



# Between The Lines

FISHERS ISLAND UTILITY COMPANY

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## What's In My Water?

Department of Health to release contamination levels

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) collects water quality data for both regulated contaminants and a select number of unregulated contaminants; this second category is also known as "emerging contaminants." It is this second category, disclosed under EPA's third Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR-3), that this report examines in detail. All across New York State, from Hoosick Falls to Long Island, there has been considerable public debate over the three specific emerging contaminants – PFOA, PFOS and 1,4-dioxane. But there are over 20 additional emerging contaminants that have been monitored. This report examines all of these and offers information on the extent these contaminants have been found in public drinking water supplies. Read the whole report at: <http://fiuc.net/water/water-alerts/>

The existence of an emerging contaminants in a drinking water supply does not necessarily put consumers' health at risk; however, it should spur a response by public officials.

After reviewing the EPA report, FIWW has determined that the main source for emerging contaminants is industry and, in some exceptions, fire foam. While we believe our system is not at risk, contamination could exist as the result of using unapproved fire foam in the Fishers Island Water shed.

To ensure an accidental incident doesn't take place FIWW has reached out to Fire Commissioner John Klimczak, who in turn has been in contact with acting fire chief Jeff Edwards of the Fishers Island Fire Department. Mr. Klimczak has assured us that Mr. Edwards is committed to removing any suspect products from the Island. Going forward, he will only use approved fire foam that doesn't contain emerging contaminants.

FIWW will continue to monitor our water supply to ensure the highest quality water for all our residents and businesses.



## New Handicap Window Installed

Fishers Island Utility Company (FIUC) has installed a new handicap window at the post office. The new window allows FIUC customers to conduct their business with easy and safety. It also means people don't have to climb stairs to get to the office. You now have access via the Post Office ramp. We look forward to seeing familiar faces at our new window.

## Water Main Replacement

Now that the installation of new water meters is complete, FIWW is actively working toward a major renovation of our water distribution system. This multi-year, multi-million-dollar infrastructure project has to be undertaken given the age and condition of our network of cast iron water mains, many of which date back to the early 1900s. Learn more at: <https://fishersisland.net/sharing-the-cost-to-renovate-our-island-water-distribution-network/>



# Briar Patch duplex project underway

The Briar Patch property is abuzz with cranes, boxes, and professionals putting together what will be two homes for Fishers Island Utility Company employees and their families. On a recent visit to the site, boxes for 3/4 of the first housing structure were moved into position. The last box and roof were in place, and completely shingled, by quitting time.

Front porches, rear decks, and the garages will be stick-built by Connecticut Homes. BD did the plumbing and electrical work in preparation for the building's box delivery. Other companies onsite included Connecticut Valley Homes, Industrial Engineers with the crane from Uncasville, CT, and Set Connectors from Norway, ME.

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