



# Water Talk

## Conservation: Looking Ahead

Having one of the world's greatest aquifers as a water source is certainly a blessing. Protecting and preserving it remains a daily task that involves vision and long-range planning.

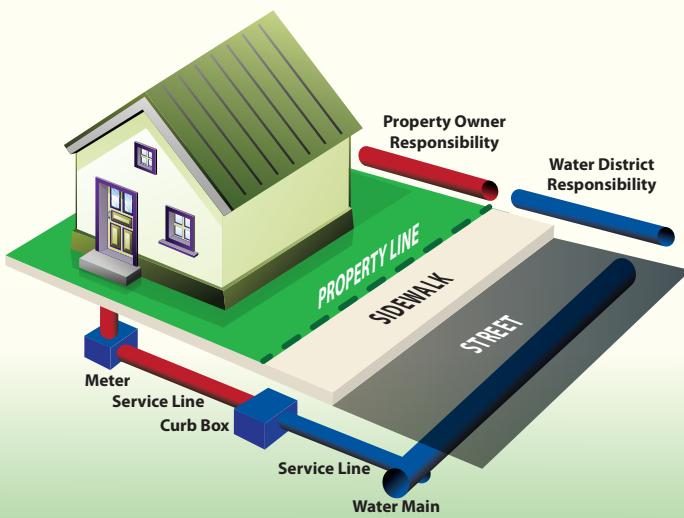


Commissioner Paul Tonna commented, "One of the biggest aspects of conservation is leak detection, above ground and subterranean, and the District is engaged in the initial stages of a vast leak detection survey. Our plan will eventually encompass comprehensive leak detection of all 270 miles of our water distribution system throughout three pressure zones. We will be using multiple techniques and the latest technology for listening, locating and pinpointing water leaks. This will begin in the northeastern quadrant of the District."

The effort will help conserve our wonderful natural resource for generations to come. That's our goal and the reason why we are always looking ahead!



## Repairing Service Lines: Who's Responsible?



Periodically, we field calls about the responsibility for service line leaks. Property owners are responsible for all costs associated with the repair of leaks if they occur between the property line and a residence or in the meter pit. All water service line repairs must be made by a licensed plumber. If a leak develops in the water service between the water main (in the roadway) and the property line, the District bears responsibility for the repair. Water is a precious resource. With any leak, repairs should be made as quickly as possible to reduce the amount of water running to waste.

## 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 leaking, twisted or damaged in any manner, call our emergency number (631) 427-8190 ASAP at anytime.



# SALUTING OUR VETERANS

Veterans Day is on the horizon. Originally called Armistice Day, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the holiday to honor those involved in WWI, aka The Great War. The Armistice, a cessation of hostilities, took place on the 11th day of the 11th month at 11:00 a.m. in 1918. In 1954 Armistice Day was deemed to honor all vets and the name was changed to Veterans Day.

The South Huntington Water District proudly salutes the men and women who have so unselfishly served the stars and stripes and given their all so that our nation might be safe and free.

## NOTICE OF ELECTION: DECEMBER 13, 2016

It's that time again. The annual election for the office of Water District Commissioner to elect one (1) Commissioner for a three (3) year term will be held: Tuesday, December 13, 2016, 3:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Please come out and vote.

All residents who have lived in the South Huntington Water District for at least thirty (30) days and who are registered voters are eligible to vote in this election at one of two polling locations:

1. KING OF KINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH, OLD SOUTH PATH, MELVILLE.
2. WATER DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, CORNER OF FIFTH AVENUE SOUTH AND WEST 13TH STREET, HUNTINGTON STATION.



## 10 Winterizing Tips

Now is the time for winterizing homes in preparation for colder weather. The following will protect you and save time and money:

1. Disconnect all hoses to prevent freezing and possible breakage.
2. Turn off exterior spigot valves from inside your home. Leave valves slightly open to drain water line and prevent frozen/burst pipes.
3. Drain all lawn sprinkler systems.
4. Check that meter pit covers are closed tight to prevent meter freezing. If your meter pit cover is loose, call the District to have it properly locked.
5. Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.
6. If water pipes are located in an unheated area of your house, cover them with insulation to prevent freezing.
7. Going away? Leave the heat set to a temperature no lower than 55 °F.
8. Know where your shut off valve is in case of emergency.
9. Keep garage doors closed.
10. Always check or listen for leaks, especially during winter months. If frozen pipes burst, they can cause serious property damage!

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