



Water Talk

KEEPING THE WATER FLOWING: MEET THE CREW!



L to R: Jim Stork, Jim Weitekamp, Dave DeGruchy, Mike DeSanti, Mike McGovern, Diane Gerdis, Troy Manheim, Beth Orthun, Will Chavez (partially hidden), Debbie Santorelli, Dianne Rapczyk, Ken Carsten, Pete Tischner, Brian O'Donnell.

QUESTION: What does it take to run a water district, particularly one as large as ours?

ANSWER: A great deal of effort and expertise. And dedication. And persistence. Because there are no off days in our calendar. Providing water to our nearly 90,000 residents and businesses is a 24/7/365 task.

Commissioner Paul Tonna summed it up perfectly.



Paul J. Tonna

"Pure, safe water isn't a luxury, it is a necessity. I am proud to say that these dedicated individuals work together as a true team to achieve compliance and to bring a plentiful and uninterrupted supply of high quality water to each household and business in the District."

And here are the people who make it happen for you, day after day.

AWARD-WINNING PLANT #9

It's always great to be recognized...and for their design and construction of our SHWD Plant #9, H2M architects & Engineers received Project of the Year from the NY American Water Works Association (NYAWWA) and a Gold Award from the NY American Council of Engineering Companies (NYACEC). The new well is located in a residential area and looks just like a single-family home. It includes security perimeter fencing, driveway and appropriate landscaping so that it blends perfectly into the surrounding neighborhood.

Commissioner Ciro DePalo observed, "we are extremely pleased that the project has won these two prestigious awards. Most important of all, having Plant #9 online enables the South Huntington Water District to continue to provide a reliable source of potable water for drinking and firefighting every day of the year, now and into the future."

"The new well is ideally situated to service the residential and commercial sectors of Northern Melville and the West Hills area." Commissioner Joe Perry said. "It is a vital part of our overall infrastructure and has a capacity of nearly 1,400 gallons per minute. A new 300kW generator is on site to ensure production even in emergencies."



Ciro DePalo

Joe Perry

NO WE'RE NOT MOVING TO PHILADELPHIA!

No, we're not moving to Philadelphia! But we are saving taxpayer dollars by changing our banking relationship to an organization located in the City of Brotherly Love. So, for all our valued customers, if you see a Philadelphia mailing address on your water bill's return envelope, **it's not a mistake**. And you can confidently pay your bill as per usual.



And please be aware that if your checks are sent directly to us, you need to change that address with your banking institutions.

NOTICE OF ELECTION DECEMBER 11, 2018

On Tuesday, December 11, 2018 SHWD voters can go to the polls and cast their ballots to elect one Water District Commissioner for a three (3) year term. Held annually, voting hours are between 3:00 PM and 9:00 PM. **Please come out and cast your ballot!**

ELIGIBILITY:

All registered voters who have resided within the South Huntington Water District for at least thirty (30) days, are eligible to vote at one of these polling locations:

1. **King of Kings Lutheran Church: Old South Path, Melville.**
2. **SHWD Administration Building: Corner of Fifth Avenue South and West 13th Street, Huntington Station.**

BE SAFE! Know where your main shut off valve is!

Water emergencies. There's never a good time for them to happen, but would you really know what to do if there is an emergency and you had to turn the water off? Many people do not, and that can mean damage, expense and heartaches.

First, know where the main water valve inside your home is located. Have a cellar or a basement? The main valve is usually on the front basement wall. That's the wall facing the street where the water service enters your home. Is your home built on a slab? The main valve is usually located in the furnace room. Look for the water service that is vertically entering that space from the door. **Then what do you do?**



Traditional round handle "wheel" valves: To shut off, turn the handle clockwise until it stops. Don't force it. Merely turn until snug.

Newer "ball-type" valves: To shut off, turn the handle so it is at a right angle to the flow of water or "across" the piping. These valves generally operate easily and move only a quarter of a turn. Do not force the handle when you feel it stop. You might consider having your plumber installing the simpler and easier to operate ball valve.

Never ever obstruct your main valve: Never cover the valve with sheetrock or paneling! And be careful where you place stored items. They tend to pile up and can easily block visual and physical access.

Call us: If you have a true emergency and all else fails, call us. We can assist you by turning the water off outside your home. We are available in emergencies around the clock, 365 days a year at (631) 427-8190.

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