



Oyster Bay Water District Water News

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DISTRICT CONSTRUCTING NEW TREATMENT SYSTEM!

The Board of Commissioners of the Oyster Bay Water District is proud to announce that the District is proceeding with the construction of a wellhead treatment system at Plant No. 2 on Shutter Lane in Oyster Bay Cove. The treatment system will consist of granular activated carbon (GAC) vessels that will remove the low levels of volatile organic compounds that were recently detected in the two (2) supply wells located at this site.

Commissioner Robert McEvoy, stated that, "the system will be a state-of-the-art water treatment system that will remove all of the trace level organic compounds." The system is being installed before the organic compound levels reach a level where the wells could no longer be utilized. The system should be installed this summer to allow the wells to continue to be utilized to meet the high water demand of the community. The building to house the treatment system will be constructed later this fall and be completed by the end of the year.

The Board of Commissioners and the District have worked very closely with the Village



of Oyster Bay Cove and the Shutter Lane Homeowners Association to incorporate their input to the final design of the building location and architectural design.

"The District is proud to provide the highest quality water to our residents", stated Commissioner McEvoy. "The new treatment system will allow us to continue to provide high quality water that meets or exceeds all New York State and Federal drinking water standards." A copy of our Annual Water Quality Report is attached with this District Newsletter.



Typical Granular Activated Carbon Treatment System to be installed within Treatment Building

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULED



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 condition and extend the useful life of each asset. This year the District has determined that the 250,000 gallon elevated water storage tank on Berry Hill Road is in need of repainting.

repainting procedure will include a sand blasting process for the removal of the old paint prior to the application of a three (3) coat epoxy coating system.

During the blasting and painting process, the contractor will be required to install a containment system that will “tent” the entire tank to prevent blast material and/or paint from blowing off the site and affecting the surrounding properties.



The tank was originally constructed in 1994 to maintain water pressure and provide sufficient fire flow protection to our residents. The original interior and exterior coating systems (paint) are nearing the end of their useful life. The District is planning on repainting this tank in the fall of 2009 and early 2010. The



The cost of recoating the tank is estimated at \$850,000. Once completed the tank will not need to be repainted from another 15 to 20 years. If properly maintained, this tank should continue to remain in service for over 100 years!

SAFETY TRAINING CONTINUES TO PAY OFF!

For the third year in a row, the Oyster Bay Water District received a rebate check in the amount of approximately \$1,500 that represents a 30 percent reduction in their Workmen’s Compensation insurance premiums by maintaining an excellent employee safety record. This excellent safety record can be attributed to the District employee safety training program that includes in-house training seminars and formalized safety procedures.

to produce real cost savings. In 2008, the District continued to participate in an energy curtailment program where we utilize our on-site emergency generator during Long Island’s peak energy usage days. The District received approximately \$10,246 for participation in the program during 2008. These cost saving measures will continue to allow the District to provide high quality water at reasonable costs.

The District is also continuing to participate in cooperative programs with other municipal entities and Water Districts

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.

COME VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.oysterbaywaterdistrict.org

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.



COST OF WATER – BEST BUY IN TOWN!

Do you want to save significant money during these tough financial times? The Board of Commissioners has a suggestion for you.



A 16 oz. bottle of water at the local store - \$1.50; a 16 oz. bottle of water at the local supermarket - \$1.00; a 16 oz. bottle of water from a warehouse store (by the case) - 30¢; a 16 oz. glass of water from your tap – less than 1/10 of 1¢ !!! Yes – you could refill your 16 oz. bottle 12,000 times, or 8 times a day everyday for 5 years for the same cost as one bottle from the local store. So refill that bottle with Oyster Bay Water District tap water and you could save over \$500 per year if you purchase a bottle of water a day at your local store.



DISTRICT FIRE HYDRANTS READY FOR AN EMERGENCY

The Oyster Bay Water District maintains and operates over 400 fire hydrants throughout the community. These hydrants are routinely tested to ensure they are available to provide water for fire fighting during an emergency.

You may have heard about an incident within another community on Long Island in which a private fire hydrant did not operate properly during a fire. Private fire hydrants are not owned and maintained by the Oyster Bay Water District. There are only four (4) private fire hydrants located in the Oyster Bay Water District service area. The District has notified the owners of these private fire hydrants and we have informed them of their responsibility to test the hydrant annually to ensure that the hydrant works properly.

SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The Board of Commissioners strongly suggests that all residents sign up for the District Emergency Notification System – SwiftReach 911 Program by visiting the District website at www.oysterbaywaterdistrict.org. The District will be utilizing this emergency communication system should the District need to notify all residents quickly. If you have a listed phone number, you do not have to submit your contact information into the system. However, if you have an unlisted number or wish to add your cellular phone number to the system, please take the time to visit our website.

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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 2008. This report presents the facts about the quality of our water supply and summarizes the water quality sampling test results taken throughout 2008. 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.

