



Water Talk

RECOGNIZING A LIFETIME OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE

The efficient and fiscally responsible supervision of a water district as large as the South Huntington Water District requires incisive long term planning, meticulous day-to-day infrastructure maintenance, and most of all, the concept of teamwork to best serve the interests of the public. The SHWD team recently lost one of its most dedicated leaders, Commissioner Dominick P. Feeney, and both our team and the entire community will miss his guidance and good nature.

Appointed to the Board after the passing of Commissioner George Kopp in July, 2010, Dominick won election as Water Commissioner in December 2010. His service has left an enduring imprint on the SHWD. Commissioner Feeney oversaw the complete renovation of Plant #9, Gwynne Road in Melville, and supervised the interior and exterior repainting and refurbishment of our 1.5 million gallon Apex Road tank.

Dedicated to ensuring that our water production and distribution system was sufficient for current needs and flexible enough for future needs, he was always sought to keep rates and taxes at reasonable levels.

Commissioner Feeney was also instrumental in community outreach, solidifying relationships with residents, civic groups as well as with New York's bravest, our neighboring fire departments.



Dominick P. Feeney



New York State Senator Carl L. Marcellino (left) inducting Dominick P. Feeney (right) into the NYS Veterans' Hall Of Fame.

AN AMERICAN HERO

Commissioner Dominick P. Feeney was also a true American hero, a decorated Bronze Star Korean War veteran whose 19th birthday was spent with the U.S. Army's 25th Infantry Division in brutal winter combat above the 38th Parallel. In 2014 he was awarded a rare and distinguished honor when he was inducted into the New State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame for the display of *exemplary military service* followed by civilian life with *outstanding service to the community*.

Commissioner, past VFW commander, longtime Huntington Highway Department Supervisor/Deputy Superintendent, and decorated veteran, we at the SHWD express our gratitude to Commissioner Dominick P. Feeney for his dedicated service to our District, our residents, and to the United States Of America.



HELP THE HYDRANT

This season's frigid temperatures, ice and snow affect people in many ways, some of which are not so obvious. For example, the fire hydrant, that silent sentinel of safety, needs your help too. As the first and last line of fire defense, the more than 1,700 hydrants in our District need to be visible even when the white stuff piles up or when accidentally plowed under. Locating hydrants quickly helps firefighters to save lives. Please help. Keep the hydrants in your neighborhood accessible, visible and clear of snow and ice, and in more temperate months, tend to shrubs that can hide them from view. In a fire emergency, every second counts for your family and home, as well as for firefighters and EMTs.

If you see a fire hydrant that's leaking, twisted or damaged in any manner, please call our emergency number (631) 427-8190 asap.

Your District By The Numbers

Service Area:
22 square miles

Population Served:
81,760

Storage Tanks:
7

Storage capacity:
10,000,000 gallons

Daily Pumping Capacity:
30,000,000 gallons

Water Mains:
271 miles

Number of wells:
23

Fire Hydrants:
1,715



ALWAYS ASK FOR ID

Whether human nature or a sign of the times, across Long Island there has been a rise in incidents where burglars have posed as water utility employees. Unsuspecting homeowners, often seniors, are the most victimized. Criminals use this disguise to burglarize homes, sell bogus products or services, or even to collect payment on "overdue" bills.

Don't Be Fooled! Ask For ID!

SHWD employees will rarely if ever need access to your home, unless you have previously requested a visit. And we will NEVER ask for payment onsite, nor offer services or products.

All SHWD employees:

- Wear official uniforms
- Carry official SHWD ID cards (including name, photo, and our distinctive yellow logo)
- Drive bright yellow or white vehicles with the District logo emblazoned on vehicle doors.

In doubt? Verify ID. Call (631) 427-8190, 24/7.



Commissioner Ciro DePalo, Commissioner Joseph Perry, Commissioner Paul Tonna at swearing in ceremony.

On December 12, 2017, Commissioner Ciro DePalo was re-elected to a 3-year term as Water Commissioner with the South Huntington Water District. Commissioner DePalo, a local business owner and South Huntington Water District resident since 1963 began his new term effective January 1, 2018, and will serve through December 31, 2020. A member of the Nassau Suffolk Water Commissioners' Association (NSWCA) and The Long Island Water Conference, Ciro has served as SHWD Water Commissioner since 2009 and as Treasurer since 2015.

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