



# Water Talk

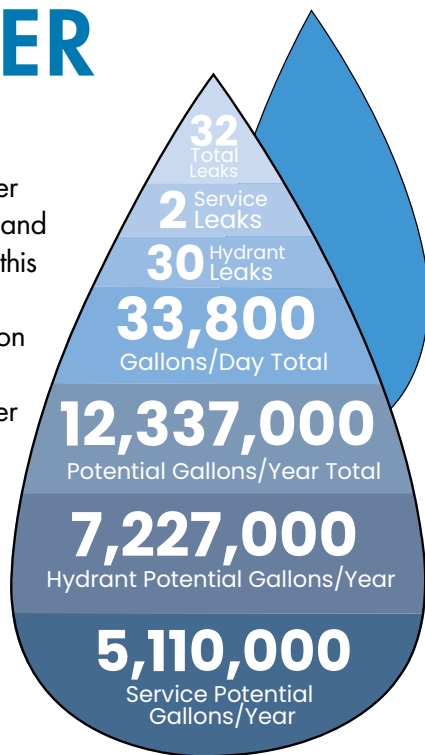
## SAVING WATER DROP BY DROP



**Commissioner Paul J. Tonna**

Winter often batters water production infrastructure and distribution systems, and this winter was not gentle. In April, the South Huntington Water District (SHWD) performed a system water leak assessment survey which proved extremely successful. "The survey

included the identification and fixing of over 30 leaks in the District," Commissioner Tonna stated. "Had they gone undetected and uncorrected, over 12,000,000 gallons of water could have been wasted in a single year, and that extrapolates to more than 720 gallons for each SHWD customer account!"



## DIG IT! BUT CALL FIRST



**Commissioner Joseph Perry**

Always Call Before You Dig! Long Island is more crowded today...on the roads, in shopping malls and underground. Underground? Yes!

"Water mains and natural gas mains have always been underground," Commissioner Perry

commented, "but recently subterranean space has become crowded with telephone lines, electrical wires and cable TV. Because our water mains are at deeper depths we must navigate through each service while excavating. That in turn

makes it essential to know what and where all other utilities exist underground in the vicinity of our planned excavation. That's the reason for Call 811 First."



**Commissioner Giro DePalo**

The District always obtains underground 'mark outs' from the New York City/Long Island One

Call Center prior to digging. Trained technicians then mark the locations of all subsurface utilities in various color paints as determined by law.

Should home or business owners notify the One Call Center before they excavate?

"Absolutely!" Commissioner DePalo observed. "Whether you are digging for landscaping or for any other reason, calling keeps everyone safe. You will avoid property damage, potential explosions or fires and power service interruptions should you unexpectedly encounter an underground utility. Plus, the service is free so it is a no-brainer. Call 811 First!"

## BICYCLE RIDE ANNUAL GOLD COAST TOUR

Huntington is a busy community, especially in the summer months, and the Huntington Bicycle Club's Annual Gold Coast 100-Mile Tour is among the most popular events. Now in its 36th year, the tour features various bicycle routes that wind along Long Island's beautiful, historic north shore beginning at Harborfields High School, and ranging from 12 to 100 miles. The July 14th event drew cyclists of all ages and ability levels, and your South Huntington Water District once again supported the thirsty riders. We set up a fire hydrant as a water stop in Cold Spring Harbor, enabling participants to refresh themselves from the steamy July weather with South Huntington's finest. Congratulations to the Huntington Bicycle Club on another successful event!



# SOUTH HUNTINGTON WATER DISTRICT SALUTES ALL OF OUR VETERANS AND THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE



## A HEADS UP ON 1,4-DIOXANE

You may have heard about the New York State Health Department considering establishing a proposed drinking water standard for emerging contaminants, including 1,4-Dioxane. The SHWD has always been extremely proactive in monitoring water quality and preparing for any new regulations. The good news is that we have detected only low levels of emerging contaminants, and only in a few of our supply wells.

In anticipation of a new regulation which was recently issued by the NYSBOH, we have been proactively constructing a

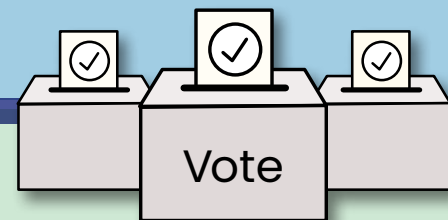
treatment system at one plant site to remove 1,4-Dioxane. The District was awarded a grant from New York State for up to \$3 million to help offset the cost of constructing this treatment system. We have also conducted a pilot test for a state-of-the-art treatment technology called Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP). Our plant should be in service by 2020.

The SHWD remains fully committed to providing our community with the highest quality water that meets or exceeds all federal and New York State drinking water standards.

## WHAT IS 1,4-DIOXANE?



1,4-Dioxane is a synthetic chemical historically used as a stabilizer for industrial solvents, predominantly 1,1,1-trichloroethane (TCA). Apart from its widespread use as a solvent stabilizer from the 1950s through the 1990s, it is used in small concentrations in a variety of applications, such as inks, adhesives and pharmaceuticals. It is also present in trace amounts in certain consumer products such as detergents, shampoos and cosmetics as a byproduct of the manufacturing process.



## ELECTION NOTICE

The annual election for the office of Water District Commissioner will be held:

**TUESDAY,  
DECEMBER 10, 2019  
FROM 3:00 P.M.  
UNTIL 9:00 P.M.**

The purpose is to elect one Commissioner for a three-year term. Any resident who has lived in the South Huntington Water District for at least thirty days and who is a registered voter is eligible to vote in the election.

For your convenience there are two polling locations:

King of Kings Lutheran Church,  
Old South Path, Melville

Water District Admin Building,  
Corner of Fifth Avenue South and  
West 13th Street, Huntington Station

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