



Water Talk

A WORD TO THE WATER WISE!

Sponsored by the United Nations and observed annually since 1993, World Water Day represents an opportunity to learn about water-related issues and to take action to make a difference across our planet.

"In today's increasingly interconnected world, what we do locally can have global effects," Commissioner *Ciro DePalo* noted. "That's why, we at the South Huntington Water District, take conservation and long-term sustainability very seriously. Our wonderful aquifer provides excellent raw water which we treat to standards to deliver a pure and plentiful supply with sufficient pressure at a reasonable cost."



Ciro DePalo

Agriculture and energy production are the biggest users of water worldwide, but consumers can help conserve through common sense actions. Simply turning off the faucet when brushing your teeth can save up to four gallons of water!

"Water usage skyrockets in summer months largely due to lawn watering. In some hot months it can quadruple and put a big strain on our distribution systems," The Commissioner added. "In our efforts to meet the water reduction mandate from New York State, being water wise with lawn watering will save millions of gallons of water and dollars for consumers."

The Commissioners urge residents to keep conservation and sustainability in mind at all times.

WATER FACTS:

Typical American households use over 300 gallons of water per day.

In some areas more than 95% of water usage occurs outside the home.

A 10-minute shower averages 17-20 gallons of water used. A full tub for a bath averages about 36 gallons.

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The average leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons of water per day.

Modern high efficiency washing machines use less than 5 gallons of water per cubic foot of capacity.

IT'S VOLUNTARY AND IT REALLY SAVES!

Our voluntary Odd-Even Lawn Watering Program has been a successful conservation measure in the past, and we ask residents to please continue that effort this year. Have an odd-numbered street address? Please water only on odd-numbered days. Even-numbered street addresses should water only on even-numbered days. This arrangement helps even out our peak water production demands and likely will promote a healthier lawn for you. Thanks for helping!



MEET COMMISSIONER JOE PERRY.

New Commissioner *Joe Perry* has been a SHWD resident at The Greens at Half Hollow in Melville for 10 years, and he has served on the Homeowners' Association Board as Treasurer for 4 years. A successful local businessman, Commissioner *Perry* attended Archbishop Molloy in the Briarwood section of Queens and St. John's University in Hillcrest, Queens. He came on to the SHWD Board in December 2017 after the passing of Commissioner *Dominick P. Feeny*. Commissioner *Perry* will seek a three-year term in the upcoming December 11, 2018, election. Welcome aboard *Joe*!

ANNOUNCING OUR NEWEST FAMILY ADDITION.

We may be slightly premature, but before the end of the 2018 pumping season, our newest addition will be online and spreading joy...in the form of precision control, superior efficiencies and better communications!

SCADA (Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition) is a computerized process control system that will enable us to securely and remotely monitor and control water flow and pressure...24/7/365...throughout our entire distribution system...including 23 wells and 271 miles of water mains...with optimal effectiveness! SCADA can detect aberrations anywhere within the system and instantly transmit information to our central office where the appropriate remedial action can be taken. No wonder we're so excited to welcome SCADA!



Paul J. Tonna

"SCADA enables us to continually gather and analyze data in real time," Commissioner Paul Tonna explained. "It's very secure and features remote access, which is extremely important in a District of our size. And it's far more cost efficient, especially with respect to allocation of manpower."

Our new 'baby' will make a smarter, brighter future for all residents of the SHWD!



UNDER THE CAP...AGAIN.



It involves meticulous monitoring and careful planning, but the SHWD Commissioners are proud to announce that we will continue to maintain one of Long Island's lowest tax rates and remain below the 2% New York State Tax Cap. As we modernize our extensive infrastructure, many challenges lie ahead. We are confident that strong fiscal management and hardworking District employees will enable us to continue to provide a plentiful supply of high quality water at an economical cost. Our investment in infrastructure now sets the stage for future District residents.



Never Forget!

Memorial Day is a Federal holiday that honors those who died while serving in our armed forces. We salute each and every man and woman who have made the ultimate sacrifice so that our great democracy might live on and prosper.

MEMORIAL DAY FACTS

-  Originally honored soldiers killed in the Civil War (1861-1865)
-  Originally called Decoration Day
-  Now celebrated the last Monday in May
-  1971: Congress declares Memorial Day a National holiday
-  2000: President Clinton signs the "National Moment of Remembrance Act," designating 3:00 p.m. local time on Memorial Day each year as the National Moment of Remembrance

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