



# WaterTalk

## LIFTOFF! Our New Website Has Been Launched!



### We're Here For You!

- Delivering a plentiful supply of the purest possible water, 24/7 . . .
- Safeguarding our community with sufficient reserves . . .
- With preventive maintenance to avoid downtime . . .
- Championing conservation for long-term sustainability . . .

**That's the capsulized messaging you'll see in the sliders of our new website. And much more!**

"In the age of instantaneous communications, having accurate, easily understood messaging is vital, and this new website achieves that goal with dropdown menus and fast, intuitive navigation," Commissioner Paul J. Tonna stated. "It's a one-stop source for just about everything customers need to know about the South Huntington Water District (SHWD) from annual water quality reports to educational resources and a simplified water bill payment portal. The site really exemplifies the SHWD's philosophy of "We're here for you!"

**To visit the new SHWD Website go to: [www.shwd.org](http://www.shwd.org).**

■ Commissioner Paul J. Tonna



**What's New**

**Legal Notice**  
March 28, 2019  
Notice is hereby given that SEALED PROPOSALS for Installation of Water Mains & Appurtenances - Goldsmith Estates - Phase I will be received by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS [HERE](#)

**Legal Notice**  
March 24, 2019  
Notice is hereby given that SEALED PROPOSALS for Installation of Water Mains & Appurtenances - Goldsmith Avenue will be received by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS [HERE](#)

**Notice to Stockholders**  
March 7, 2019  
Notice is hereby given that SEALED PROPOSALS for WALT WHITMAN ROAD BRIDGE WIDENING WATER MAIN RELOCATION will be received by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS [HERE](#)

**Welcome!**



The South Huntington Water District has provided residents and businesses with a plentiful supply of clean, high quality water that meets or surpasses all New York State and federal standards since our inception in 1925.

Today, we live in a water conscious world where demand has never been higher, where conservation is a way of life and where long term sustainability is a must. As stewards of the public trust and the environment, our goal of the South Huntington Water District is to ensure that our growing number of customers always receive an uninterrupted supply of the most precious of resources, as well as necessary service and exceptionally low water rates. And we are proud to have won the Best Tasting Water Contest more times than any other local water district.

### SHWD Enhances Emergency Notifications by Phone and Email

We continually strive to keep the most recent contact information in our emergency alert system, and we need our customers' assistance in keeping our phone and email database up-to-date.

By calling the District office, or by visiting the "Code Red" page of our website at [shwd.org/resources/code-red/](http://shwd.org/resources/code-red/), you can provide the most recent email address and phone number you would like added to the emergency notifications list.





■ Commissioner Joseph Perry

# UNDER THE 2% CAP AGAIN!

"Providing water to homes and businesses is something most people take for granted," Commissioner Joseph Perry said. "Turn a handle or a spigot and out it comes. In one sense that's a great tribute to the people at the South Huntington Water District who make that happen each and every day. What is unseen is the unceasing commitment of resources and manpower behind those simple actions. That's why the South Huntington Water District is proud that we will remain below the 2% New York State Tax Cap and that residents will continue to enjoy one of the lowest tax rates on Long Island."

As we continually maintain and modernize our wells, pumping equipment, hydrants and other infrastructure, it is also important to note that 100% of your tax dollars go into the production of water and through strong fiscal management and the work of our dedicated District employees, we will continue to ensure that water is the least costly of all utilities.

**"It is the sun shining on the rain and the rain falling on the sunshine..."**

Frances Hodgson Burnett penned those words in *"The Secret Garden"* circa 1910 to describe spring, the season when just about everything in the garden is blooming. But none of spring's wonders happen without water! Saving water and utilizing it better will do a lot to help Long Island's sole source aquifer, as well as result in a more successful garden. Here are a few tips to observe.

- 4 When sprinkling your grass and flower or vegetable beds, try to avoid watering the driveway and sidewalk.
- 5 Water retention in your garden is enhanced by compost, not to mention a wealth of nutrients. Start a compost pile and add it to your garden. Mix in some compost along with wood chips or peat moss, and your water retention will be boosted.
- 6 A slow-drip irrigation system will help avoid over-watering and also save money on your water bill.
- 7 Watering lawns and gardens at the most opportune times conserves our precious resource. Water generally evaporates most rapidly between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Restrict watering to before or after those times and you'll likely use less.
- 8 Most people overwater lawns. Keeping the length of your lawn approximately two inches long will help reduce evaporation and require less water.
- 9 Alternate watering in areas where runoff occurs, especially on slopes or compacted dry soils.
- 10 Hate raking? When you're finished mowing, leave the grass clippings on the lawn. This will boost water retention and help grass grow thicker.

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- 1 Check all outside hoses and connections for leaks and winter's ravages.
- 2 Planting your garden to start the season? Start off right. There are many beautiful groundcovers that require less watering including lavender, daylilies, forget-me-nots, aloes, marigolds and zinnias.
- 3 Avoid wasting water by installing a spring-loaded shutoff nozzle on each garden hose to avoid water waste.

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Xeriscaping is the process of gardening and landscaping that is water conscious and reduces or eliminates the need for supplemental water from irrigation. It is a standard practice in California and the southwest. And it is a way that you can reduce your water usage to help our communities and help your water bill in the bargain! Take a look at what the US Environmental Protection Agency has to say about xeriscaping and WaterSense at [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense).

## MILESTONES



### A 30-Year District Career!

When Brian O'Donnell started at the SHWD, George Bush Sr. was President, the first episodes of *The Simpsons* aired and the top song was *Another Day in Paradise* by Phil Collins. In February, Brian completed his 30th year of service with the District. District Foreman since 2003, a few of Brian's responsibilities include the maintenance and repairs of the District's infrastructure consisting of water mains, service lines and fire hydrants, supervising and reviewing all water main plans and purchasing and maintaining all District vehicles. Congratulations Brian for your dedication and the valuable contributions you have provided to serving the people of the South Huntington Water District.



### SHWD Recognizes Peter Tischner!

Maintenance Mechanic Peter Tischner recently attained 10 years of service at the District. As a certified Water Treatment Plant Operator and Distribution System Operator, Peter's responsibilities include preventive maintenance and repair of water mains in

our 271-mile-long network, maintenance of over 1,700 fire hydrants and replacement of water meters. Peter also participates in the District's weekend rotation schedule, testing and recording well water production data. The South Huntington Water District is grateful for your effort, dedication and sense of teamwork.



### MEMORIAL DAY IS ON THE HORIZON.

Memorial Day, which is the last Monday in May, honors the memory of every service member who gave his or her life in our nation's wars. It began being celebrated in 1868 and was originally called Decoration Day. Initially enacted to



■ Commissioner Ciro DePalo

honor the Union dead after the Civil War, Decoration Day had been unofficially called Memorial Day for decades before Federal law changed the name in 1967. Similarly, it was held on May 30 regardless of what day of the week it happened to be. In 1971, Memorial Day moved from May 30th to the last Monday in May to create a three-day holiday.

Commissioner Ciro DePalo stated, "The South Huntington Water District expresses enormous respect for the men and women who gave their lives in service as well as those who have so unselfishly served our flag so that our nation might be safe and free. We stand with you, and we salute you."

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Eleven-Time Winner of Suffolk County's  
**"Best Tasting Water"**

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