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WATER DISTRICT

Crucial Hydrant Performance Tests Have Started

Water District to ensure hydrants are operating correctly as part of annual maintenance

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The Plainview Water District would like to inform the community that the district recently commenced its annual hydrant maintenance program. The purpose of this important task is to ensure that all of the fire hydrants within the district's service territory are functioning properly and can supply adequate flow in the case of an emergency.

"Testing hydrants is a vital component of our overall maintenance program to ensure that this infrastructure is operation and available on demand when needed by fire and other emergency personnel," said PWD Board Chairman Marc Laykind. "This routine yet important operation is a major responsibility of ours to protect and preserve the health and safety of the community."

During this routine maintenance—that is expected to occur through July 30—the district will perform pressure tests at each hydrants. These tests are performed by briefly opening up the hydrants to check that adequate flow

and pressure is available throughout the district's service territory.

While the hydrant maintenance is being performed, residents in the immediate vicinity of the work may experience temporary discoloration of their water. This discoloration primarily consists of harmless minerals that have built-up in the distribution system over time, but it does not affect the safety of the water. If you experience discoloration in your water after crews have been testing hydrants in your neighborhood, it is best to run your cold water tap at the lowest point of your home for approximately two minutes or until it clears up.

If residents should have any questions about the hydrant testing program, they are encouraged to call the district's customer service representatives at 516-931-6469 between the

hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information about the Plainview Water District and its hydrant maintenance program, visit the district's website at www.plainviewwater.org, email info@plainviewwater.org or call 516-931-6469.

