



# Oyster Bay Water District Water News

A Newsletter Concerning Our Water Supply

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## REINVESTING IN OUR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

There have been several reports issued recently that discussed the aging of our nation's water infrastructure and the dire need to quickly start replacing our water systems. The good news is that the Oyster Bay Water District has been re-investing in our water infrastructure for many years.

"The District continuously evaluates the condition of its infrastructure and schedules preventive maintenance and rehabilitation to maintain all equipment and structures in top operating condition and to maximize the useful life of each asset", stated Commissioner Robert McEvoy.

The District has completed the rehabilitation of Well No. 6-2 located on Berry Hill Road. The work included the replacement of the 33 year old well pump and motor, as well as rebuilding of old valves and flow meters. The new equipment includes the installation of a high efficiency 125 HP electric motor and a high efficiency pump. This will enable the District to deliver water to our residents at a reduced cost.

The District is also scheduled to replace the granular activated carbon media at the Shutter Lane water treatment plant. This work should be completed by this spring and will allow the District to continue to provide the highest quality of water possible.



Commissioners Robert J. McEvoy, Richard P. Niznik and Michael F. Rich, III at new rehabilitated Well No. 6-2 on Berry Hill Road

## NEW COMMISSIONER ELECTED

On December 10, 2013, the residents of the Oyster Bay Water District elected Michael F. Rich, III to the position of Water Commissioner for a three year term.

Mr. Rich brings to the Oyster Bay Water District over 13 years of experience as a Bay Constable with the Town of Oyster Bay and currently holds the position of Sergeant of the Bay Constables. He is a graduate of SUNY at Old Westbury and belongs to several professional organizations, including Fraternal Order of Police, NYS Harbor Master Association and the American Littoral Society. His knowledge and understanding of water resources and NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation Regulations will assist the Board of Commissioners in overseeing the administration and operations of the Water District.

Commissioner Rich is a fourth generation Oyster Bay resident who currently lives in Oyster Bay with his wife and son.



Commissioner Michael F. Rich, III being sworn in by Nassau County Legislator 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 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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Please log on and register your email address so we may add you to our database.

 A close-up photograph of a chrome water tap with water flowing out. The water is clear and bubbling. In the top left corner of the image, there is a circular logo that says "IT'S TAP WATER NATURALLY!".
 

## 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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 A circular logo for the Oyster Bay Water District. The outer ring contains the text "OYSTER BAY WATER DISTRICT" at the top and "Our Commitment Our Profession" at the bottom. In the center, it says "Quality On Tap!" with a small graphic of a water tap.



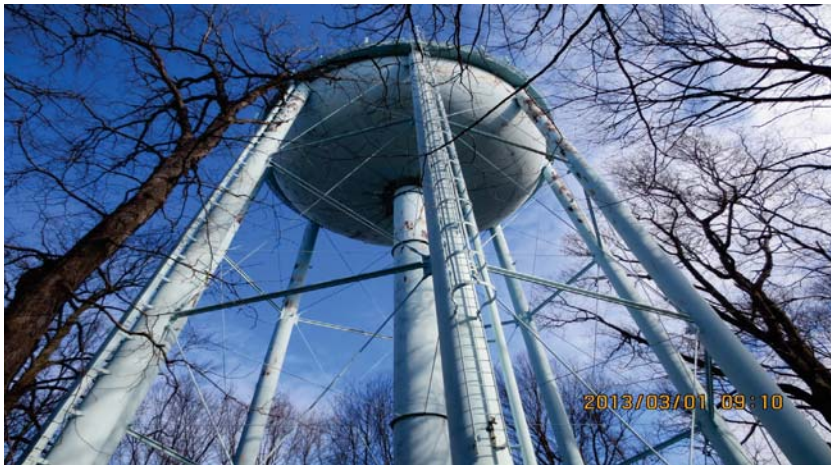
## WATER STORAGE TANK REHABILITATION TO START

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 original coating/paint had recently reached the end of its useful life and small amounts of corrosion were observed.

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 2015.

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 coating system should 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.



Mill River Road Road Elevated Water Storage Tank

# 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 2013 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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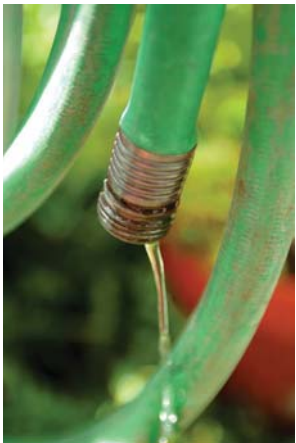


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## NASSAU COUNTY SPRINKLING RESTRICTIONS STILL CONTINUE!



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 2013. This report presents the facts about the quality of our water supply and summarizes the water quality sampling test results taken throughout 2013. 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).

