



# Oyster Bay Water District Water News

A Newsletter Concerning Our Water Supply

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## OYSTER BAY WATER DISTRICT WEATHERING THE STORM

Superstorm Sandy had a devastating affect on Long Island in the fall of 2012, including the Oyster Bay area. The storm disrupted our daily lives and had a significant impact on the operation of our businesses, our families and our local utilities, including the Oyster Bay Water District. However, the Board of Commissioners is proud to state that the Water District was able to continuously provide a safe and reliable supply of water during and after the storm. The residents of the District never lost water supply due to the storm, mostly because of the pre-planning and exceptional efforts of the Water District staff.

Like many of the Oyster Bay residents, all of the Water District water supply facilities were without electrical service and telephone communications for a full week. However, our facilities are equipped with emergency generators or engines that provide standby power to supply wells and treatment systems when LIPA electrical service is not available. The District maintains one portable emergency generator that is mounted on a trailer so it can be moved to any Water District facility needing emergency power. The District was able to maintain a water supply to meet

the needs of the community through this difficult clean-up period after the storm.

Our District was fully prepared for this event and took all the necessary actions to ensure our water supply would continue to be provided. Several days before Sandy hit Long Island, our Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan went into effect. Our operational staff inspected all pumping facilities, stocked up on fuel and chemicals and established a schedule to man the facilities during the storm. Many of our staff left their families during the storm to operate the water system during this emergency event.

“Our complete water supply and distribution system has been designed and constructed with redundant features to ensure the District will always be able to provide drinking water and water for fire protection to the Oyster Bay community, even during emergencies”, stated Commissioner Richard Niznik.

The Board of Commissioners would like to thank the District staff for their exceptional efforts during the storm to allow the District to provide water service to the community.



Portable Generator-On-Wheels In Use During Storm

## CONTINUED IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

Just like the need of making repairs to our homes, the facilities of the Oyster Bay Water District periodically need to be repaired and rehabilitated to ensure that our equipment remains in top operating condition.

“Every year the District conducts an evaluation of the condition of its infrastructure and schedules preventive maintenance and rehabilitation projects in order to maintain all equipment in top operating condition and to maximize the useful life of each asset”, stated Commissioner McEvoy.

Over the past year, the District installed a new generator at the Administration Building and is currently in the construction phase of rehabilitating Well and Pump No. 6-2 located on Berry Hill Road. The work includes replacing the 30 year old pump and motor, as well as rebuilding several valves and flow meters. The new equipment will include the installation of a high efficiency 125 horsepower motor and high efficiency pump. This will enable the District to reduce electrical costs.

The District is also planning on rehabilitating and repainting our 500,000 gallon elevated water storage tank at Mill River Road. This work is expected to start in the fall of this year and be completed in the spring of 2014.



Administration Building - New Emergency Generator

### 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.

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[www.oysterbaywaterdistrict.org](http://www.oysterbaywaterdistrict.org)

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

# COST OF WATER – BEST BUY IN TOWN!

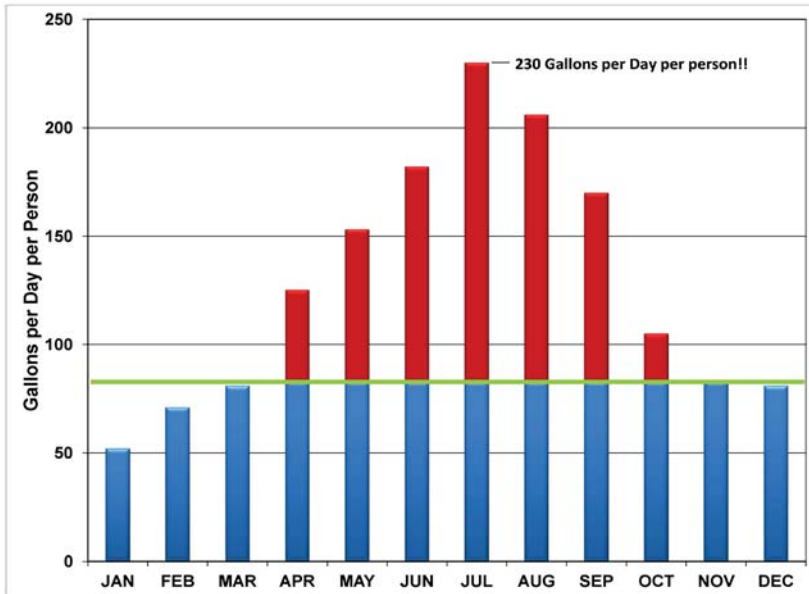
Do you want to save significant money during these tough financial times? The Board of Commissioners has a suggestion for you.



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 fill a 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.



## OYSTER BAY WATER DISTRICT 2012 PER PERSON WATER USE



# 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](http://www.oysterbaywaterdistrict.org)



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## 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 2012 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 Donald MacKenzie. 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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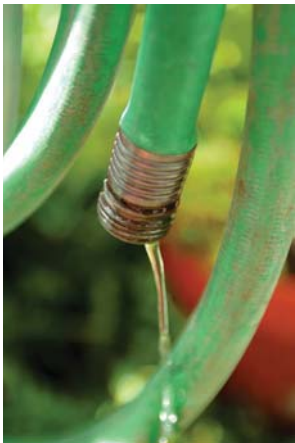


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## NASSAU COUNTY SPRINKLING RESTRICTIONS STILL CONTINUE!



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 2012. This report presents the facts about the quality of our water supply and summarizes the water quality sampling test results taken throughout 2012. 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](http://www.oysterbaywaterdistrict.org).

