

WATERGRAM

PHASE 1 OF WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT UNDERWAY

Infrastructure Improvements Nearly Complete in Southeast Area of District

The Hicksville Water District began work in August to replace fire hydrants, valves and approximately four miles of water mains in the southeastern section of Hicksville. The proactive project has been budgeted to save the District on increasingly expensive and disruptive repairs.



“Our current cast-iron water mains have experienced extensive breaks over the past decade due to settlement trenches, particularly in this southeastern section of the District,” said Chairman Nicholas J. Brigandi. “We’re committed to minimizing the impact that the infrastructure improvements will have on local community members.”

The water main replacement project will be completed in four separate phases over the next four years. The current cast-iron water mains, installed in the late 40’s and 50’s after World War II, will be replaced with state-of-the-art, cement-lined ductile iron. Comprehensive studies of the conditions and infrastructural integrity of Hicksville’s current water mains were completed by experts at H2M Architects & Engineers. By responsibly planning and budgeting for these vital upgrades, the District will remain on a fiscally responsible path and continue to provide the highest quality of water to the community at the lowest possible cost.

“We’ve kept open a continuous line of communication by assigning a point person to answer questions and provide real-time Facebook updates,” added Chairman Brigandi. “We make every effort possible to notify customers at least 24 hours in advance if there will be any disruptions to traffic patterns, service or driveway access.”

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Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016 • 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Hicksville Fire Station #1 at 20 East Marie Street
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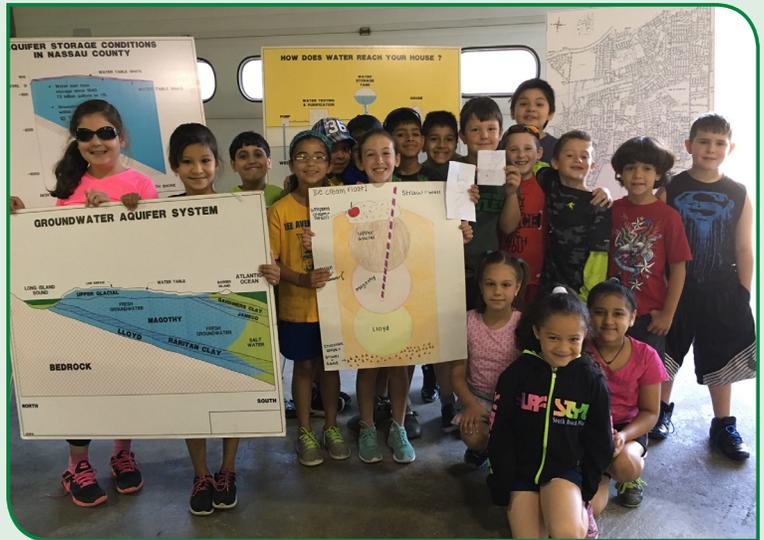
LEE AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT HICKSVILLE WATER DISTRICT PLANT #8

Students Study the Groundwater Cycle on School Trip

In spring, a group of second grade students from Lee Avenue Elementary School visited the Hicksville Water District as part of a STEM education field trip. During the visit, Superintendent Anthony Iannone explained the groundwater cycle before giving students a behind-the-scenes tour of Plant #8 to teach various water-related topics, including water conservation, water quality and water distribution.

Superintendent Iannone and approximately 75 students discussed various ways to conserve water and protect the environment for future generations. Students offered examples of ways they can conserve water, like turning the faucet off while brushing their teeth or taking shorter showers. "We truly enjoyed having the students from Lee Avenue visit. It's never too early to teach young people about where their water comes from and discuss how they can help make a difference for their local environment," said Chairman Nicholas J. Brigandi. "The children have a lot of knowledge about the water cycle they learn in the classroom, but our educational tours provide a rare opportunity to have our District personnel share in-depth information."

Students also learned how District employees monitor the water supply from a remote location and viewed a well, which draws water from 600 feet beneath the surface. Superintendent Iannone led the group along a route the water travels so students could follow the process the water goes through before being distributed to their homes.



Upgrades at Plants No. 5 and 8

The District proactively completed upgrades at Plants No. 5 and 8 this year, in addition to the work on the ground storage tanks. At Plant No. 5, VOC treatment upgrades, including the installation of two air-stripping towers, were completed this spring. The District also removed the underground diesel dispensing tank at Plant No. 8.

SAFEGUARD HOMES FOR THE WINTER

As winter approaches, many residents choose to leave their Long Island homes and travel to warmer weather. The Board of Commissioners would like to remind these residents to take preventive actions to ensure pipes don't burst, leak or freeze during their absence. Before leaving, residents should also provide an emergency contact should the District need to gain access to your residence to solve any problems.

RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO KEEP THE FOLLOWING TIPS IN MIND:

SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Sprinkler systems need to be drained and turned off to prevent leaking and damage.

OUTDOOR WATER SYSTEM

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

ADEQUATE HEATING

Keep the thermostat at the same temperature—no lower than 60 degrees—during the day and night; while lowering thermostat temperatures at night can help save on the heating bill, this can increase the risk of frozen or bursting pipes.

WATER LINES LEADING TO UNHEATED STRUCTURES

Shut off and drain water lines until spring to prevent breaks.

REGULATE WATER FLOW

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

INDOOR MAINTENANCE

If water service is in the boiler room or basement, check the area for broken windows or drafts. Make sure to insulate pipes in unheated areas.

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

Rehabilitation of Three Ground Storage Tanks

Construction is currently in progress with completion scheduled for spring 2017. This rehabilitation project includes the cleaning and repainting of existing tanks, including the upgrade of various safety features. Pictured is a "before and after" of the ground storage tank at Plant No. 5.



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

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Adopt a Hydrant in Hicksville

*Assist Your Neighbors and Local Firefighters
by Keeping Hydrants Accessible*

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

“Adopting” a hydrant is a great way for residents to assist friends and neighbors who may be unable to clear hydrants outside of their home. If an elderly or incapacitated neighbor has a hydrant on his or her property, consider shoveling it out in the event of snow to ensure the safety of the community in the event of a fire emergency.



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