

HARBOR VIEWS

LITTLE EGG HARBOR MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

MAY 2026

RATE INCREASE NECESSARY IN 2026

We have finally gotten NJDEP approval to advertise for bids for the Phase III Water and sewer project. The following streets are to be fully renovated for this phase and will include: West Playhouse Drive, Spar Court, Tiller Court, North and South Captains Drive, Ship Drive, Staysail Drive, North and South Forecastle Drive, North and South Commodore Drive, and North and South Binnacle Drive. This is the single largest project that the Authority has ever done.

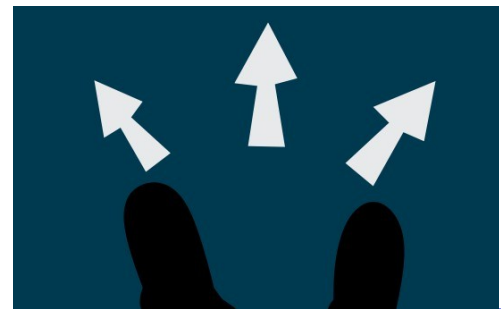
Once again, cooperation, understanding, and patience during the construction of this project will be very important with the understanding that traffic will be an issue that cannot be avoided. Especially in this neighborhood with only one street in and the same street out.

As a result of the many delays in approvals, it has placed the Authority in a position behind schedule. We can't continue for the Authority to wait any longer as the costs for emergency repairs continues to escalate. We have actually doubled up on the proposed projects from the original capital improvement plan. This will require the assumption of additional debt. However, making these necessary infrastructure upgrades will ensure the stabilization of our future water and sewer rates. In preparation of the annual budget and in order to meet the operating expenses, as well as new debt service, a rate increase of \$36.00 per year (\$9.00 per quarter) will occur in July of 2026. Once this newest phase is completed, it will account for over 55% replacement of the entire infrastructure within our system. Property values have continued to increase, fire safety has improved substantially with the addition of new hydrants, and roadways and drainage continues to improve with the cooperation of the Township.



