

# GEORGETOWN WATER DEPARTMENT

Official Newsletter of the Georgetown Water Department



Thanks to Whittier Tech students we have a new accessibility ramp. The Department also has installed a new dropbox on the left side of the parking lot to allow easier access.

## To Our Valued Customers

I hope everyone has had a great winter; we certainly are looking forward to spring! I would like to update you on our ongoing maintenance efforts, which ensure we can deliver the highest-quality water and best customer service possible.

Refurbishment of the second filter at the treatment plant continues. The last two cells of the second filter have been drained down and emptied. The cells are being inspected. Once repairs are completed, the cells will be repainted, internal components for the backwash process will be installed, and media will be added in layers. Next, we will perform disinfection bacteriological testing and backwashing before putting the filter back into service.

This work has been labor-intensive. Thank you to all involved, as we hope to meet our goal of completing filter work in time for regular spring flushing. Check our website for the full schedule!



Linda Albano, a resident of Georgetown, joined us as part-time water clerk. Blake Rooney has joined the Department as a laborer. He is pursuing professional development and is halfway to completing the necessary credentials to become a water operator.



# Drinking Water Week, May 5-11



Drinking Water Week, an annual observance led by the American Water Works Association, will take place May 5-11 this year. Drinking Water Week serves to highlight the importance of safe drinking water and recognize the tireless efforts of local water professionals who ensure its availability. This year's observance coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA).

Passed in 1974, the SDWA set strong water quality standards for the nation's drinking water and established a regulatory framework to safeguard the public health and safety of U.S. citizens.

The Georgetown Water Department recognizes the Act's significant contributions to improving and protecting water quality and emphasizes the need for continued investment and scientific evaluation to address emerging challenges.

We'll be sharing more information in May!

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## Thank you, Jim Gallagher!

May will mark Operations Manager Jim Gallagher's 10th anniversary with the Department. He has played an important role in improving our systems during his tenure. His hard work, dedication, and professionalism is greatly appreciated by all.

## Leak detection program

The Department has scheduled a third-party contractor to begin a full system leak detection program in March. This program is extremely important, as it will help us address areas in need of repair and ultimately reduce the amount of wasted water. Work will be done in off-peak hours when usage is lower, and to reduce the impact on local traffic.

You may see the contractor walking or scooting during their work. They have been vetted by the Town; their schedule will be shared with the Police Department, who can assure residents who are concerned about unusual activity.