

WATERGRAM

Hicksville Water District Opens Brand New, Renovated Water Treatment Plant #5

This summer, residents and local officials gathered for a surprise plant dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony to recognize Commissioner Nicholas J. Brigandi's years of hard work and dedication to the betterment of the Hicksville community. Plant #5, located on Stewart Avenue, has been officially named the Nicholas J. Brigandi Water Treatment Facility.



During the ceremony, Chairman William Schuckmann and Commissioner Karl Schweitzer commended Commissioner Brigandi, who has become Hicksville's longest serving commissioner and has for decades been involved in every design, detail and decision of all district operations.



"Commissioner Brigandi is a third-generation resident who has served the Hicksville community with pride and enthusiasm," said Commissioner Schweitzer. "For more than 37 years, Nick has given his talents, time and hard work to keep our drinking water safe, always looking to protect our future generations."

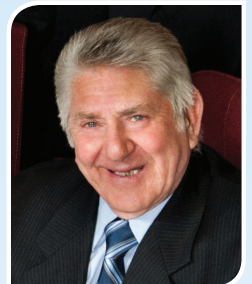
The water treatment site was initially opened in 1965 and most recently renovated in 2015, when the District made substantial improvements, including a second air-stripping tower and landscaping upgrades to help the facility fit seamlessly with the community.

Commissioner Brigandi has served on the Board of Commissioners for almost four decades, working to supply Hicksville residents with drinking water exceeding federal and state standards. In addition to his extensive work as Commissioner, he has spent 50 years as a volunteer with the Hicksville Fire Department for Engine Company #7, currently serving as the Sergeant at Arms and a member of the Finance, Welfare, and Drill Committees.

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Secretary



Karl M. Schweitzer
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Election: Tuesday, December 12, 2017

3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Hicksville Fire Station #1 at 20 East Marie Street
Hicksville Fire Station #4 on Levittown Parkway

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HICKSVILLEWATER.ORG

ADOPT A HYDRANT IN HICKSVILLE

HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS. SUPPORT LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS. KEEP HYDRANTS CLEAR.

As winter approaches, residents are reminded to keep fire hydrants clear of snow and debris at all times. Fire hydrants need to be accessible, meaning not blocked or frozen, so that firefighters are able to perform their jobs without any disruptions in the event of an emergency.

Residents are encouraged to “adopt” a hydrant by assisting neighbors who may be unable to clear a hydrant outside of their home. Consider shoveling out a hydrant on your block in the event of snow to ensure the safety of your neighbors and the community!



\$3 MILLION GRANT FOR ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

The Hicksville Water District was recently selected as the recipient of a \$3 million grant to support critical drinking water infrastructure improvements. The grant is part of more than \$2.5 billion that has been committed to fund water infrastructure projects as part of New York State’s Clean Water Infrastructure Act.

“The Hicksville Water District Board of Commissioners would like to extend a warm thank you to Governor Cuomo, as well as State Senator Elaine Phillips and Assemblyman Michael Montesano for their consideration and persistence in helping us acquire the grant,” said William Schuckmann, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

District Continues Water Main Replacement Program

The Hicksville Water District has continued its water main replacement program by replacing aging water mains, as well as fire hydrants and valves, throughout Hicksville. The cost-saving project will prevent disruptive repairs, and it is scheduled in four separate phases over the next four years. The first portion of work included approximately four miles of new water mains in the southeastern portion of Hicksville. Over the spring and summer, the District moved onto the clean-up portion of the work, repaving roads and repairing affected lawns to ensure the community aesthetic.

The current cast iron water mains, which are being replaced, were installed in the late 1940’s and 1950’s after World War II. The water main replacement program will save the District money on costly repairs, setting a fiscally responsible path to provide high-quality water to residents for decades to come. Prior to any work, customers will be notified at least 24 hours in advance to be prepared for any disruptions to traffic or driveway access. Updates will be posted on the District’s Facebook page, [Facebook.com/HicksvilleWaterDistrict](https://www.facebook.com/HicksvilleWaterDistrict).



FLYING SOUTH FOR THE WINTER? SAFEGUARD YOUR HOME AND PIPES

The Hicksville Water District reminds residents to take necessary preventive actions to ensure pipes do not burst, leak or freeze during the cold winter months. Ruptured pipes cause nearly a half million homes to flood every year.

Those traveling during the winter should set their home thermostat to a temperature no lower than 60 degrees and should always consult a heating professional. The District also suggests insulating all hot water pipes, disconnecting all outside hose bibs, and properly draining lawn sprinkler systems.

Meters upgraded to include the digital system will alert the District of leaks that occur in your absence. However, a few simple precautions will help prevent leaks:

■ ADEQUATE HEATING

Keep the thermostat no lower than 60 degrees. Lowering temperatures can help save on the heating bill, but this can increase the risk of frozen or burst pipes.

■ INDOOR MAINTENANCE

Check your home water service area for broken windows or drafts. Insulate pipes in unheated areas.

■ SPRINKLER AND OUTDOOR WATER SYSTEMS

Be sure to drain and turn off outdoor faucets and sprinkler systems to prevent freezing and breaks.

■ REGULATE WATER FLOW

Install devices that regulate water flow, such as faucet aerators and low-flow showerheads. Use the lowest temperature settings in washing machines and dishwashers to reduce energy usage.



***Always know where the service shut-off valve is located
in your house and how to operate it in an emergency!***

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Board Meetings

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

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

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METER INSTALLATIONS

Most water meters throughout Hicksville are more than 15-to-20 years old. New, state-of-the-art water meters will provide more precise readings and deliver data instantaneously to both the District and residents. The project—which will change out more than 15,000 meters—is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2018. The first phase began this summer, targeting high-volume accounts.

“Installing new digital water meters is a proactive investment that saves the District time and resources,” said William Schuckmann, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. “More accurate readings will provide a benefit to customers, saving them money as well.”

The new meters will provide information on water consumption wirelessly, which allows immediate access to information and will help identify possible leaks or other water usage problems. Customers will also have access to water usage information via the internet, with apps available for Android and iOS devices. The information will give the ability to assist consumers with managing their water usage and control their bills. If you have a new Badger meter installed, you can go to eyeonwater.com and follow the instructions to sign up your account and begin to monitor your water consumption.



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