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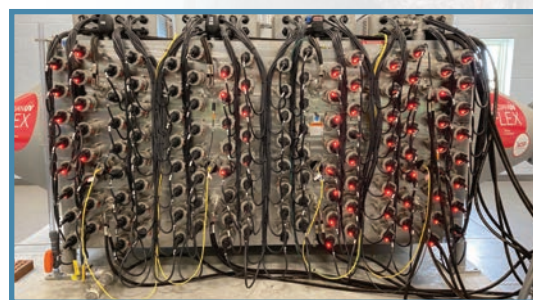
Advancing Water Quality and Infrastructure at BWD

The Bethpage Water District (BWD) is making great progress on several major projects to enhance infrastructure and protect our community's drinking water. A new ISEP system for nitrate and perchlorate removal is scheduled for startup on December 15, adding another layer of treatment to meet evolving water-quality standards. "These upgrades reflect our unwavering commitment to providing the highest-quality water to our residents," said Chairman of the Board, John F. Coumatos. "We're advancing technologies to strengthen our systems not only for today, but into the future."

At Plant 1, the Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) system went online in summer 2024, ensuring all District wells now have treatment for 1,4-dioxane. Plant 1 will soon become the BWD's most advanced facility, equipped with ISEP, Packed Tower Aeration, AOP, and Granular Activated Carbon. Construction is underway and is expected to wrap up by year's end, with all treatment systems online by spring 2026.

The District also made significant progress on water main improvements, completing about 1.4 miles of main replacement along Sherman and Harrison Avenues in 2025, with more upgrades planned for 2026.

Additional projects are moving forward as well, including the exterior recoating of the Adams Avenue elevated storage tank and the completion of Phase 2 of the North-South transmission main—an important step in improving flexibility and increasing distribution options outside the plume.



Advanced Water Treatment Technology Installed



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Commemorative Hydrants Mark Ryder Cup Legacy in Bethpage



BWD staff stand proudly behind 2025 Ryder Cup commemorative hydrant



In anticipation of the 2025 Ryder Cup at Bethpage Black, the Bethpage Water District installed six commemorative fire hydrants to highlight this historic moment for our community. Four hydrants were placed throughout the golf course, with two positioned along Broadway. Each features the official Ryder Cup 2025 logo on one side and the District's 100th Anniversary emblem showcasing the iconic Bethpage Water Tower on the other.

With the conclusion of the Ryder Cup, these hydrants are being relocated to offsite locations where they will be permanently displayed as a lasting tribute to both the international competition and the District's more than 100 years of commitment to public safety and community pride.

WINTERIZATION TIPS

Protect Your Home and Our Water System

As temperatures drop, now is the time to prepare your home and plumbing for the winter season.

Outdoor Tips:

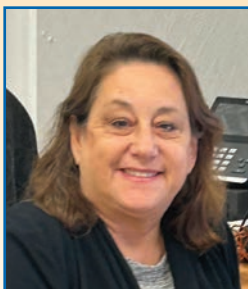
- **Disconnect and Drain Hoses:** This prevents trapped water from freezing and causing pipes to burst.
- **Shut Off and Drain Outdoor Lines:** If your home has an exterior water shutoff valve, close it for the winter and drain any remaining water from outdoor spigots.
- **Have Sprinkler System Blown Out:** Hiring a professional will ensure that no water is left inside the lines through the winter.
- **Clear Around Hydrants:** If a fire hydrant is located on or near your property, keep the area free of snow, leaves, and other debris. A visible, accessible hydrant is essential during emergencies.

Indoor Tips:

- **Insulate Exposed Pipes:** Use pipe insulation or heat tape on pipes in unheated areas such as basements, crawl spaces, garages, and utility rooms to reduce the risk of freezing.
- **Maintain a Steady Indoor Temperature:** Keep your thermostat set no lower than 55°F when you're away to prevent pipes from freezing.
- **Know Your Shutoff Valve Location:** This will allow you to act quickly in the event of a plumbing issue.

District Adds Key Staff

"Reflecting on our District's history fills me with pride. Our dedication to providing high-quality drinking water is a testament to the hard work of our employees, and we look forward to continued excellence as we welcome our newest team members," stated BWD Commissioner Scott Greco.



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A Message From Superintendent MICHAEL J. BOUFIS



As we move into the new year, I'm pleased to report steady progress on key projects that strengthen our treatment capabilities and infrastructure. Our new ISEP system for nitrate and perchlorate begins startup on December 15, and last summer's AOP installation now provides advanced oxidation treatment at all District wells.

Plant 1 remains a major focus, with final construction set to begin in fall 2025 and full treatment—ISEP, PTA, AOP, and GAC—scheduled to be online by spring 2026.

