



Oyster Bay Water District Water News

A Newsletter Concerning Our Water Supply

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WATER CONSERVATION MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

Starting in early spring, the water use patterns in the Oyster Bay Water District take a significant change. And once we hit the hot and dry days of the summer ~ we hit record water use.

On a hot summer day, the District sees a **400% increase** in water use compared to a typical winter day. All this extra water use can be directly related to lawn irrigation systems. The District pumped a total of 371 million gallons of water in 2018. On a hot summer day we reach a maximum peak pumpage rate of 3.1 million gallons a day. That's almost 4 times what we pump on a typical winter day. It also equals **356 gallons per day per person**. That's a lot of water!

"So why are we concerned about this? One reason is we want to make sure we have enough pumping capacity and water available on the peak days to ensure we have sufficient water supply for fire protection", stated Commissioner Michael Rich.

In addition, there is a limited supply of water within our underground aquifer system. If all of Long Island continues to withdraw water from our aquifers at these extreme rates, there is a potential for salt water intrusion to occur. While this is not likely with the Oyster Bay Water District wells, there are other wells on the north shore of Long Island that could be adversely affected.

The New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) in Stony Brook has requested all public water supplier in Nassau and Suffolk Counties continue to improve their water conservation programs with a goal of reducing the peak pumpage quantities from May-September by 15 percent. The Oyster Bay Water District Conservation Plan is to reduce the summer pumpage. Some of the Water Conservation efforts that the District has implemented include updating our increased public education for compliance with Nassau County sprinkling restrictions, conducting a leak detection program and continuing with a meter replacement program.

The District is asking every consumer to assist us in reducing our water use. One simple change like reducing the amount of time your irrigation system runs can have a significant impact. If your sprinkler controller is now set to run each zone at 20 minutes - try reducing it to 17 minutes and follow the ODD/EVEN sprinkling restrictions as discussed on Page 4 of this newsletter. This should have little or no affect on your lawn and it will provide a 15% reduction in water use. **So please help us conserve water and it will save you money at the same time!**



CONTINUING TO PROVIDE 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 2018 Annual Water Supply Statement/Consumer Confidence Report has been prepared to summarize the water quality of our water during last year. As shown within the report, our water met or exceeded all water quality standards and we did not have any violations.

The District continuously tests the water quality from each of our five (5) supply wells and throughout the distribution system. We maintain continuous analyzers that test the water at each well site 24 hours a day for chlorine residual and pH level. Water samples are collected weekly and sent to an independent New York State approved testing laboratory that conducts over 5,000 tests annually, checking for over 200 different parameters. These parameters include heavy metals, inorganic compounds, volatile organic compounds, synthetic organic compounds, herbicides, pesticides and microbiological tests.

The District also has been proactive in testing for emerging contaminants that are yet to be regulated by Federal and State Health Departments. The District will continue to monitor for these emerging contaminants and will stay current on any proposed regulations that may be implemented.

The Oyster Bay Water District takes extreme care in providing a safe and reliable source of water for our local residents and our own families. Should you have any questions concerning the quality of our drinking water, please contact our office at (516) 922-4848.

COMMISSIONER RICH ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NASSAU-SUFFOLK WATER COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION

The Oyster Bay Water District is proud to announce that Commissioner Michael F. Rich, III has been elected President of the Nassau-Suffolk Water Commissioners Association (NSWCA) for 2019. The NSWCA was founded in 1986 to promote environmental excellence, sustainability and to advance the highest standards of water quality, supply and distribution. The Association includes the locally elected Water Commissioners from 21 Water District in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. The NSWCA supports education and training, provides advice, direction and information on industry-wide issues, maintain legislative advocacy, as well as public relations.

BEST TASTING WATER IN NASSAU COUNTY!

We always knew that the water in Oyster Bay was some of the best tasting water around ~ but once again it has been verified. As part of the 2018 Water Week celebration last May, the Long Island Water Conference conducted a week long taste contest on the SUNY at Farmingdale campus. Students, professors and the general public tasted tap water from over 25 public water suppliers across Nassau and Suffolk Counties and Oyster Bay Water District's water was selected as the Best Tasting in Nassau County!

This is the first time Oyster Bay Water District has received this distinction. We are proud of the water delivered to the residents of Oyster Bay. "It far exceeds all water quality standards set by the Federal, State and local Health Departments, plus it tastes great", state Commissioner Robert McEvoy. Let's hope we win again this year.



l-r - Supt. John Walsh, LIWC Chairman Chuck Savinetti, Commissioner Robert McEvoy, Commissioner Richard Niznik and Commissioner Michael Rich, III with the Best Tasting Water Trophy

NEW COMPUTERIZED CONTROL SYSTEM INSTALLED

For the past year, the Oyster Bay Water District has been utilizing the new SCADA (Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition) system to operate the water supply system. This PC based control system allows for both automated and rapid response to changing water system demands and operations. This computerized system uses a broadband VPN service based communications links between the nine (9) Water District remote plant sites. The SCADA system will allow for computerized trending of plant operations which can be utilized to improve the effectiveness and efficiencies of plant operations. The system will also allow remote access to the system controls. "This system should reduce overtime effort and reduced response time to water emergencies", stated Commissioner Richard Niznik. The old control system was originally installed in the 1950's and was no longer serviceable due to inability to obtain replacement parts for outdated control technology.

COMMISSIONER RICHARD NIZNIK RE-ELECTED



Commissioner Richard Niznik

On December 11, 2018, 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.

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.

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

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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.



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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 2018. This report presents the facts about the quality of our water supply and summarizes the water quality sampling test results taken throughout 2018. 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.

