

with Tony Bellitto - Executive Director, NPWA



After 27 years as the Executive Director of the North Penn Water Authority, I will be retiring in January, 2026. It has been a unique privilege, a distinct honor, and the pinnacle of my 40-year long career in the water business to have served in this capacity for such a great organization. It's been an incredibly rewarding and fulfilling experience. I will always be grateful to the Authority's Board of Directors for having given me this

opportunity when I was first hired way back in 1998.

Along with our entire staff of 52 dedicated employees, we have accomplished a lot together that we can be justifiably proud of. I can say without exaggeration that the employees of the North Penn Water Authority are among the most committed, diligent, and hard-working people that I have ever had the pleasure of working with. They truly care about our collective mission of reliably delivering the highest quality drinking water to our customers at an economical cost. It has been an honor to lead this Authority through the many challenges that our industry has faced over the years, including a growing service area, increasing demands on our infrastructure, and more stringent water quality regulations. We have responded positively to each of these, and to many other challenges, and we will continue to do so in the future.

I am happy to announce that my replacement has already been hired and has begun working with us earlier this year in the position of Deputy Executive Director, so that we will have a full year together to ensure a smooth transition of responsibilities. His name is Keith Hass, and he will take over as the Authority's new Executive Director when I leave next January. There will be ample opportunity for Keith to introduce himself in more detail to everyone in future customer newsletters. For now, I will just state that Keith is very well qualified, capable, and experienced in the water business, and I am extremely confident that he will be successful in leading the North Penn Water Authority into the next chapter of our 60-year long history.

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### **TOYS FOR TOTS**

For the 26th year, NPWA will be a drop-off site for Toys for Tots, sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps. Last year, the Chester-Montgomery Region's total campaign collected approximately 18,000 toys. The drop-off bin will be available in the Authority's front lobby Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., from the last week of October until mid-December. Please mark your calendar and consider dropping off a new, unwrapped gift for a child up to 18 years old. We appreciate your continued support in providing children in need with a Christmas gift.





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### WATER NEWS An Update on the West Rockhill Transmission Main Project

Last year, we told you about a major water system improvement project that NPWA was embarking on that will better serve our customers in West Rockhill Township and Sellersville Borough with more reliable water service, enhanced water quality and improved public safety and fire protection. Beginning in early December 2024, NPWA began construction of a 2.7 mile, 12-inch water transmission main from County Line and Ridge Roads to Almont Road in West Rockhill Township (see the map for specific location).

When completed, the project will provide high quality Forest Park water more directly to our approximately 2,000 customers in this area. This includes all of Sellersville Borough and the West Rockhill Township portion of the water system near the Route 309 interchange that includes the GVH Outpatient Center, professional offices, West Rockhill Elementary School, Penn Foundation, retirement communities and other institutions.

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NPWA provides weekly updates on construction progress via our website at https://npwa.org/west-rockhill-transmission-line-project. The project is ahead of schedule and should be completed by September 2025. The detour plan will remain in effect until project completion. The road will be fully restored to its original condition once completed.

### WATER NEWS Hydrant Painting Contest

We have a new winner for our 2025 Fire Hydrant Design Contest; congratulations to 3rd grader (at the time of the contest) Gannon Wright.

The contest, held during the first full week of May in honor of National Drinking Water Week, encouraged students in grades kindergarten through fifth to design a fire hydrant. A panel of NPWA judges selected Gannon's Paw Patrol themed hydrant, (Marshall, a dalmatian), as the winner.

Gannon visited NPWA's Operations Center to paint his design on July 3. It's now on display at the Operations Center entrance.

Thank you to all of the participants of this year's contest. The entries can be viewed on our Facebook page: **(Facebook.com/northpennwater)**.



Anthony J. Bellitto, Jr., P.E., Executive Director of NPWA, and Gannon Wright with the hydrant Gannon painted.

### WATER NEWS You're Invited!



We are planning a special 60th Anniversary celebration open house at our Operations Center on Thursday, September 18, with a rain date planned for September 19. Plan to join us in the afternoon from 3-7 pm, for a fun, free, community event, including food, games, bounce houses and demonstrations.

This community event will highlight what NPWA has been doing for the past 60 years — providing our customers with clean, safe, affordable water 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Come see some behind the scenes processes and speak directly with our staff who are in the field every day. We are also handing out newly design Refill from the Tap water bottles!