

HICKSVILLE WATER DISTRICT

WATER GRAM

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Water District Plant Upgrades Maintenance Programs Underway

As an important part of the District's ongoing maintenance programs, the plans for repairs and upgrades to Plants 1, 5 and 6 have been under study and we are now ready to take the next steps. "On behalf of the District, we're anxious to launch these projects," commented Warren Uss, Chairman of the Board. "The upgrades to all of our Plants will allow for a continuous flow of quality water for all of our customers." In brief, the following is an update of our progress:

Plant No. 1

The schedule for this project has been advanced. Plans are nearing completion for the design of an ion-exchange system to control nitrates. This project will be publically bid in early July and the project awarded in August. Much of the work for this project can be accomplished without interrupting pumping operations. It is expected that the project will be completed during the early summer of 2012.

This project is ahead of the original schedule.



Plant No. 5

The design plans are complete for a major upgrade of the water treatment plant at Plant 5. The drawings are now undergoing final review. It is expected that the project will be publically bid in June. Contracts will be awarded in July. Construction will commence this summer. The program calls for keeping the plant fully operational during the summer of 2011. It is expected that the project will be complete during the summer of 2012. This project is on schedule.



Plant No. 6

The project was publically bid on April 26th and the bids are currently being evaluated. It is expected that the construction contracts will be awarded during May. Construction will commence in June 2011. This project remains on schedule. The schedule going forward anticipates maximizing use during this summer's pumping season. Overall completion of the project is scheduled for the spring of 2012. As you will recall, the design calls for a single-tower air stripping plant for VOC removal. The stripper will be preceded by an ion-exchange system to control nitrates.



Commissioner Karl Schweitzer Elected Chairman of the Long Island Water Conference

Congratulations are in order as Hicksville Water District (HWD) Water Commissioner Karl Schweitzer has been elected Chairman of The Long Island Water Conference (LIWC). We're proud to make the announcement as he'll serve as Chairman for the next year. The nine-year HWD Commissioner has been active in the LIWC for nine years, and he previously served as President of the Nassau-Suffolk Water Commissioners Association (NSWCA). He is also an American Water Works Association (AWWA) member and Committee Chair at the national level.



"I am honored to have been elected chairman," said Commissioner Schweitzer. "The Water Conference has the same objective as our District; to provide Long Island with a pure and plentiful water supply. We will continue to support our members who provide this essential service to every household throughout Long Island at the lowest cost in the nation."



The Hicksville Water District is fortunate to have had the services of so many dedicated employees through the years. The following public servants retired this past year and have had a collective 186 years experience through 2010. They each played a large role in guiding the District. We are grateful for all your dedicated efforts on behalf of the residents of Hicksville, and we commend you on your singular and collective achievements.

Thank you Bill, Tom, Bob, Doreen, Charlie, Barbara (A.K.A. Sam) and Bill.

Superintendent William Schuckmann 36 years

Bill began his career with the Hicksville Water District on December 1, 1974. As he worked his way up through the ranks, he worked on all aspects of the distribution system including reading meters, repairing water mains, service breaks and hydrants. Bill served as Backflow Supervisor and Labor Supervisor, as well as Supervisor of Water Plant Operations. Bill has been Superintendent since 1998 and oversaw all the operations of the District.



Thomas Ofenloch 33 years

Starting his career with the Hicksville Water District on April 2, 1977, Thomas acted initially as a Water Servicer, maintaining the District's distribution system. He later advanced to Water Plant Operator, with responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the District's water treatment plants. Tom assured that all pumps, valves and related equipment were working properly. He also performed chemical tests for alkalinity and residual chlorine to assure proper levels by taking bi-weekly water samples from the distribution system for lab analysis.

Robert Watterson 32 years

Bob came to the Hicksville Water District on January 16, 1978. He worked his way up, reading meters and working on main breaks. He is currently responsible for the District's Cross Connection Control Program. Bob worked closely with the Nassau County Department of Health to ensure that commercial and residential backflow requirements were met. He was responsible for sending the annual backflow device test due letters and recording receipts of the tests. He also inspected all backflow installations for compliance.



Doreen Brunning 29 years

Doreen began her career with the Hicksville Water District on December 21, 1981 as a Clerk/Typist. She has been the District's Account Clerk since 1994, responsible for overseeing office operations. Her duties also included preparing minutes of official meetings, including the District's budget, record retention and disposition.