PROUDLY SERVING
OUR COMMUNITY

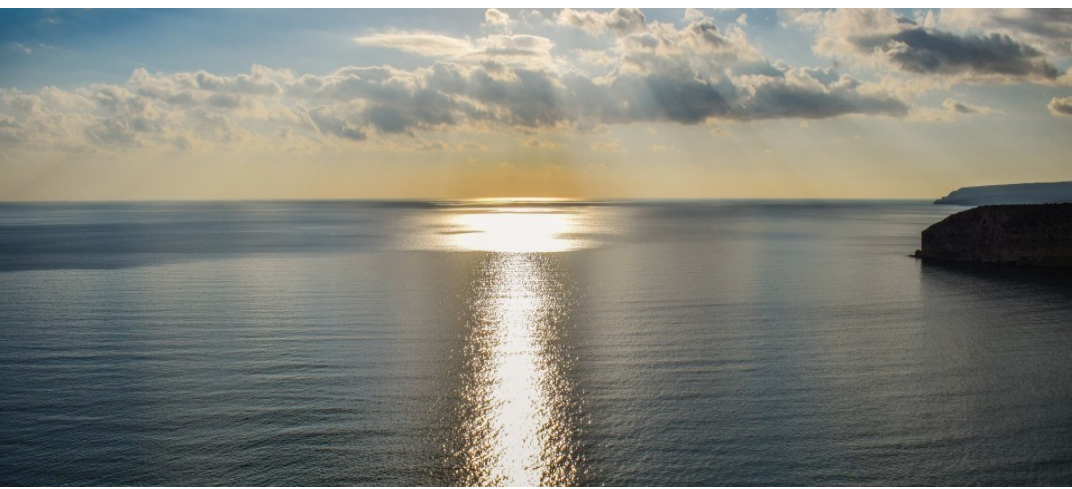
FOR 54 YEARS

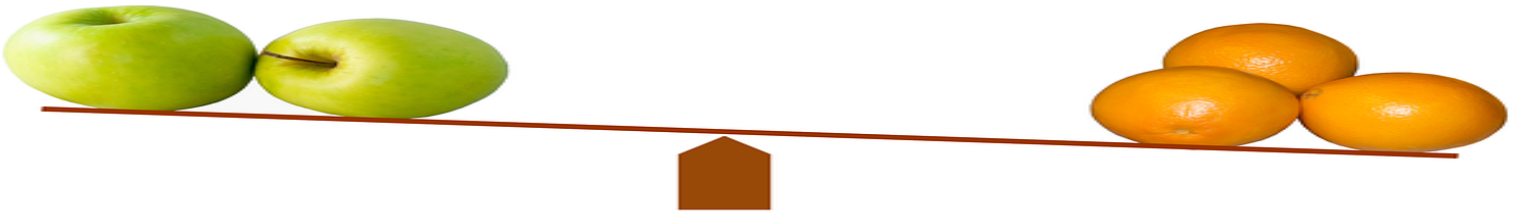


***ALWAYS
MOVING
FORWARD***

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Local water and Sewer Rate Comparisons (Per Quarter)

Manchester Township East: Water \$187.41 Sewer \$57.93

TOTAL PER YEAR \$981.36

Barnegat Township: Water \$169.45 Sewer \$116.00

TOTAL PER YEAR \$1,141.80

Manchester Township West: Water \$279.37 Sewer \$89.67

TOTAL PER YEAR \$1,476.16

Stafford Township: Water \$242.30 Sewer \$381.30

TOTAL PER YEAR \$2,494.40

Egg Harbor City: Water \$454.17 Sewer \$482.49

TOTAL PER YEAR \$3,746.64

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WATER \$82.00 Sewer \$118.00

TOTAL PER YEAR \$800.00



ONE OF THE COLDEST WINTERS ON RECORD

As most of you will remember and would certainly like to forget, this was one of the coldest and snowiest winters on record. Looking back in the history books, the 2026 winter season had the following records.

Snowfall Total: 51.4 Inches

**Average Low Temperature
February: 10 Degrees**

**Number of Days below
Freezing: 29 Straight**

Frost Line Depth: Up to 42"

New Jersey Averages Per Year

Snowfall Total 13.0 inches

Average February
Low Temperature: 27 Degrees

FUTURE PROJECTS

Year 2026

Phase III as mentioned on Cover.

Cost: 10 Million

Replacement of Pump Station #7 at Atlantis.

Cost: 1.3 million

Construction of New Water Storage Tank

Cost: 8.0 million

DATE TBD: East and West Schuylkill Drive, East and West Hudson Drive, and East and West Navasink Drive, East Pimlico, Ramapo Road, Walkill Road, Toms Court and Columbia Road water and sewer mains and service connection replacements.

2026 Updated Cost per gallon locally:

Gallon of Gas: \$4.49 Dollars

Gallon of Whole Milk: \$3.77 Dollars

Gallon of Paint: \$25.98 Dollars

Gallon of Water: \$1.37 Dollars

**YOUR COST PER
GALLON OF WATER**

.005467 CENTS



REMINDER!

ALWAYS CALL THE AUTHORITY FIRST!

If you have a sewer backup or suspect a water leak call the Authority **FIRST** at (609) 296-1168 or our service number (609) 296-7606. Staff will be dispatched 24/7. An evaluation will be performed and you will be advised whether the cause is one that needs to be taken care of by the Authority or if it is the responsibility of you as the property owner.

2025 Sherwin-Willimas Water Impact Award Winner:

American goldfinches, New Jersey's State Bird, along with butterflies, dragonflies, and native plants, adorn the Sea Oaks water tower following a full restoration.

Recognized as Water Tower of the year Nationally!



