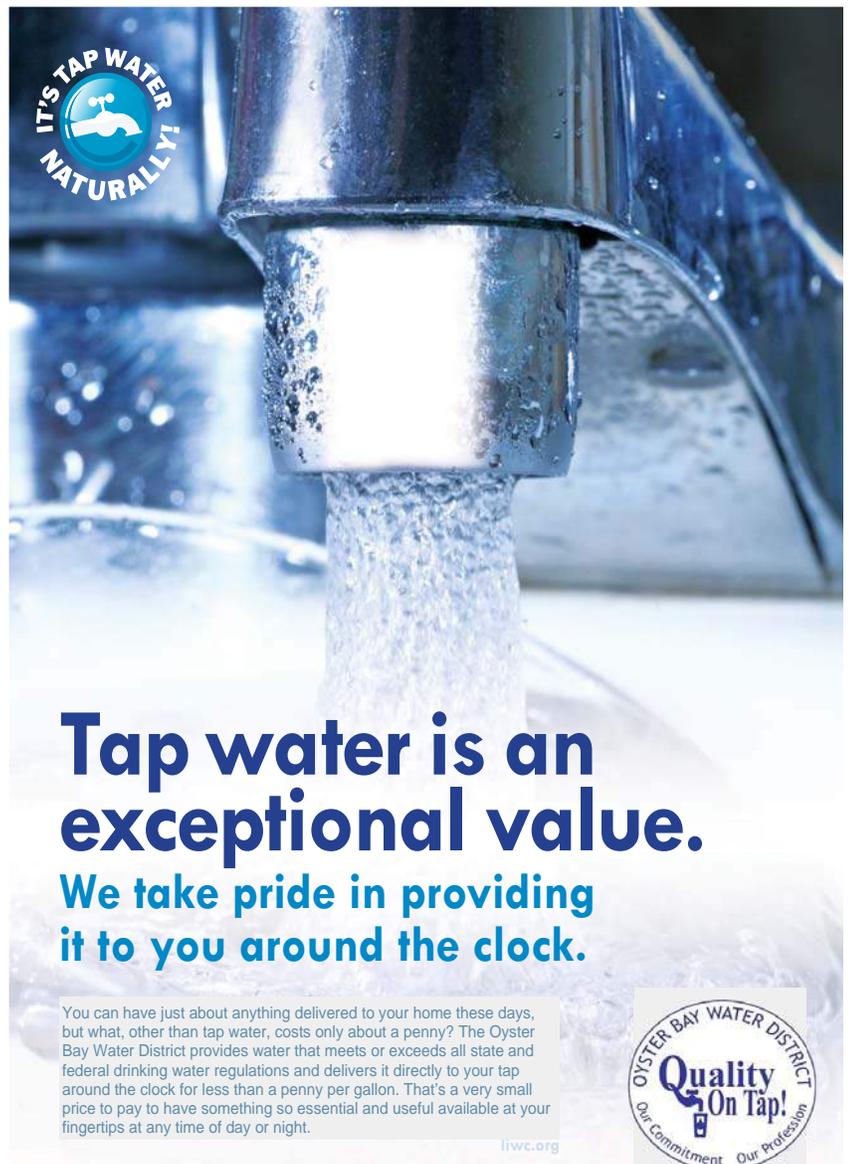
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www.oysterbaywaterdistrict.org

Please log on and register your email address so we may add you to our database.

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 weekly Thursday meeting date will be published in the Enterprise Pilot and on the Water District's Website.



Tap water is an exceptional value.
We take pride in providing it to you around the clock.

You can have just about anything delivered to your home these days, but what, other than tap water, costs only about a penny? The Oyster Bay Water District provides water that meets or exceeds all state and federal drinking water regulations and delivers it directly to your tap around the clock for less than a penny per gallon. That's a very small price to pay to have something so essential and useful available at your fingertips at any time of day or night.

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WATER STORAGE TANK REHABILITATION TO START

The Oyster Bay Water District maintains over \$25 million of infrastructure including five (5) water storage tanks to assist in maintaining water pressure and providing sufficient fire flow capacity in case of an emergency. Every year, the District evaluates the condition of the infrastructure to determine when scheduled preventive maintenance will be needed. One of our water storage tanks is a 500,000 gallons elevated tank located on Mill River Road. This steel tank was originally constructed in the 1950's. The existing coating/paint has recently reached the end of its useful life and small amounts of corrosion were observed. The tank is in need of rehabilitation and repainting.



Mill River Road Road Elevated Water Storage Tank

The project was recently publicly bid and the Board of Commissioners will be awarding the construction contract shortly. The work is scheduled to start in mid-September and will be complete in the spring of 2016.

The work will include both interior and exterior blasting and repainting, full containment system to prevent any particular materials from leaving the site, as well as miscellaneous repairs to ladders, handrails and safety devices.

The new coating systems will protect the structural steel of the tank from corrosion for approximately 15 to 20 years. If properly maintained, this tank could remain in service for the Oyster Bay Water District for another 30 to 45 years. The project is estimated to cost \$2,129,000 and will be financed by the issuance of long-term bonds issued through the Town of Oyster Bay.

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 2014 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 or exceeded 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 5,000 tests annually, checking for over 180 different parameters”, stated Commissioner Richard Niznik. 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.



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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 2014. This report presents the facts about the quality of our water supply and summarizes the water quality sampling test results taken throughout 2014. 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. A copy of this report is also available at the District website, www.oysterbaywaterdistrict.org.

