



District's New Storage Tank to Provide Two Million Gallons of Added Capacity

In a proactive effort, the Bethpage Water District Board of Commissioners William J. Ellinger, John R. Sullivan and Gary S. Bretton are proud to announce that construction is complete on a new two million gallon ground storage tank on Plainview Road. The tank is one piece of the District's long-term strategy to pursue new locations and sources outside the boundaries of the plume, and it provides for a redundant source for firefighting reserve should existing facilities become unavailable.



"We want to make certain we are always prepared with an ample water supply to ensure the safety of our residents in the event of a fire emergency," said Commissioner Gary S. Bretton. "The tank will further allow us to serve the community high quality water for the lowest possible cost."

The new storage tank is expected to improve water pressure from its location on Plainview Road, next to Charles Campagne Elementary School. Part of the District's efforts to provide water unaffected by the Northrop Grumman plume, the water stored in this tank will not require costly treatment systems.

Construction is now complete on the tank, and the District will enter the next phase of completion. Residents can find updates on when the tank will be fully functional on the District's Facebook site facebook.com/BethpageWaterDistrict, or Twitter at @BethpageW.

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Bethpage Water District Features New Meter System at the Bethpage Fair

The Bethpage Water District Board of Commissioners William J. Ellinger, John R. Sullivan and Gary S. Bretton greeted the Bethpage community at the annual Bethpage Fair this August. Residents spoke with the commissioners, District staff and Superintendent Mike Boufis about the new meters being installed in Bethpage homes and businesses, as well as the high-tech water-use monitoring program "EyeOnWater."

"We make it a priority to take advantage of every opportunity to educate our neighbors about the exciting new ways we are improving the community's water service," said Gary S. Bretton, Secretary of the Bethpage Water District Board of Commissioners. "It was a pleasure to speak with our neighbors and inform them how the new water meters and 'EyeOnWater' digital system can help them keep track of their usage so they practice water conservation and in turn, possibly save money on their water bill."

Water industry experts from the Bethpage Water District talked residents through viewing and detecting problems such as uncharacteristically high levels of water usage, as well as how to receive email notifications in the event of leaks via the new digital monitoring account. All water usage is recorded on the "EyeOnWater" system so residents can easily understand when and how they use the greatest amounts of water per day.



ELECTION NOTICE

The Bethpage Water District is holding its annual election at the District offices, located at 25 Adams Ave., Bethpage, on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing a water commissioner for a term of three (3) years.

All candidates for District office shall be residents of the Water District and shall file their names and nominating petitions with the secretary of the board of commissioners. All such nominations shall be submitted in petition form subscribed to by not less than twenty-five registered voters of the District in accordance with the Town Law and Election Law of the State of New York. Petitions must be filed at the office of the Bethpage Water District between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on any business day in accordance with this notice of election.

Bethpage Water District Reminds Traveling Residents to Safeguard Homes For Winter Season

As the winter season approaches, many Bethpage residents choose to leave their Long Island homes and travel to warmer weather. The Bethpage Water District reminds these residents to take the necessary preventive actions to ensure pipes don't burst, leak or freeze during their absence. Ruptured pipes cause more than a quarter million homes to flood every year.

"Frigid temperatures can cause water pipes to freeze and in some cases, burst," said Bethpage Water District Chairman William J. Ellinger. "We will be alerted of any leaks due to the new digital water meter system, but residents should still take a few simple precautions to help protect their homes in their absence."

With the installation of new digital water meters and the online alert system "EyeOnWater," residents and District personnel will be able to detect any problems should a water-related emergency occur. Before leaving, residents should also provide an emergency contact should the District need to gain access to your residence to solve any problems.



The Board of Commissioners reminds homeowners to keep the following in mind before leaving homes unattended for the winter season:

- Please consult with a heating professional if you decide to drain the internal plumbing in your home.
- If you choose not to drain your internal plumbing, the thermostat should be set to a temperature no lower than 60 degrees.
- Insulate all hot water pipes in unheated areas to prevent freezing or bursting.
- Disconnect and drain all outside hose bibs.
- Make sure your lawn sprinkler system is properly drained for the winter.

Clear Hydrants of Snow and Debris

Residents are reminded to clear all snow and winter debris blocking fire hydrants on or near their properties to ensure that first responders can easily access fire hydrants in the event of an emergency.

"In midst of winter shoveling, we remind residents to take the time to also clear ice and snow surrounding fire hydrants," said John R. Sullivan, Treasurer of the Bethpage Water District Board of Commissioners. "This is an extremely important service which may allow the

Bethpage Fire Department to efficiently access hydrants during a fire emergency."

To ensure general public safety, the District asks residents to think of neighbors, family members and friends who plan to leave their homes for an extended period of time, or who are unable to clear their fire hydrants without assistance. Every season, the help the community provides in ensuring hydrants are readily accessible to the fire department is crucial in saving lives.



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Bethpage Water District Announces Poster Contest Winners

Eighteen Students out of over 350 Participants Honored for Water Conservation Message

Bethpage Water District Chairman William J. Ellinger, Secretary Gary S. Bretton and Treasurer John R. Sullivan, as well as Legislator Rose Walker, recently congratulated the top-three students from each grade who submitted posters that best answered the question, "How Can I Conserve and Protect My Water?" during the District's inaugural poster contest: *Bethpage Protects, Bethpage Conserves*. Eighteen students out of the total 367 participants from the Bethpage School District were honored during an award ceremony at the Bethpage Fire House, where their winning posters were on public display for friends, family and school faculty.

"It was incredibly difficult to pick 18 out of the over 350 students in the Bethpage School District who submitted entries to this year's poster contest," said Board of Commissioners Secretary Gary S. Bretton. "Win or lose, we are thrilled students, teachers, and members of the community have taken an initiative to learn and discuss one of our most vital resources."

Student posters illustrated ways people can help conserve water by making slight changes to their daily routines. For example, many students expressed the importance of taking shorter showers, turning the water off while brushing teeth and using a broom rather than a hose to clean out driveways. Students also suggested household leaks be fixed as soon as possible to avoid water waste.

