

Water Connection

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Welcome to the New Home of the Bethpage Water District



25 Adams Avenue

For 70 of the 100 years that the Bethpage Water District (BWD) has served the community, our headquarters at 25 Adams Avenue has pretty much remained the same other than some slight interior changes.

While most of the foundation remained intact for seven decades, the building itself fell into major disrepair and asbestos abatement was mandatory. After conducting a full assessment, it became clear that the District needed a new home.

Today, the Board of Water Commissioners is pleased to share with residents that the construction of the new BWD headquarters is nearly 90 percent complete. The new building occupies the same footprint as the previous building, is fully equipped with energy efficiencies, and adheres to the latest ADA compliance standards.

In addition, the former garage has been rehabilitated into a fully functional operational center which will house our SCADA system that monitors our water and treatment facilities.



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A Message From Superintendent MICHAEL J. BOUFIS



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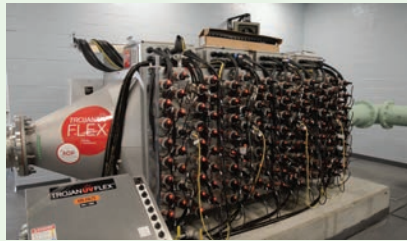
For over a century, the Bethpage Water District has served our community with the same dedication we uphold today — to deliver an uninterrupted supply of quality drinking water to our residents.

As the population of our once small town grew, so did the District's footprint. Our water now comes from eight wells on five pumping sites. We service over 8,500 accounts and maintain over 107 miles of watermain. And we perform all this work with a staff of only 12 people.

We perform a job that's complex and often full of challenges. Yet we meet those challenges head-on, without hesitancy. That's what makes the Bethpage Water District one of the most regarded water suppliers in the region.

With an eye on the future, we're proactive in our approach to water treatment and the technology and science necessary to fight emerging contaminants. In a world where the state and national standards change year to year, we adapt and evolve and continue to be ahead of what comes next.

Just recently we installed advanced oxidation process (AOP) treatment at Plant No. 1 for the removal of 1,4-dioxane. We now have the nation's most sophisticated treatment at each of our well and plant sites. Over the past two decades we have made significant investments to protect our water supply while holding polluters accountable for their previous actions.



Our water continually meets or exceeds all local, state and federal standards, and we will continue to deliver quality drinking water for generations to come.

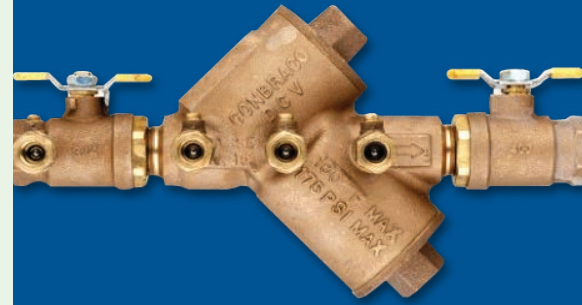
What we do today has an impact on tomorrow.

We appreciate our community support, and as we always say...
"Together...We're Bethpage Strong"

Enjoy Summer!

— Michael J. Boufis, Superintendent

Important Reminder



Test Your Backflow Device

New York State law mandates that residents with an irrigation system or pool are required to have a backflow device that connects to the public water supply, and it **MUST** be tested annually by a certified inspector.

Backflow is a hazardous situation that can threaten the safety of our drinking water. This may arise when low or negative street pressure occurs due to a water main break or when a hydrant is knocked over. Irrigation systems encounter pesticides, fertilizers and other residues that should be kept out of our public water system. When installed and properly maintained, Backflow Prevention Devices do just that...prevent the backflow of chemicals into the public water system.

Testing & Compliance – Avoid Penalties!

Call our office to schedule your **FREE** test. Or you may contract with a New York State certified backflow inspector to test your system and submit the results to our office. Failure to comply will result in a \$250 fine, as well as a potential shutdown of service.

Pay Your Bill On Time

BWD has implemented a quarterly 10% penalty for non-payment. If you are facing hardship and need assistance, please call the office to create a payment schedule. If you do not pay your water bill by the next quarter, you will be assessed the 10% fee on your next scheduled bill.

New Educational Mobile Display Hits the Streets of Bethpage



What a great debut for our BWD Interactive Educational Mobile Display at the Bethpage Chamber of Commerce's 33rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade!

Despite the freezing temperatures, many members of our staff paraded through the streets alongside "Willing Water" (AKA: Willy), proudly showing off our new educational attraction.

BWD employees volunteered their time and worked together to build and construct a replica of our Bethpage

Grumman Road Water Storage Tank. While it's not nearly the 158-foot marvel that stands high above Bethpage, the 8-foot replica has the same architectural and design characteristics. The educational display is adorned with large scale color graphics of the Long Island Aquifer, as well as our water cycle...depicting where we draw our water from each day. It even includes a real water distribution system with running water.

The unit will now be our showcase educational vehicle when we conduct student tours and demonstrations.

Winner! Winner!

What a performance by our very own Michael Mirabella as he was crowned champion of the New York State Section-American Water Works Association (AWWA) "Meter Challenge" during the annual conference in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Mirabella, a water plant operator at the Bethpage Water District, competed against other participants in a speed challenge to re-assemble a water meter in its entirety. Good luck to Mike as he'll proudly represent New York State in June at the 2025 AWWA National Conference in Denver, Colorado.



Pictured (L to R): BWD Commissioner Scott Greco, BWD Commissioner Theresa Black, Treasurer to the Board Denise Spinelli, BWD Superintendent Michael Boufis, BWD Water Plant Operator Michael Mirabella, BWD Assistant Superintendent Joseph Daub, and Chairman of the Board John Coumatos.

Lead/Copper Service Line Inventory COMPLETED

As part of our ongoing effort to ensure the safety and quality of our drinking water, the Bethpage Water District took full inventory of all water service line material within our community and submitted the survey to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to meet their national regulatory requirements.

Thanks to our residents' help, we were able to account for nearly 100% of our water service line materials. The results of the survey can be found on our website by visiting bethpagewater.com/Resources/Water-Service-Line.





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2024 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Now Available!

Each year the Bethpage Water District produces a Drinking Water Quality Report in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations. This in-depth report is filled with important information regarding water quality, cost, source points, treatments performed and more.

We encourage our customers to download and read the report to gain an understanding of the efforts the District takes to deliver an uninterrupted supply of quality drinking water. If you would like to receive a printed report by mail, call the District at: (516) 931-0093. Scan the QR Code at right to view the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report.

