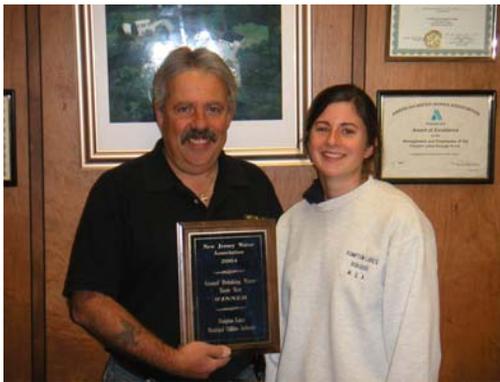


#1 TASTING WATER IN THE STATE

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As the winning contestant, the Borough of Pompton Lakes is eligible to send a sample to the National Rural Association's Great American Water Taste Test in Washington, D.C. This contest will be held in April 19, 2005 on Capitol Hill. There, Pompton Lakes Borough MUA water will be judged against the winning samples from the other forty-nine states in the country.



Presentation of Best Tasting Water Award--

(From Left to Right) Lawrence DeMaio, Water Chairman of the PLBMUA, Andrea Giallorenzo, Laboratory Manager of PLBMUA

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*****POMPTON LAKES VOTED
BEST TASTING WATER IN THE
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Atlantic City, New Jersey***
(See article inside)**



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#1 TASTING WATER IN THE STATE

*On September 22, 2004 we put
Pompton Lakes water to the test, a taste
test that is...*

The Pompton Lakes Municipal Utilities Authority (PLBMUA) is pleased to announce that Pompton Lakes was voted Best Tasting Water in the state at the New Jersey Water Association (NJWA) Second Annual Drinking Water Taste Test. The taste test took place at the "Back to the Basics" Conference held at Caesars Casino in Atlantic City.

The sample submitted by the PLBMUA and others from various utilities in the state were tasted and rated by a panel of five judges, representing federal, state, and local government. NJWA hosts the Conference each year in an effort to provide a place for water and wastewater professionals to learn about arising technologies and solutions in the field.

"The New Jersey Water Association has only confirmed something that we have known for a while," said Chairman George Decker. "We take a lot of pride in delivering a reliable and great tasting source of water and will continue to do so in the future."

IMPORTANT REMINDEERS:

- If you suspect a sewer blockage in your line, call the MUA first. We will be able to save you time and possibly money by investigating the situation and locating the problem.
- When performing construction on homes, such as, removing or replacing vinyl siding, please contact the Authority so that we may determine if the outside meter-reading device will be affected. If need be the device can be relocated or disconnected during construction. If the device is damaged or cut off of the home, it will be replaced at the homeowners' expense.
- Before making any sidewalk or driveway repairs you must notify the Authority by telephone at #973.839.3044, at least 48 hours in advance. An inspection of the site will be made by authority personnel to decide whether water or sewer lines will be affected. If so, you will be instructed as to how to proceed.
- DO NOT pour oil and grease down the drain; the buildup of these substances can cause blockages in both the sewer mains and laterals. Collect oil and grease in cans and dispose of properly.

HELPFUL TIPS FOR UNCLOGGING DRAINS SAFELY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY ...

Alternatives should be explored to household drain cleaner because in most cases it contains hazardous substances. Try a plunger. It's low cost and very effective. Or try the old-fashioned trick of pouring baking soda, then vinegar down the drain.

Pour ½ cup of baking soda down the drain. Add ½ cup of white vinegar and cover the drain if possible. Let sit for a few minutes, pour a kettle of 6 or more cups of boiling water down the drain to flush it. This method has proven to be very effective.

*Did you receive the annual Water
Quality Report? If not, come down to
the MUA and pick one up! It's good
reading and very informative!*

If you have any questions concerning your drinking water or any suggestions for this newsletter please contact John F. Wegele, Andrea Giallorenzo or Kathleen Shortway at the Pompton Lakes M.U.A. office, # 973.839.3044. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Also, visit our website at www.plbmua.org to view previous newsletter in our archives.

***BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY
AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR
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