

WATER BREAK

With Tony Bellitto - Executive Director, NPWA



I want to call your attention to the article in this newsletter about North Penn Water Authority receiving the Distribution System Optimization Program (DSOP) award. As a charter member of the Partnership for Safe Water program sponsored by the American Water Works Association, we are committed to providing the

highest quality water to our customers, from the source to the tap. So in addition to the numerous awards for excellence won by our Forest Park Water Treatment Plant over the years, we were recently recognized for the way the Authority has optimized the operation and maintenance of our distribution system. This includes the hundreds of miles of underground pipes, thousands of valves and fire hydrants, and several water storage tanks that the Authority is responsible for. All of this infrastructure is constantly being monitored and maintained to ensure that water quality and quantity, water pressure, and the physical integrity of all systems are continually kept in top condition.

All of this can only be accomplished with a dedicated and well-trained staff. Many of our employees have several years of experience, as evidenced by the longevity of service awards that we give to members of our deserving staff when they reach employment milestones, twice each year. We have many employees who have received 10-year, 20-year, 30-year, and even 40-year service awards. It's our way of thanking them for their hard work and dedication to our organization's mission. Based on the nature of their jobs, many of our employees also hold professional certifications and operator licenses that are kept up to date with continuing education credits and ongoing training. In this way, we can ensure that our staff stays current with new regulations and changing job requirements, all of which should give confidence to our customers that the water and the service we provide is always of the highest caliber.

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TOYS FOR TOTS



The Christmas season may seem far off but we want to remind customers that for the 18th year, NPWA will be a drop-off site for Toys for Tots sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps. **We hope to collect 500 items for children in need in our community this year.** The drop-off bin will be available in the Authority's front lobby Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., from the last week of October until mid-December. Please consider dropping off a new, unwrapped gift for children up to 18 years old. We appreciate your continued support in providing children in need with a Christmas gift.

WATER NEWS Employee Service Awards

Anthony J. Bellitto, Jr., P.E., Executive Director for the North Penn Water Authority (NPWA), presented service awards at the Authority's Spring breakfast meeting held on June 2, 2017. The employees recognized at the breakfast have a combined 96 years of experience.

"The commitment of our employees ensures we fulfill our mission critical goal of providing a safe, reliable and economical water supply to our customers," said Anthony J. Bellitto, Jr., P.E., executive director of NPWA. "It's important for us to recognize our employees service to this organization and their commitment to the communities we serve."



From left to right: Mark Wensel, network administrator, 10 years of service; Kevin Mokriski, utility worker, 5 years of service; Anthony J. Bellitto Jr., executive director of NPWA; Amy Payer, customer service representative, 1 year of service; John Myers, operations crew leader, 40 years of service.

Not pictured: Jeff Hagan, meter technician, 25 years of service; Dan Yaw, GIS coordinator, 10 years of service; Sue Borowski, administrative assistant, 5 years of service.

WATER NEWS NPWA is on Facebook!



North Penn Water Authority is on Facebook! Our goal is to provide you with another way to connect with us. Please "Like" our page to get updates on emergency situations, Authority news and educational resources. Learn more by visiting www.Facebook.com/NorthPennWater.

WATER NEWS NPWA Receives Prestigious Award at the American Water Works Association National Conference in Philadelphia

North Penn Water Authority (NPWA) was honored with the Directors Award for its efforts with the Partnership for Safe Water's Distribution System Optimization Program (DSOP) at an awards lunch in June during the American Water Works Association (AWWA) Annual Conference and Expo held in Philadelphia. NPWA became the first public water utility in Pennsylvania and among the first in North America to receive this prestigious honor. This award acknowledges the Authority's commitment to excellence in distribution system operations in providing high quality safe drinking water to the customer's tap above and beyond regulatory standards.



NPWA is a charter member of the Partnership for Safe Water and serves more than 34,000 customers in 21 municipalities in Bucks and Montgomery Counties. NPWA owns and maintains 575 miles of water pipe and more than 3,600 fire hydrants that deliver safe, affordable water and provide fire protection to our customers every day.

WATER NEWS Relay for Life

North Penn Water Authority is not only dedicated to providing customers with a safe and reliable supply of drinking water, we are also committed to serving our community. NPWA's "Thirsting for a Cure" team participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life at North Penn High School on Saturday, June 17, 2017. The



theme for this year's event was Broadway. Our staff got creative and re-created a scaled down version of a Broadway stage. Final totals for 2017 for all 24 teams that participated are not available yet because donations are still coming in. As of this writing, however, the overall event total raised by all the teams, 170 participants, has exceeded \$56,000 for the fight against Cancer. To support the American Cancer Society in its quest to find a cure for cancer and provide care to cancer patients and their families, NPWA employees and supporters donated over \$2,000.00 this year and \$25,200.00 in total donations over the last 14 years.

We want to thank all of NPWA's employees and sponsors for contributing to the fundraising effort. Our sponsors include Bergey Creative, Vinny's Pizzarama, Philly Soft Pretzel Factory Lansdale, Chick-Fil-A Lansdale, Margaritas, Starbucks Montgomeryville, Wawa and Outback Montgomeryville. Special thanks to team captains Sue Borowski, Helene Dunn, and Lindsay Hughes, as well as Rob Averitt, Tony Bellitto, Caira Borchers, Mike Bush, Angelo Cosentino, Steve Fretz, Linda Grisdale, Bill Hoffman, Bill Kasper, Amber Krauss, Eric Lacovara, Rochelle Lippolis, Kevin Mokriski, Amy Payer, Maryann Regan, Dale Reichenbach, Barbara Sigg, Alicia Smith and Dan Yaw, for all their efforts. For information on becoming involved in the Relay for Life, please check out the ACS relay website at <http://www.relayforlife.org>.

NPWA received the award for successfully completing a comprehensive self-assessment of water distribution system operations, a significant achievement towards ensuring the delivery of safe, high-quality drinking water to the community. The assessment involves an evaluation of distribution system operations and performance, including factors such as chlorine residuals, pressure levels and frequency of water main breaks. The final report is reviewed by water resources professionals from across the US.

The Partnership for Safe Water is a voluntary self-assessment and optimization program for water treatment plant and distribution system operation sponsored by the American Water Works Association, Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, United States Environmental Protection Agency, National Association of Water Companies, and the Water Research Foundation. More than 300 utility subscribers, collectively serving more than 100 million people, are committed to the Partnership's goals of providing safe, high-quality drinking water through achieving operational excellence. Partnership members participate in a rigorous four-phase self-assessment and peer review process, developed by industry experts, and are recognized broadly for their commitment to delivering safe water to their communities.