

## WHAT'S NEW AT SCWA



The Suffolk County Water Authority and New York State Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele Jr. helped expedite a water main project at the Bridgehampton School in November 2020, helping to get students back in class earlier than expected.

A new building at the school campus, in the works for the past three years, needed a water main as quickly as possible. Students had already been learning remotely for longer than expected due to the COVID-19 pandemic-related construction delays. Bridgehampton School superintendent Robert Hauser sought help from Assemblyman Thiele to see if anything could be done to speed up the project so the new building could be opened, and students welcomed back.

Thiele called SCWA Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey W. Szabo, explained the situation, and SCWA agreed to get the project on its calendar within two weeks of the call.

“Our students have been working hard to stay connected to learning while working remotely for many weeks and our emphasis has been to get them back here as soon as we can,” said Hauser. “The district appreciates the efforts Mr. Thiele and Mr. Szabo made to help expedite this project. Mr. Szabo kept the lines of communication open and got us on their schedule within 14 days, which is very reasonable. We are eager to move forward with the next phase of our reopening plan.”

SCWA contractors began digging November 16, 2020 to install a new water main under Montauk Highway to connect to the new 30,000-square foot school building, which includes a full gym and cafeteria and will supplement the existing building. The new building will also allow the district to remove temporary classrooms that have been used since 1968.

The new building had been expected to open in September 2020, but Hauser said construction work was halted last Spring because of state-ordered restrictions at the height of the pandemic. Thiele and SCWA’s assistance will allow the district to open the new building on Monday, November 30, 2020.

“This school expansion project is incredibly important to the community, especially in this time of COVID,” said Thiele. “And the rapid response of the Suffolk County Water Authority was much appreciated.” “Helping Bridgehampton reopen classes is good for the community and we’re happy to be a part of it,” said Szabo. Bridgehampton is one of only three districts in Suffolk where K-12 students learn together in a single complex. The others are Greenport and Shelter Island.

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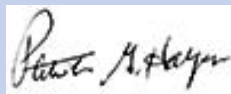
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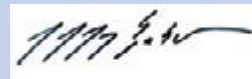
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### Amagansett Water Infrastructure Improvement Project



The Suffolk County Water Authority completed yet another major water infrastructure improvement project in Amagansett. More than six miles worth of water main have been upgraded in the East End community since as part of SCWA's continuing commitment to provide a safe and reliable water supply to all Suffolk residents.

This most recent project, doubling the size of water main along a stretch of Montauk Highway, will bolster supply to the region and improve fire protection for the community. More than 4,700 feet of old 6-inch water main was replaced with new 12-inch diameter ductile iron main which is resistant to breaks even in the coldest winters.

The replacement, completed by SCWA contractor Roadwork Construction, Inc. totaled just short of \$1.5 million. Over the past seven years, SCWA has completed more than \$6.8 million worth of water main improvement in Amagansett, with more to come.

"This is just another example of our proactive efforts to improve infrastructure for the benefits of our customers," said SCWA Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey W. Szabo. "We've done an incredible amount of work in this area over the past several years, and we're looking to do even more as we move toward 2021."

SCWA plans to replace another 2,545 feet of outdated 6-inch water main along Napeague Lane with new 10-inch diameter pipe and another 820 feet of main along adjacent Marine Boulevard. Just after New Year's 2021, SCWA contractors will also be drilling underneath Montauk Highway and the Long Island Railroad tracks to install 480 feet of main that will connect to existing infrastructure on Cranberry Hole Road on the north side of the tracks.