Charles DiStefano 19 years

Charlie joined the Hicksville Water District on December 23, 1991, after a long career as a printer. He served primarily as a meter reader for the District. Charlie also assisted with repairs and maintenance of the District's distribution system, including working on main breaks, service line leaks and helping to maintain fire hydrants.





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Barbara Von Gerichten 19 years

Barbara joined the staff of the Hicksville Water District in January 2, 1991 as a Clerk/Typist. Her duties primarily revolved around customer service. Barbara was the friendly voice that customers would first hear when they phoned the District. She was also responsible for preparing the daily deposits and the District's payroll, and assisted in generating customer invoices.

William Sullivan 18 years

Bill came to the Hicksville Water District team in June 2, 1992. He served as an auto mechanic and was responsible for maintaining the District's fleet of vehicles and keeping them roadworthy.



"As the longest tenured Commissioner, I've had the pleasure of working with Bill, Tom, Bob, Doreen, Charlie, Sam and Bill for a number of years," said Nick Brigandi, Treasurer of the Board. "Each have dedicated themselves to our customers time and time again. I wish them the best of luck in their retirement and personally thank them for their service to the District."

NEW Appointments At The District

The Hicksville Water District is proud to introduce Mr. Anthony Iannone as its new Superintendent. Mr. Iannone has a tremendous amount of experience in the water industry, and was previously the Superintendent of the Incorporated Village of Rockville Centre for 8 years before joining our District on April 4, 2011.

Let's extend a warm welcome to Anthony and wish him the best as he embarks on this new and exciting venture.



The District would also like to introduce Mary Ellen Thorgramson who joined our team on November 29, 2010. With extensive experience in the water industry, she will assume the responsibilities of Office Operations and Secretary to the Board. Mary Ellen replaces Doreen Brunning who recently retired. *Congratulations on your new position.*

The District is also happy to announce the appointment of:
Lisa Bifulco-Silverman, *Account Clerk* • Salvatore Astuto, *Water Plant Attende*
Andrew Petti III, *Plant Operator Trainee* • Gregory Krayeski, *Water Plant Attende*

Water Conservation During Peak Pumping Season

As we approach the upcoming summer season, the District calls upon you, our customers, for assistance. Here are a few tips from our Commissioners to be mindful about conserving water during the peak summer months:

- Water your lawn and garden early in the morning or at night to avoid excess evaporation. Nassau County Ordinance prohibits watering between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. year round.
- Even numbered addresses and non-numbered homes can water on even numbered days; odd numbered addresses can water on odd numbered days.
- The use of a hose for flushing driveways, sidewalks and streets is prohibited.
- Install a spring-loaded shutoff nozzle on each garden hose to avoid water waste.
- Always remember to check underground sprinklers, pools and spas for leaks.
- For gardens, make small irrigation ditches along rows of plants and flowers.





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Board Meetings
Second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. at the District office, unless otherwise announced.

Business Hours
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays

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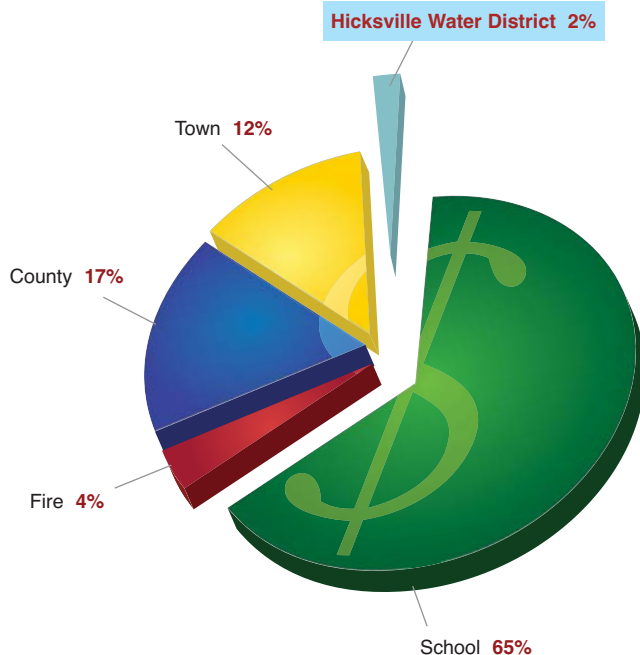
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No Rate or Tax Increase for 7th Consecutive Year!

Thanks to diligent financial planning, there will be no increase in the tax rate or water rates despite increasing costs for 2011. In fact, the rate for the first 10,000 gallons of Hicksville water has been \$7.50 since 2005.



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