



# Water Talk

Fall 2015

## 2016 BUDGET.

# No Water Rate Increase & Fully Tax Compliant!

**GOOD NEWS!** Through prudent and sound fiscal planning, the District's Board of Commissioners has been able to hold the line on the 2016 Budget. Despite rising costs, 2016 water rates will remain unchanged from 2015.

The tax rate has remained below the New York State 2% tax cap legislation for the 5th consecutive year. Our vital infrastructure improvements, including upgrading and maintenance, will continue according to plan throughout 2016. And that means excellent water quality for all our consumers!



L to R: District Foreman Brian O'Donnell; Commissioners Ciro DePalo and Dominick Feeney; Chief Plant Operator Ken Carsten; Office Manager Dianne Rapczyk.



## TEAMWORK WORKS

**A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP** has always existed between The Huntington Town Fire Departments and the South Huntington Water District. Firefighters require a dependable water supply and well-maintained fire hydrants. The SHWD relies on the 24-hour emergency services provided by the Fire Departments to protect our vitally important operation and all the people within the District.

Huntington Manor Fire Commissioner Chris Fusaro and SHWD Commissioner Dominick Feeney.

So when the Huntington Manor Fire Department recently expressed a need for two new fire hydrants at locations that would better serve their firefighting needs, the Water District completed the necessary planning, obtained permits, and the two new fire hydrants were installed.

Thanks to this teamwork and the mutual desire to serve the community's best interests, these important projects have been completed effectively and efficiently.



# WINTERIZING YOUR HOME

We've enjoyed a wonderful Indian Summer, but now is the time for winterizing your home in preparation for the colder weather. The following measures can save time and money:

- Turn off outside spigot valves from within your home and leave valves open outside so that the water line will drain to prevent frozen or burst pipes.
- Disconnect all hoses to prevent freezing and possible breakage.
- Drain all lawn sprinkling systems.
- Check the meter pit covers on your lawn to see that they are closed tight. Loose covers can allow your meter to freeze during cold windy nights. If you find that your meter pit cover is loose, call the District to have it properly locked.
- If water pipes are located in an unheated area of your house, cover them with insulation to prevent freezing.
- Know where your shut-off valve is located in case of emergency.
- Always remember to check or listen for leaks, especially during the cold winter months. If a frozen pipe bursts, it can cause serious property damage.

# ADOPT A HYDRANT



With winter approaching we ask all community members to please remove snow from around hydrants. This will provide visibility and accessibility for emergency use. If you see a fire hydrant that needs service (leaking, twisted or damaged in any manner), please call our emergency number (427-8190) any time day or night.

# SPRING CLEANING IN THE FALL?



At the SHWD, heavy duty cleaning is a year round event! This summer the District had the 1.5 million gallon ground storage tank at Plant #19 powerwashed. In service for 12 years this will likely extend the tank's life for many more decades. Years of weathering was removed from the exterior, which left the storage tank looking brand new. This maintenance

not only helps extend the life of the tank, but it also helps keep the site appearing clean and manicured for our neighbors.

The tank at Plant 14 located at Apex Road in Melville will be next to have maintenance completed. This will include a complete restoration of the interior and exterior of the tank. We'll keep you posted.

# ELECTION 2015 DECEMBER 8, 2015



The annual election for the office of Water District Commissioner will be held:

**Tuesday, December 8, 2015 3:00 PM until 9:00 PM.**

The purpose is to elect one (1) Commissioner for a three (3) year term. Any resident who has lived in the South Huntington Water District for at least thirty (30) days, and who is a registered voter is eligible to vote in the election. For your convenience, there are two polling locations:

**King of Kings Lutheran Church**, Old South Path in Melville

**Water District Administration Building**, corner of Fifth Avenue South and West 13th Street in Huntington Station.

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