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# “THE PUDDLE”

THE NORTH KINGSTOWN DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY NEWSLETTER

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## Sign up for CodeRED for Emergency Calls

North Kingstown uses the CodeRED emergency telephone calling/texting system service for emergency notifications. In connection with the Water Department, this is a very useful system for alerting the public about a variety of issues including water main breaks. Described by the North Kingstown Police Department below:

The CodeRED Emergency Telephone Calling System is an extremely high-speed telephone communication service available for emergency notifications. CodeRED employs a one-of-a-kind Internet mapping capability for geographic targeting of calls, coupled with a high-speed telephone calling system capable of delivering customized pre-recorded emergency messages directly to homes and businesses. CodeRED subscribers control their emergency broadcasts from anywhere in the world via a secure Internet Portal.

The CodeRED system is a geographical based notification system, which means street addresses are needed to select which telephone numbers will receive emergency notification calls in any given situation. The system works fine for cellular phones too but requires a street address. People who have recently moved to the town but kept the same listed or unlisted number also need to change their addresses in the database.

To register, view CodeRED's <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/A14E20D7CF39> or search CodeRED through the Town of North Kingstown's website.



## WEATHER WARNING®

Is your property in the Special Flood Hazard Area? Do you need flood insurance? What are the rules for building in the floodplain? If you would like to know the answers to these questions or want to learn more about any of these topics, the Town of North Kingstown has information available that may help. Check our website at <http://northkingstown.org/212/Flooding-Flood-Insurance-Information>. You'll find information about the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), review evacuation route mapping as well as the Flood Insurance Rate Maps and find out about flood preparedness and protection. The web page includes helpful links to other state and federal resources as well. The town also has copies of FEMA Elevation Certificates on all buildings constructed or substantially improved in the floodplain since 1995. The North Kingstown Free Library also has a repository of flood-related information available. You can call the Planning Department with any floodplain questions at 268-1571.

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## **The Saunderstown Village Water Main has been completed!**

The Water Department, working with contractors, Pare Engineering and New England Building and Bridge, have completed the total replacement of the water mains in Saunderstown Village. The 85-year-old water mains in the village have been negatively affected by elevated groundwater levels and coastal area saltwater intrusion and have experienced quite a number of water main breaks over the years. This was a challenging replacement project as the streets there are quite narrow, and it was important that we continued to provide good quality drinking water to every resident there during the project. Effective communication and coordination between the residents, the contractors, and the water department during, not only the actual construction timeframe, but also the lengthy planning and engineering stage that preceded it, made a challenging job easier and we really appreciate the patience and assistance given to us by every member of that community. Thank you Saunderstown Village residents!

