



BENNER TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY

170 Irish Hollow Road, Bellefonte, PA 16823

PHONE: (814) 355-4778

FAX: (814) 355-1599

www.bennerwater.com

To: Hampton/Opequon Water System Customers
From: Benner Township Water Authority
CC: File; BTWA Board
Date: 09/04/2020
Re: Tank Inspection

Greetings Neighbors!

We want to share some news regarding upcoming maintenance work that needs to be completed to the water storage tank on top of Millgate Road in the Hampton Hills development. The seals on this stainless-steel, bolted tank need to be repaired. We have noted seepage at several bolts and the twenty-year maintenance schedule dictates this work is necessary.

This will require our Authority to drain the tank for an internal inspection. This inspection is fairly quick and is planned to be completed on Saturday, September 12, 2020. During the inspection we will pressurize the system with additional temporary pumps which will produce a pressure within the system similar to that attained by the standing water within the tank. Once completed, the tank will be refilled and a clean bacteria test will be required before placing the tank back into service. We plan to have the bacteria results back by Tuesday, September 15, 2020 so the tank can then be placed back into service.

We need your assistance with conserving water during this time when the tank is out of service. We ask that you begin conserving water the morning of Friday, September 11, 2020 when we begin draining the tank and throughout the remainder of this weekend as much as possible. Take the family out for a meal or two this weekend as they deserve it! More importantly is the lack of fire protection during this time without having the tank's capacity. Please be very careful with any potentially dangerous situations this weekend.

The inspection will determine the required maintenance that will need to be completed to the tank. The repairs will have to be made at a later date and will again involve draining the tank to complete the necessary repairs, which we hope to have completed this Fall. We will notify you with the details of the time and duration of the tank repair work when we know what is required.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Authority office at 814-355-4778. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.