

WATER BREAK

With Tony Bellitto - Executive Director NPWA



Our feature article in this newsletter is about North Penn Water Authority's recent purchase of the Sellersville Borough's water system. The Sellersville purchase is just one example of the many different ways that we are finding to grow, instead of relying solely on new residential housing developments to account for most of our growth as has been the case in past years. With a very sluggish local and national economy, along with less open land available for new developments, the Authority is facing the challenge of seeking different types of growth opportunities. Outright purchase of a neighboring water utility is just one way that can happen.

Other ways include bulk sales of our water and establishment of strategic partnerships with neighboring water utilities. In those situations, we seek to sell the excess water capacity that we have available from the Forest Park Water Treatment Plant, while allowing the neighboring water utility to maintain their autonomy. These strategic partnerships are beneficial

to both parties. NPWA can help them assure that they will have the highest quality water available for their customers from our water supply source, and that the quantity and pressure from our system will be consistently reliable to meet their needs, especially during the hot, dry summer months. In this way, we are helping to fulfill the original mission of the Forest Park Water Treatment Plant and Point Pleasant Pumping Station as a regional water supply, as those needs arise in a larger geographic region of Montgomery and Bucks Counties.

At the same time, NPWA's current customers can rest assured that sufficient capacity has already been reserved for you so that there will be no water shortages. These efforts to increase revenues, along with our ongoing efforts to cut costs, help us to keep our customer rates as low as possible. In future newsletters, we will be focusing on the progress we've made with several such strategic partnerships in the surrounding region. In the meantime, I invite you to check out our 45th Annual Report that is posted on our website (www.northpennwater.org) for much more information on this subject.

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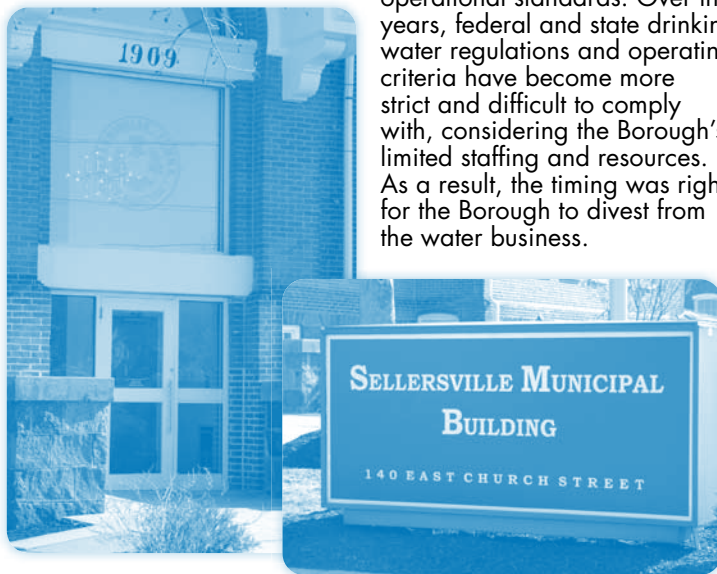
WATER NEWS American Cancer Society 13th Annual North Penn Area Relay for Life

For the eighth year, NPWA's "Thirsting for a Cure" team participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event held on June 25-26, 2011 at the North Penn High School Track in Lansdale. As of this writing, the overall event total raised by all 48 teams (470 participants) has exceeded \$138,000 for the fight against Cancer. The NPWA "Thirsting for a Cure" team included: Tony and Sharon Bellitto, Helene Dunn, Gary Raser, Maryann Regan, Susan Sarnocinski, Bill Smith, Karen Sullivan, and team captain Dianne Karhan. Working together, the NPWA team members raised over \$1,500 for this important cause. Funds were raised through contributions by team members, family, and friends who sponsored them on the walk, and through donations by employees who supported various activities throughout the year. Special thanks to Dianne Karhan, Helene Dunn, Bill Smith, and Karen Sullivan for their efforts in preparing for this event and setting up a site that took third place for "Best Decorated Campsite" at the 2011 Relay.

