



# Newsletter

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## Hartstene Pointe Water-Sewer District

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## Billing Office Hours

Mondays: 9:00 am—2:00 pm

Tuesdays: 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Thursdays: 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Board of Commissioners meetings are held on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 1 pm in the District Office. All meetings are open to the public.

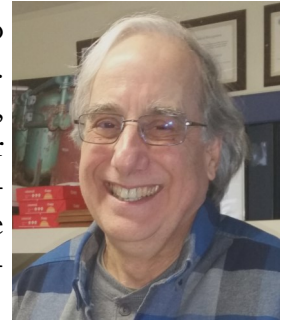
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*Hartstene Pointe Water-Sewer District is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*

## New Commissioners Elected

The Hartstene Pointe Water-Sewer District has two newly-elected commissioners. Both commissioners took their oath of office and began to fulfill their duties in December following the election certification.

Robert Scarola was elected to Commissioner Position 3, to complete the remaining two years of an unexpired term. Mr. Scarola moved to Hartstene Pointe with his wife, Nancy, two years ago, previously serving on the Water Company Board of Directors for a homeowner's association of approximately 2000 homes. While he was on the Board, the water company completed a major systems upgrade to its water storage, piping, and monitoring facilities.



Andrew Hospador was elected to Commissioner Position 1, a six-year term. Andrew had served as a District commissioner since his appointment to Position 3 in June 2016, following the resignation of Commissioner Ray. Mr. Hospador has been a member of the Hartstene Pointe community since 2005. He has served as Treasurer of the HPMa Board of Directors, holds bachelor's and master's degrees in Electrical Engineering from Cornell University, and his career in industrial instrumentation and control systems included work with water and wastewater treatment systems.



The election certification marked the end of Mary Alice Cary's service to the District, beginning in 2008, as one of its founding commissioners. Commissioner Cary was instrumental in the formation of the District and has tirelessly dedicated herself to its success and sustainability. The District would like to thank Commissioner Cary for her almost ten years of invaluable service, and we wish her the best in her well-deserved retirement.

All of the Board of Commissioners meetings are open to the public. The District has a new meeting schedule beginning in 2018. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 1:00 pm at the District Office, 772 E Chesapeake Drive.



## Drippy the Droplet's Water-Saving Tip:

***"Insulate water pipes in unheated areas to avoid burst pipes caused by freezing temperatures."***

Watch for more of Drippy's tips in future newsletters and on the District website, [hpwatersewer.com](http://hpwatersewer.com).

## General Manager's Report



The Pointe has welcomed many new property owners this past year, so I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself. I have worked in drinking water since 1997 and became certified as a Water Distribution Manager 1 in 1999. In 2001 I took over the management of a drinking water system consisting of 1450 properties. I have been the General Manager and Drinking Water Operator at Hartstene Pointe since November 2010. I am currently certified as a Water Distribution Manager 2, Water Treatment Plant Operator 1, and Cross Connection Control Specialist.

I have enjoyed working with the District Commissioners over the last seven years as we have faced an uphill battle bringing the water and wastewater systems up to reliable operating conditions. The District now has up-to-date systems which can be managed proactively rather than reactively.

I would like to thank all of the community members for your support as we have endeavored to provide the highest level of system performance at the lowest possible cost.

- Mont Jeffreys, General Manager and Water Operator

## Fats, Oils, & Grease

Just as fats can clog your arteries, they also clog the District's arteries—the sewer system!

When sewer pipes are blocked with fats and oils, raw sewage can flow into streets and homes. Sewer service is disrupted, and sewer operation and maintenance costs escalate. Please do your part by following our fats, oils, and grease (F.O.G.) do's and don'ts.



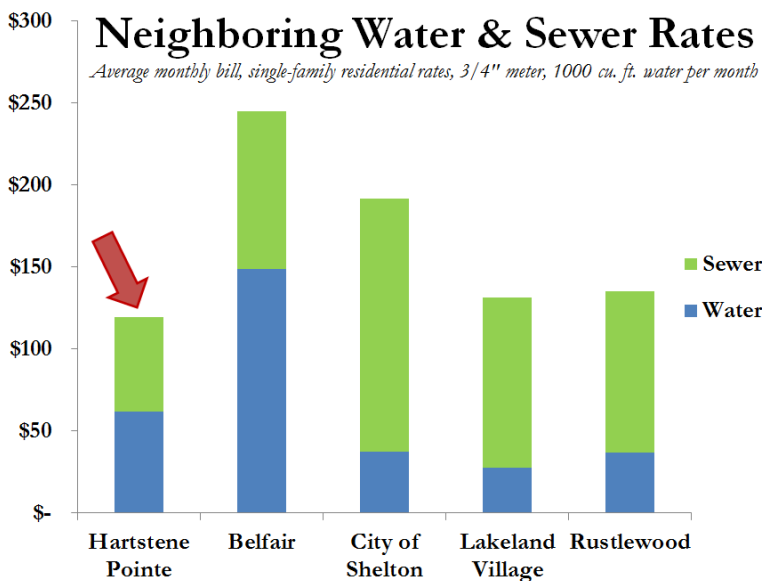
### F.O.G. Do's and Don'ts:

- **Don't** pour fat, oil, or grease into any drain
- **Do** place cooled cooking oil and fats in sealed containers and discard with your regular garbage
- **Do** use paper towels to wipe residual grease or oil off of dishes, pots, and pans prior to washing

Thanks for doing your part to keep F.O.G., medications, chemicals, and trash out our sewer!

## 2018 Budget and Rates Adopted

On November 20th, the District Board of Commissioners adopted the 2018 budget, which was developed to further the District's mission of providing high quality, reliable drinking water, sewer collection, and wastewater treatment at fair and reasonable rates to meet the current and future needs of our community.



The 2018 budget includes a 1.2% increase in operating expenditures, 11.7% increase in debt service, and increased investment to increase system reliability and address the District's aging infrastructure.

The Board also adopted an overall 8.7% increase in water and sewer rates. Monthly charges for residential connections will increase by \$9.59, while charges for vacant lots with a connection will increase by \$3.95. Beginning January 1, 2018, the total bi-monthly bill for residential water and sewer service will be \$239.10. The total bi-monthly bill for vacant lots with a connection will be \$99.50.

If you pay your bill through your bank's online bill pay, please be sure to update your payment amount. If you are signed up for AutoPay through the District, the new rates will automatically be charged to your account beginning January 2018.

For more information about the 2018 budget and rates, visit our website, [hpwatersewer.com](http://hpwatersewer.com).