



# Water Talk

## WINNER "BEST TASTING WATER" For The 9th Time



Left to Right: Ken Carsten; Commissioners Ciro DePalo, Paul Tonna and Dominick Feeny; Brian O'Donnell.

**T**HE SOUTH HUNTINGTON WATER DISTRICT is celebrating its 90th anniversary in high style...by winning the 2015 Suffolk County "Best Tasting Water" Contest...again...for the ninth time!

Held at SUNY Farmingdale on May 7, 2015, the District was represented by Diane Gerdis who witnessed the final voting and our win! The trophy will be on display at the administration building for the remainder of this year. SHWD will now compete in further taste tests with other county winners for the NY State title. Stay tuned for updates and wish us luck! ■



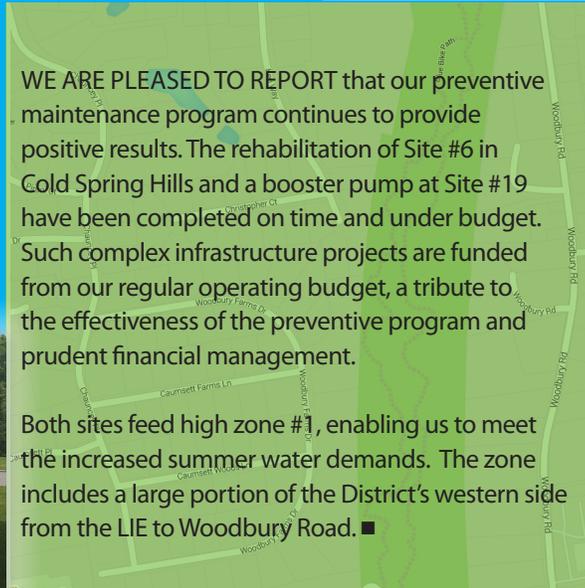
## INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

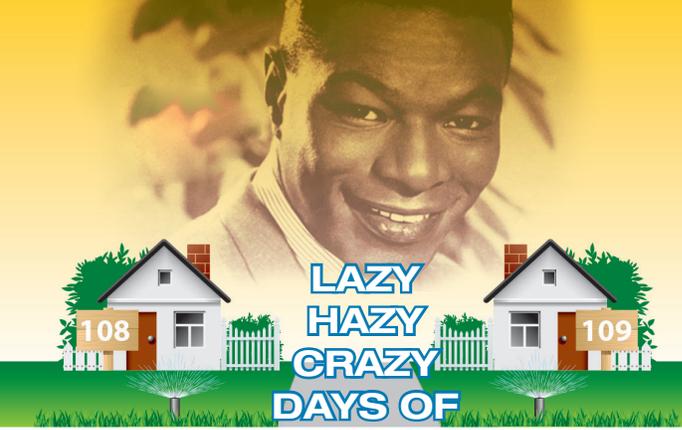


Site #19

WE ARE PLEASED TO REPORT that our preventive maintenance program continues to provide positive results. The rehabilitation of Site #6 in Cold Spring Hills and a booster pump at Site #19 have been completed on time and under budget. Such complex infrastructure projects are funded from our regular operating budget, a tribute to the effectiveness of the preventive program and prudent financial management.

Both sites feed high zone #1 enabling us to meet the increased summer water demands. The zone includes a large portion of the District's western side from the LIE to Woodbury Road. ■





# ODD/EVEN

WAY BACK IN THE SIXTIES, NAT KING COLE sang about those “lazy hazy crazy days of summer,” and it’s that time again...when the demand for District water will jump fivefold! Given our current dry spell, it’s even more important to follow the odd/even lawn watering schedule we have promoted for several years. FYI, lawn watering represents the single biggest use of water on Long Island.

**House number is odd...water only on odd-numbered days.**

**House number is even...water only on even-numbered days.**

Thanks for conserving and for helping to even the odds! ■

## SHUTTING OFF YOUR MAIN VALVE

UH OH. YOU AWAKEN FROM A SOUND SLEEP and hear running water. It’s an emergency, and you need to turn off the water. Do you know where and how?

### Location! Location! Location!

Have a cellar? Your main valve is usually on the front basement wall (facing the street) where the water service enters. House built on a slab? Main valve is usually in the furnace room. Look for the water service entering vertically from the floor.

### Older & Newer Valves:

To shut a traditional round handle valve, turn the handle clockwise until it’s snug. Never force the handle. Have the newer “ball-type” valves? Turn the handle “across the piping” to a right angle to the flow of water, generally only a quarter turn. Never force the handle when you feel it stop.

### Helpful Hints:

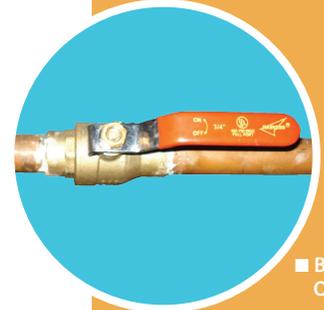
If you have a plumber replace your older main water valve, consider installation of a simpler, easy to operate ball valve.

Finally, never obstruct your main valve with stored items or cover over the valve with sheetrock or paneling.

Having a true emergency? Call us. We can assist by turning the water off outside your home. We’re available for emergencies 24/7/365 at 631-427-8190. ■



■ Ball Valve Closed.



■ Ball Valve Open.



■ Round Handle Valve.

## NEW GENERATION WORKFORCE



■ Left to right: Pete Tischner, Jim Stork, Mike McGovern and Mike DeSanti.

**Earlier this year, the District saw the retirement of two dedicated, long-time District employees. Before Kevin J. Carroll (42 years) and Michael J. Feeney (39 years) retired, they instilled their knowledge and work ethic in a new generation of employees. With between two- and eight-years experience each, you’ll see the new crew throughout the District reading meters, repairing hydrants and fixing water main breaks. In short, continuing to deliver a plentiful supply of quality water as the District has done since 1925! ■**

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