

WATERGRAM

Hicksville Water District Dedicated to Water Quality Infrastructure

District's Budget to Stay Under the New York State Two-Percent Tax Cap

The District has proposed a budget for 2016 that will remain within the adjusted tax levy limit mandated by New York State. The proposed budget has been carefully balanced to ensure that the community's tax dollars will be used to maintain high water quality and continue to improve service for residents through multifaceted capital improvements.



Hicksville Water District Plant 6 was awarded the 2014 Project of the Year (Medium System) by the New York American Water Works Association.

By constantly maintaining rates below the national average, the District has a strong trajectory of keeping the cost of water at pennies per gallon. Water Commissioners Karl Schweitzer, Nicholas Brigandi and Bill Schuckmann, along with District Superintendent Anthony Iannone, consistently seek to invest tax revenue in the most effective and responsible ways to maintain the lowest possible water bills and highest quality drinking water.

The Hicksville Water and Fire Districts Offer Residents Opportunity to 'Adopt' a Hydrant



As winter approaches, residents are reminded to keep fire hydrants clear of snow and debris. It is important that residents and small business owners ensure that fire hydrants are not blocked or frozen so that in the event of an emergency, firefighters are able to perform their jobs without any disruptions.

To ensure public safety, residents can assist friends and neighbors who may be unable to clear hydrants near their homes by "adopting" a hydrant. If an elderly or incapacitated neighbor has a hydrant on his or her property, consider shoveling out the hydrant in the event of snow to ensure the safety of the community in the event of a fire emergency.

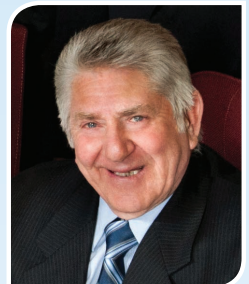
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**Hicksville Fire Station #1 at 20 East Marie Street
Hicksville Fire Station #4 on Levittown Parkway**

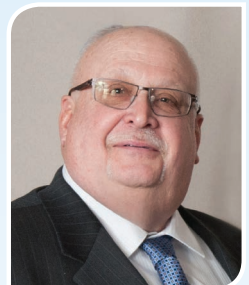
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Hicksville Water District Taking Proactive Measures at Plant 9

The Hicksville Water District is taking proactive measures to replace all 11 pumps at Plant 9 on Alicia Street as part of the District's five-year capital plan. Plant 9 has three wells, each over 600 feet deep, with a collective capacity of more than six million gallons of water per day. Commissioners Karl Schweitzer, Nicholas Brigandi and Bill Schuckmann are implementing these upgrades to increase the infrastructure's efficiency and reliability.



"The pump replacements at Plant 9 are part of the grand infrastructure upgrades outlined in the District's five-year capital plan," said Chairman Schweitzer. "As a result of the District's thorough planning, we are able to take care of maintenance and improvements in a timely fashion."

Replacing the pumps and maintaining and cleaning the wells will help with the ultimate goal of restoring them to the original design capacity. These replacements will increase efficiency in the production of the water supply, optimizing the District's ability to bring water from the ground to homes and businesses in our community.

20,000 Feet of Water Main Pipe to Be Replaced

The Hicksville Water District recently analyzed the existing water distribution system to determine which water mains need replacement based on pipe material, age of pipe and frequency of breaks. Based on this analysis, the District has begun replacing old cast iron pipes with new cement-lined ductile iron pipes in the southeast region of the District.



District Completes Water Storage Tank Maintenance at Plants 1 and 4

Also part of the District's five-year capital plan, the Board of Commissioners announced the completion of the water storage tank maintenance at Plant 4 and progress at the Plant 1 tank. In addition to improving their appearance, these maintenance measures have proven to increase the service life of the tanks.

The 155-foot elevated storage tank at Plant 1 holds 1.25 million gallons of water, while the 196-foot elevated storage tank at Plant 4 holds 500,000 gallons. Major rehabilitations were last done at Plant 1 in 2006 and at Plant 4 in 2004. On average, major rehabilitations will last 10-12 years, but these power washings and overcoats can extend that time to 18-20 years. If a water storage tank is properly maintained, it could have a useful life of over 100 years.



New Nitrate System for Plant 1 Completed

Plant 1 features two wells that collectively pump up to four million gallons of water per day. The District is implementing facility upgrades to increase operational efficiency and cost-effectiveness.

“These capital improvements are designed to enhance our water purification process and ensure that Hicksville residents continue to receive the highest quality water possible,” said Chairman Schweitzer. “The District is committed to getting the most value out of our facilities because we recognize the long-term benefits of operating to the best of our ability.”



Two Air-Stripping Towers Replaced

In an effort to improve infrastructure, the District also replaced two air-stripping towers with new, state-of-the-art towers. Keeping cost in mind, Hicksville commissioners also decided to replace well pumps with higher efficiency units.

“It’s important to continually monitor our facilities and test water quality in order to provide our residents with the best quality water at the lowest possible rates,” said Commissioner Schuckmann. “We are confident that these projects will increase our efficiency and respond to higher demand as we move into high-usage months.”

Hicksville Water District Provides Multiple Bill Payment Options Residents Can Pay Water Bill in Person, by Mail or Online

Residents can now log onto www.hicksvillewater.org and pay their water bill online, as well as through individual online banking options, the mail or in-person delivery.

“The District aims to provide our residents with as many options as possible when it comes to paying their water bills,” said Commissioner Brigandi. “In the spring, the District implemented an online bill payment system, and many residents and business owners have used our website for this option.”

Residents and business owners may use a MasterCard, Discover, Visa or online check to pay their bills online. Should the homeowner choose to use this online option, a flat service fee of \$4.95 will be charged for each online payment. The District receives no portion of credit card service fees. Residents may also choose to mail or hand-deliver water bill payments as an alternative option.



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Hicksville Water District Teaches Local Girl Scouts About the Community's Water

The Hicksville Water District Board of Commissioners Karl Schweitzer, Nicholas Brigandi and Bill Schuckmann welcomed Girl Scouts of Nassau County Brownie Troop 3181 for a tour of Plant 8. The girls will use their knowledge to earn the Girl Scouts of Nassau County and Long Island Water Conference "Every Drop Counts" patch.

"Educating the young people of Hicksville about our water will give them a better understanding of Long Island's groundwater supply and what they can do to protect it," said Chairman Schweitzer. "We are happy to work with the Girl Scouts as they learn about the environment and seek to earn their patch."

Approximately 20 Girl Scouts toured the plant.

Superintendent Iannone taught the Troop about water treatment and how the District keeps the water safe to drink. The girls also learned about the SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system, which allows District employees to gather data and control plant activity from a remote location.

