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A Newsletter Concerning Our Water Supply

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CONTINUING TO PROVIDE EXCELLENT WATER QUALITY

With the recent water crisis in Flint, Michigan, you may be wondering - How is our water quality in Oyster Bay? 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 2015 Annual Water Supply Statement/Consumer Confidence Report has been prepared to summarize the water quality of our water over the last year. As shown in the report, our water meets or exceeds 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 Robert McEvoy. These parameters include heavy metals, inorganic compounds, volatile organic compounds, herbicides, pesticides, as well as bacteriological tests.

In addition, the District conducts a special lead testing program to ensure we do not have lead from piping and plumbing fixtures leaching into our drinking water. The Water District has also been providing corrosion control treatment to our water for over 30 years. And we do not use lead service line pipes like those used in older cities.

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'm more than just another tall drink of water.

If only our tap water could talk to us. It might remind us that tap water is more than just a healthy, refreshing drink. It also fights fires, supports our economy and provides us with the high quality of life we enjoy.

Our water bills pay to keep our community tap water safe, reliable and there for us — 24/7 without fail. For more information about what your tap water delivers, visit www.oysterbaywaterdistrict.org

Only Tap Water Delivers



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WATER STORAGE TANK REHABILITATION WORK COMPLETED MILL RIVER ROAD TANK COMPLETED ON-TIME AND BELOW BUDGET

The Oyster Bay Water District maintains over \$30 million of water infrastructure, including five (5) water storage tanks to assist in maintaining water pressure and providing sufficient fire flow capacity in case of a fire emergency. Early last year the District conducted an evaluation that determined the 500,000 gallon elevated water storage tank located on Mill River Road needed to be rehabilitated. The steel tank was originally constructed in the 1950's. The existing interior and exterior coating systems had reached the end of their useful lives and some amounts of corrosion were starting to occur. The Board of Commissioners decided to schedule the tank for rehabilitation.

The project was publicly bid last spring and construction work started in mid-summer 2015. The contractor's work included both interior and exterior blasting to remove the old coating system and the repainting. The work also included replacement of ladders, handrails and safety climbing devices. All work was completed in April 2016 with the tank being placed back into service, approximately one month ahead of schedule.

The total cost of rehabilitating the tank was approximately \$1.8 million, which was slightly below the original budget.

The new coating system will protect the structural steel of the tank from corrosion for approximately 15 to 20 years. If properly maintained, this tank can remain in service for another 40 years when it will celebrate it's 100th year anniversary.



Before Rehabilitation



During Construction



Completed Project

COST OF WATER

Recent studies have shown that the electric costs for the typical Long Island water supplier is approximately 20 percent of its operating budget. The same study also determined that the cost of electricity on Long Island is one of the highest unit costs in the nation, averaging approximately 21 cents per kilowatt/hour. It is the second highest energy cost in the nation, only behind the State of Hawaii. This

energy cost is three times the cost of electric in States such as North Dakota and Idaho. Even with this extreme energy cost and high energy use, the Oyster Bay Water District is able to provide water to its residents at a cost of approximately \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons. This cost is still less than the average cost of water in the nation.



We pay over \$2.00 for a gallon of gasoline, over \$3.00 for a gallon of milk and \$2.50 for a gallon of bottled water. The Oyster Bay Water District sells it's water at a cost of **1¢ for 10 gallons**. And that is delivered to your home. Not a bad deal!

So the next time you are shopping and you look to pick up that case of bottled water, think twice. Why not just take it from the tap? Save money and save the environment as well.



COMMISSIONER RICHARD NIZNIK RE-ELECTED



Commissioner Richard Niznik

On December 8, 2015, the residents of the Oyster Bay Water District re-elected Richard P. Niznik to the position of Water Commissioner for a three-year term.

This will be Commissioner Niznik's fourth term representing the Oyster Bay Water District. As a life-long resident of Oyster Bay and with his over 40 years

experience working for the Nassau County Department of Public Works, his knowledge of infrastructure maintenance assists the Board of Commissioners in overseeing the administration and operations of the Water District.

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.

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.

COME VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.oysterbaywaterdistrict.org

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

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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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 2015. This report presents the facts about the quality of our water supply and summarizes the water quality sampling test results taken throughout 2015. 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.

