

WATER BREAK

with Keith Hass - Executive Director, NPWA

In the first few months of 2026, three long-time employees retired from North Penn Water Authority. While retirements are commonplace with the ongoing "Silver Tsunami," these were noteworthy because a total of 115 years of knowledge and dedicated service were lost. Our Executive Director, Anthony Bellitto (28 years), Jim Sharayko, Construction Superintendent (47 years) and Bill Hoffman, Distribution Superintendent (40 years), were all valued members of our organization.

Through careful planning and collaboration with the pending retirees, a solid transition plan was in place and the operations of NPWA never missed a beat. As our next wave of new employees begin their career in the water industry, we hope that they (as well as all of our employees) will enjoy long careers at NPWA.

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TOYS FOR TOTS

For the 27th year, NPWA will be a drop-off site for Toys for Tots, sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps. Last year the Central Montgomery County Region's total campaign collected almost 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 Annual Report

We recently completed our Annual Report, with the theme of: "Planning Tomorrow's Water Today." Be sure to check it out on our website or stop by our office lobby to pick up a hard copy.

To summarize, North Penn Water Authority continued its commitment to providing safe, reliable, and affordable drinking water throughout 2025, while planning for the future needs of the communities it serves. Through its long-range Water Comprehensive Master Plan, NPWA is preparing for continued growth and increasing water demands by investing in infrastructure, optimizing water storage, and expanding system capacity. One of the most significant initiatives underway is the planning and design of an expansion of the Forest Park Water Treatment Plant, which will help ensure a dependable supply of high-quality drinking water through 2050 and beyond.

In 2025, NPWA invested more than $13 million in water main replacements, treatment plant improvements, meter upgrades, and other critical infrastructure projects. The Authority also welcomed more than 500 new customer connections, bringing its total customer base to almost 37,000 service connections. Guided by strong financial stewardship and a dedicated workforce, NPWA remains focused on maintaining exceptional water quality, reliable service, and responsible investments that will benefit customers for generations to come.



WATER NEWS Hydrant Painting Contest

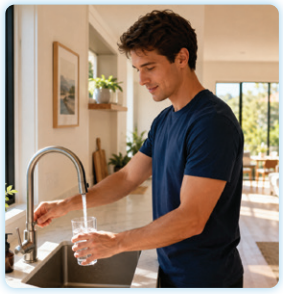
We have a new winner for our 2026 Fire Hydrant Design Contest; congratulations to 5th grader (at the time of the contest) Cassidy Fedorowicz of Towamencin. The contest was held during the first full week of May in honor of National Drinking Water Week. Students in grades kindergarten through fifth designed and submitted their designs for a fire hydrant. A panel of NPWA judges selected Cassidy's colorful weather and water-cycle related design as the winner.



Cassidy will visit NPWA's Operations Center this summer to paint and complete her design. Once finished, it will be on display at the Operations Center entrance.

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

WATER NEWS Drink From The Tap



Everyone is looking to save money these days. Choosing tap water instead of bottled water is one of the most economical, healthiest, and environmentally responsible ways to stay hydrated. Our water meets or exceeds all state and federal drinking water standards and is routinely tested. Unlike bottled water, which is often stored in plastic for extended periods of time, tap water avoids concerns associated with single-use plastic bottles, including growing studies surrounding microplastics.

Drinking tap water also helps reduce environmental pollution and carbon emissions. Millions of plastic water bottles end up in landfills, waterways, and oceans each year, where they can take hundreds of years to break down. In addition, manufacturing and transporting bottled water requires significant amounts of energy and fuel, creating a much larger carbon footprint than water delivered directly to homes through existing water infrastructure.

Tap water is also far more cost-effective. Gallon for gallon, bottled water can cost hundreds or even thousands of times more than drinking water from the faucet. We're proud to bring you clean, safe, and reliable water to your home, on demand, 24/7/365.