



Message from the Board of Commissioners

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Board of Water Commissioners

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516-852-0196

Dear Neighbor and Valued Water Customer:

Residents nearby to one of the Massapequa Water District's critical water facilities, we ask for your help in protecting our water supply system.

One important way you can help us is by immediately contacting us or the police if you see any trespassing, vandalism or other dangerous or suspicious acts at one or more of our facilities or properties near your home. By helping us prevent damage or disruptions to our water system, we can ensure that you and the rest of our community are provided with uninterrupted, safe and adequate water service for household use and fire protection.



Raymond J. Averna **Joseph T. Tricarico**

Therefore, "If You See Something, Say Something" by calling 24/7 the:

- Massapequa Water District at 516-798-5266
- Nassau County Police Department at 516-573-6700 or 911

Thank you for your attention and time.



The Massapequa Water District recently launched its new website at www.massapequawater.com. The revised site offers a host of new online features that provides consumers with the most up-to-date news, services and public information.

Among the site's many new technical features is its smart phone compatibility, along with an easy to use navigational menu. Customers now have quick access to MWD Ordinances & Regulations, lawn irrigation and back flow device information, as well as the latest Drinking Water Quality Report.

The site features a **new online payment module** which allows the consumer to go paperless. By choosing this option, you will be able to pay your semi-annual bill online by credit card, debit card or personal check.

This new website replaces our previous site, which had become outdated. It is the goal of the Board of Commissioners that many consumers will utilize and appreciate the site as a valuable tool and community resource.

From the Desk of the Superintendent:

District Launches New Website and Bill Payment Options

I am pleased to present this issue of Water Talk to the residents of the Massapequa Water District. The District has recently launched a new, user friendly website as well as new payment options for paying your water bill. Please visit our smart phone compatible website at www.massapequawater.com. The District has also made available to residents, new online methods to pay your bill, which include by credit card, direct transfer / debit, and electronic check. Please select the option on the Pay My Bill link on our website. Please note if you select a direct transfer option, you will no longer receive a mailed paper bill and your future billing will be sent via email in an effort to go paperless. We encourage all residents to use this option.



The District continues to complete several capital projects. The District continued its Fire Hydrant Replacement Program and Water Meter Replacement Program. Over 50 hydrants were replaced during 2017 in coordination with the Massapequa Fire District. Nearly 500 water meters were replaced using the latest radio read technology which minimizes customer inconvenience and assists in identifying undetected leaks. These programs are expected to continue into the 2018 budget year. Our largest project is the Iron Removal Treatment System being installed at our Northeast Wellfield. This project consists of installing a state of the art treatment facility to lower iron levels in the water supply. This project will greatly reduce the occurrences of discolored water within the District. The project is expected to break ground in late fall 2017 and be completed by the 2019 pumping season.



The Commissioners of the Massapequa Water District strongly urge its customers to “Kick the Bottled Water Habit” and drink tap water by offering environmentally friendly, reusable water bottles for free. Residents can pick up their reusable tap water bottles at the District office.



Massapequa Water District Superintendent Appointed by Governor Cuomo to Drinking Water Council

Stan Carey, Superintendent of the Massapequa Water District, has been appointed to serve on the new 12-member New York State Drinking Water Quality Council by Governor Andrew Cuomo. Stan's selection to the Council by the Governor was supported by his decades of experience as a water professional and his proven commitment to protect Long Island's most precious natural resource.

"I'm honored to have been appointed to the Drinking Water Quality Council by Governor Cuomo and serve alongside this distinguished group of experts," said Stan Carey, LIWC Chairman and Superintendent of the Massapequa Water District. "I look forward to using my years of expertise in the water industry to contribute to the Council in a significant way and put forward recommendations that will improve water quality throughout the state."

The newly established Council will have the responsibility of advising the State's Health Commissioner on all issues involving water quality, with a specific focus on recommending safe levels of currently unregulated contaminants in drinking water. The group's initial priority is working to develop standards for assessing maximum contaminant levels for contaminants 1,4-Dioxane, Perfluorooctanoic and Perfluorooctanesulfonic (PFOA).

Grumman / Navy Plume Update

US Secretary of Navy and Senator Schumer Visit Massapequa Water District

On September 29, 2017, the Massapequa Water District held a meeting which was attended by US Secretary of Navy Richard Spencer, US Senator Charles Schumer, and local water suppliers to address the ongoing concerns of the Grumman / Navy Groundwater Plume. The two major topics discussed were the hydraulic containment plan to prevent the plumes' migration toward our supply wells and reimbursement of expenses to water suppliers for their efforts to provide safe drinking water. At the meeting, both Secretary Spencer and Senator Schumer promised the water suppliers that they will follow through with the remedial program as well as reimbursement requests. Secretary Spencer was quoted as saying, "The Navy knows its responsibilities. The Navy is not going anywhere. The Navy is part of this community...and we will do what is the right thing to do."



US Senator Charles Schumer and US Secretary of the Navy Richard Spencer in front of the District office with Commissioner Joseph Tricarico and Commissioner Raymond Avena.

While the Plume has not reached the supply wells of the Massapequa Water District, it continues to migrate toward them and threaten our water supply. It should be noted that the early warning monitoring wells upstream of our supply wells have not been

impacted but we continue to monitor them very closely. Both Governor Cuomo and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos continue to make the proper containment and safe drinking water a top priority for local residents.

In fact, the District's long time position of plume containment seems closer to becoming a reality with the NYSDEC taking a strong stance on advancing this remediation method. The final report on this strategic measure is being finalized and the NYSDEC has advised that public meetings will be scheduled in late fall for the plan to be presented and for public input. Please watch the District's website for postings on these important public meetings.

The Massapequa Water District Board of Commissioners wants to assure residents that the District is doing everything possible to protect our drinking water source from contamination. Residents should understand that MWD is required to provide safe drinking water, even in the event of our source becoming contaminated. The Board of Commissioners and staff will continue to make protecting our source with specialized engineers and legal professionals a top priority.

Be Prepared for Winter

Now is the time to take precautions in anticipation of winter. Last winter our area experienced a deep extended freeze. Many residents had frozen pipes and water meters. Please take the time to make sure all pipes are properly insulated and not exposed to the cold. Also remember to have underground irrigation systems turned off and blown out. For additional information, please refer below or call 798-5266.



- Disconnect all outdoor hoses, turn off the water leading outdoors and open each outdoor faucet.
- Know where your shut off valve is located in case of emergency.
- If you are leaving for an extended winter vacation, have a friend or neighbor check on your residence.

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Come Out and Vote Massapequa Water District Commissioner Election

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

The annual election of a Massapequa Water District
Commissioner will be held
Tuesday, December 12, 2017
4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

WHERE TO VOTE:

Massapequa Water District
84 Grand Avenue
Massapequa, NY 11758



Keep Hydrants Clear

During winter months, residents are reminded to keep hydrants clear of snow and ice. During a storm or plowing, they may become snow bound and inaccessible to the District or fire department in an emergency when it becomes imperative to locate the fire hydrant quickly.



Additionally, please do not pile debris in the vicinity of a fire hydrant and set back plantings and shrubs a significant distance when landscaping in the surrounding area.