For information on becoming involved in the Relay for Life, please check out the ACS relay website at http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?sid=1030&type=fr_informational&pg=informational&fr_id=31140.

WATER NEWS **NPWA Purchases Sellersville Borough Water System**

Last year, Sellersville Borough solicited offers from interested parties for the purchase of their water system. Sellersville chose to sell its water system for a variety of reasons. A complex and expensive treatment system on their groundwater wells would be necessary to keep them within new stringent federal guidelines for arsenic levels, for which they have had water quality violations. Their water system infrastructure has been aging and in need of a large amount of repair and replacement to keep up with current operational standards. Over the years, federal and state drinking water regulations and operating criteria have become more strict and difficult to comply with, considering the Borough's limited staffing and resources. As a result, the timing was right for the Borough to divest from the water business.



The Authority began operating the Sellersville system on a Contract basis in October of 2010. Then, early in 2011, the Sellersville Borough Council accepted North Penn Water Authority's proposal out of the several options offered to them, and the sale of the system from Sellersville to NPWA was finalized on May 10. The two most important criteria that the Borough Council considered when selecting a successor for ownership of their water system were water quality and rate stability. NPWA will be able to provide excellent quality water with a consistently reliable supply, at a reasonable and stable cost to the customers for many years to come.

There are 1,750 new NPWA customers in Sellersville, estimated to use a daily average of about 450,000 gallons per day. The Authority has been working diligently over the past few months to install a new interconnection and transmission main between the two water distribution systems. Upon completion, NPWA will be able to bring into Sellersville treated surface water from the Forest Park Water Treatment Plant, located in Chalfont. This plant has the most effective water treatment capability available in the industry, and produces some of the finest quality drinking water available anywhere in the nation. The ability to use this resource will eliminate the need to utilize Sellersville's old groundwater wells that have had problems with water quality over the years. Over the next few months, NPWA will also shut down Sellersville's old surface water supply which has had some quality problems and capacity limitations as well.

The North Penn Water Authority will be replacing older water mains in Sellersville with new piping, replacing valves and fire hydrants where needed, flushing out the system, and replacing water meters. These efforts will help to bring the Borough's water system up to acceptable operational standards, and to ensure consistently reliable service. All of this work involves major capital expenditures. Over time, however, this growth in the customer base will result in additional revenue for the Authority, and spread costs of operating the system across a growing number of customers. This is important because it helps to maintain rates at a reasonable level while providing excellent quality water and a strong infrastructure system to the Authority's more than 32,000 customers throughout the Authority's service area.

For after-hours emergencies related to the water system, Authority crews are available around the clock to respond to make any necessary repairs. On Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., customers throughout the service area should call 215-855-3617, and outside of those hours, call 215-855-9945, our 24/7 emergency number.

North Penn Water Authority has made great progress since its beginning in 1965 as a regional water supplier successfully meeting the needs of a growing community. With the surface water supply and high quality water available from the Forest Park Water Treatment Plant, the Authority is able to meet the water needs of a growing area of Montgomery and Bucks Counties, thereby fulfilling the mission of providing a high quality, continuous, and economical water supply to the region.

TOYS FOR TOTS



While it may be "rushing the season" to mention Christmas so soon, now that the newsletter is semi-annual, this is the only opportunity we have to let customers know that for the eleventh year, the North Penn Water Authority will be a drop-off site for The Toys for Tots Program sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps. Please consider purchasing an item for a child up to 18 years of age, such as toys, books, art supplies, disposable cameras, music CDs or gift certificates. The drop-off bin will be available in the Authority's front lobby area Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., from the last week of October until December 20. Knowing this is very early to be thinking about Christmas, please mark your calendar with a reminder of the drop-off dates if you'd like to donate. Thank you very much for your continued support in providing needy children with a better Christmas.

