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## **North Penn Water Authority Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Open House on September 10**

*Marvin A. Anders, long-time NPWA board member, to be honored with lobby dedication and ribbon cutting*

**Lansdale, Pa—August 21, 2015**—In honor of 50 years of serving their customers, North Penn Water Authority (NPWA) is inviting the community to an Open House event to celebrate this momentous occasion on Thursday, September 10 from 3 pm to 7 pm at their Operations Center located at 300 Forty Foot Road in Towamencin.

The public is invited to tour NPWA's Operations Center, view highlights of the past 50 years and see demonstrations related to the NPWA water system, like valve turning, leak detection, how a fire hydrant works and how customer meters are read. This family-friendly event will include light refreshments, hot dogs, soft pretzels, popcorn, finger sandwiches, and an ice cream truck with various ice cream and water ice treats, to enjoy and a celebration cake will be cut to mark this momentous occasion. Every attendee will also receive a free [Refill from the Tap](#) water bottle, a stainless steel, double-walled insulated water bottle that will keep water cold for hours. Refill from the Tap is a new campaign aimed at reducing plastic waste from going into landfills while saving customers money.

At 5:30 pm, a number of local, state and federal elected officials will honor the Authority with certificates to mark the anniversary and Anthony J. Bellitto, Jr. PE, executive director of NPWA, will honor Marvin A. Anders, a long-serving NPWA board member for 40 years, with a lobby dedication and ribbon cutting. Anders joined the NPWA Board of Directors in 1975. Before retiring, Anders was the chairman of Univest and worked at the bank for 47 years. Anders is also a staple in the North Penn and Souderton communities. He has served on the boards for Christopher Dock Mennonite High School and Lifepath in Sellersville, and has served on committees for Indian Creek Foundation, Penn View Christian School and Christopher Dock. In addition to the NPWA Board, Anders continues to serve on the board of Penn Foundation.

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“This is a family-friendly event and we hope the community will join us in celebrating this milestone and see first-hand how far the water system has come over the last 50 years,” said Anthony J. Bellitto, Jr., P.E., executive director of NPWA. “We are also thrilled to honor Marvin A. Anders for his dedication to the Authority during such a momentous event. We are also looking forward to revealing our newly renovated lobby and the history of the Authority that will be displayed on the walls.”

For more information about the 50<sup>th</sup> open house, please visit [www.npwa.org](http://www.npwa.org) or call 215-855-3617.

### **About North Penn Water Authority**

Established in 1965, North Penn Water Authority (NPWA) is a municipally owned, nonprofit Authority with a dedicated, professional workforce committed to providing the community with a safe, reliable, and economical water supply. Water supplied to their customers comes from both a surface water supply that is treated at the state of the art Forest Park Water Treatment Plant (FPWTP) and from 17 groundwater wells located throughout the service area. To provide the highest quality water, the Authority has in place a main replacement program and performs annual flushing of its 567 miles of water main which serves their 33,500 customers. NPWA also owns and maintains all fire hydrants in the service area to ensure hydrants are in working order in case of fire emergencies. NPWA employees, many of whom are NPWA customers themselves, take pride in being able to provide this service to the community. For more information, please visit [www.npwa.org](http://www.npwa.org) or call 215-855-3617.