We also completed about 1.4 miles of water main replacement on Sherman and Harrison Avenues this year, with more upgrades planned for 2026. Additional work includes recoating the Adams Avenue elevated tank and completing Phase 2 of the North-South transmission main to enhance distribution flexibility.

Thank you for your continued support as we work to deliver high-quality, reliable drinking water to our community.

— Michael J. Boufis,
Superintendent

Bethpage Fifth-Graders Showcase Water Conservation Creativity

Fifth-grade students from the Bethpage Union Free School District put their creativity to work in the District's annual Water Conservation Poster Contest earlier this year. The contest encouraged students to illustrate simple ways everyone can help protect Long Island's sole-source aquifer.

"Poster finalists were selected for creativity, design, and clarity of message," stated BWD Commissioner Teri Catapano Black. "We were truly inspired by the students' passion and awareness of the role we all play in safeguarding our water."

First-, second-, and third-place winners from each elementary school received a trophy and certificate. As part of our educational partnership, fifth-graders also toured the District's state-of-the-art treatment facility at Plant No. 6 to see firsthand how clean drinking water is sourced, treated, and delivered. Winners were celebrated at a special ceremony at the Bethpage Public Library in June.

Congratulations to all the Winners:



Central Boulevard Elementary School

1st Place - Zaryana Meyer

2nd Place - Josie Sachs

3rd Place - Giana Obloj

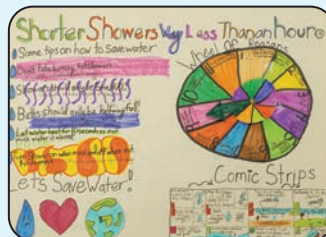


Charles Campagne Elementary School

1st Place - Gwen Zettler

2nd Place - Kayan Rashmin Patel

3rd Place - Aidan Marashi



Kramer Lane Elementary School

1st Place - Ellie Fryer

2nd Place - Anna Kelly

3rd Place - Julie Hoffner

Bethpage Water District Joins National Night Out



Look & Learn! BWD Superintendent Michael Boufis showcased the District's Mobile Educational Center at Bethpage's National Night Out, demonstrating how water is delivered to fire hydrants.

In August, the District took part in National Night Out at Bethpage High School, hosted by Legislator Rose Walker and the Nassau County Police Department's Eighth Precinct. National Night Out is held each year to strengthen connections between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

Our team showcased the District's Mobile Educational Center, featuring a replica of the Bethpage Grumman Road water storage tank, large-scale aquifer and water cycle graphics, and our hands-on water distribution system complete with a working sink and hydrant. It was a wonderful evening with dozens of community partners, local businesses, and neighbors coming together.

Thank you, Bethpage, for your continued support!



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Upcoming Water Commissioner Election

The 2025 election of a Bethpage Water District Commissioner is for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2026 and running through December 31, 2028.

- ✓ **When to vote: Tuesday, December 9, 2025**
- ✓ **Where: 25 Adams Avenue, Bethpage**
- ✓ **Time: 3:00-9:00 PM**
- ✓ **Eligibility:**

Section 213 of the Town Law of the State of New York provides that no person shall be entitled to vote for improvement district commissioners unless he or she is a registered voter and a resident of the Bethpage Water District for a minimum of 30 days prior to the election date. For more information, contact us at (516) 931-0093 or visit our website www.bethpagewater.com.

La elección de 2025 para Comisionado del Distrito de agua de Bethpage es para un período de tres años que comienza el 1 de enero de 2026 y finaliza el 31 de diciembre de 2028.

- ✓ **Cuando votar: Martes, 9 de diciembre de 2025**
- ✓ **Dónde: 25 Adams Avenue, Bethpage**
- ✓ **Tiempo: 3:00-9:00 PM**
- ✓ **Elegibilidad:**

La Sección 213 de la Ley Municipal del Estado de Nueva York establece que ninguna persona tendrá derecho a votar por los comisionados del distrito de mejoras a menos que esté registrada para votar y sea residente del Distrito de Agua de Bethpage por un mínimo de 30 días antes de la fecha de la elección. Para más información, contáctenos al (516) 931-0093 o visite nuestro sitio web www.bethpagewater.com.

Don't Discard Your Endpoint



If you're planning home improvements or exterior work, be careful not to discard or remove the endpoint attached to your home. An endpoint is a small device that communicates your water meter readings directly to the District for accurate billing and efficient system monitoring. If your endpoint needs to be removed or replaced during construction, the District will install a new one—no charges, no hassle, and no interruption in service. If you're unsure whether your project affects your endpoint, give us a call at **516-931-0093**.