Courtesy of Paul Britt
NJ Water Association

WAYS TO SAVE WATER

BATHROOM

Install a low-flow showerhead

To save 7,665 gallons and \$40 per year

Take 5 minute showers

To save 76,650 gallons and \$420 per year

Install a low-flow toilet

To save 10,986 gallons and \$60 per year

Turn off water while brushing teeth

To save 11,680 gallons and \$64 per year

Fix constantly running toilets

To save 73,846 gallons and \$395 per year

LAUNDRY ROOM

Upgrade to a high efficiency washer

To save 14,585 gallons and \$80 per year

Run washing machine only when full

To save 10,534 gallons and \$58 per year

KITCHEN

Run dishwasher only when it's full

To save 2,920 gallons and \$15 per year

Install high efficiency dishwasher

To save 1,314 gallons and \$7 per year

Use a faucet aerator, low flow faucet

To save 15,622 gallons and \$ 85 per year

EVERY LITTLE

BIT HELPS!

BOATING ITEMS

WORD SEARCH

B	N	O	E	B	E	K	U	L	F
U	R	L	P	S	T	R	A	H	C
O	O	O	O	N	I	S	B	I	A
Y	H	D	R	A	O	B	T	U	O
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A	L	E	C	P	R	A	T	S	C
E	D	O	C	K	E	R	E	O	O
A	N	C	H	O	R	L	E	U	F

FIND THESE WORDS

OUTBOARD	ANCHOR
ROPE	BUOY
TARP	FUEL
CHARTS	HORN
PRESERVER	DOCK

**“CHANGE YOUR
THOUGHTS AND YOU
CHANGE THE WORLD”**

NORMAN VINCENT PEALE



ALWAYS BE PREPARED FOR THE STORM SEASON

Essential Hurricane Supplies Checklist:

- **Water & Food:** Minimum 3-day supply of water (1 gallon per person per day) and non-perishable food (canned goods, protein bars).
- **Power & Light:** Flashlights (headlamps are recommended), extra batteries, and a battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio preferred).
- **Medical & Sanitation:** First-aid kit, prescription medications, hand sanitizer, moist towelettes, garbage bags, and toilet paper.
- **Tools & Safety:** Manual can opener, wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities), duct tape, and local maps.
- **Communication & Documents:** Cell phone with chargers/backup battery, cash (small bills), and copies of important documents (insurance, ID) in a waterproof container.
- **Optional/Comfort Items:** Camping stove/grill with fuel, sleeping bags, extra clothing, and pet supplies. From Ready.gov+7

Preparation Tips:

- **Shelter:** If not evacuating, ensure you have materials to secure windows (plywood or shutters).
- **Documents:** Keep insurance policies, medical records, and ID in a waterproof bag.
- **Fuel:** Fill up vehicles and propane tanks well in advance.

From American Red Cross



VERY IMPORTANT

IF YOU PAY BY ONLINE BANKING, YOUR CHECK MAY TAKE UP TO 7 DAYS TO ARRIVE AT OUR OFFICE BASED ON WHERE IT IS MAILED FROM. THE DATE YOU PAY ONLINE IS NOT THE DATE WE RECEIVE PAYMENT AND POST IT. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT DURING FOURTH QUARTER BILLING. THIS YEAR IF THE AUTHORITY RECEIVES YOUR CHECK AFTER NOVEMBER 10TH 2026 LATER THAN 4:00 P.M., WE HAVE NO CHOICE AS THE CHECK MUST BE RETURNED TO YOU BY STATE STATUTE. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOUR HOUSE WILL BE GOING UP FOR SALE IMMEDIATELY FOR NON-PAYMENT. YOU WILL HAVE MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO BRING YOUR ACCOUNT CURRENT HOWEVER IT MUST BE SATISFIED WITH THE TOWNSHIP TAX OFFICE. IF NOT PAID, IT WILL THEN GO THROUGH THE FULL TAX SALE PROCESS. PLEASE AVOID THIS BY PAYING BEFORE THE DUE DATE AND ALLOWING FOR THE U.S. MAIL SERVICE AND POSSIBLE DELAYS.

**FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE YOU MAY PAY
ONLINE BY CREDIT CARD AT
WWW.LEHMUA.COM**

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

SERVICE DEPT. HOURS OF
OPERATION

7 DAYS A WEEK

8:00 AM TO 4:30 PM

SERVICE DEPT. TELEPHONE

609-296-7606

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