



WaterTalk

Fall
2020

Meeting the Nation's Toughest Standards FOR 1,4-DIOXANE, PFOS AND PFOA

Water quality, compliance and uninterrupted supply are the principles that drive the South Huntington Water District 24/7/365. As discussed in previous Water Talk newsletters, we have implemented an emerging contaminants action plan to be in compliance with new drinking water standards mandated for 1,4-dioxane, PFOS and PFOA by the New York State Department of Health.

The regulations are the toughest and most stringent in the nation, and as a result, we will implement a surcharge of \$25 per quarter (equal to just \$0.27 per day) to cover the costs of treatment of these contaminants beginning in January 2021. The South Huntington Water District still maintains some of the lowest water rates on Long Island.

As discussed in previous Water Talk newsletters, our action plan includes deployment of Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) and Granular Activated Carbon (GAC), two technologies proven to remove 1,4-dioxane from drinking water. Communities served by the South Huntington Water District will not receive any water that exceeds the new standard. Treatment at Plant Number 10 on Whitson Road in Huntington Station is already underway.

The South Huntington Water District is proud to have provided the highest quality drinking water since our founding in 1925. For more information, see our annual water supply statement that presents the results of the 10,000 tests that we conduct annually on our website at <https://www.shwd.org/whats-new/water-quality-reports>.



WINTERIZING TIPS



Commissioner
Ciro DePalo

"Despite the mild winter of 2019-2020, no one can predict what Mother Nature has in store this year. But even relatively mild winters put stress on homes and households," Commissioner Ciro DePalo said. "It makes sense to prepare early and prepare well. Observing good winterizing practices will help you protect the water service in your home, prevent damages, and save you time and money when the cold weather hits."

- 1 Disconnect all hoses to prevent freezing and breakage.
- 2 Turn off exterior spigot valves from inside your home. Leave valves slightly open to drain the water line and prevent frozen/burst pipes.
- 3 Drain all lawn sprinkling systems.
- 4 Check that meter pit covers are closed tight to prevent meter freezing. Meter pit cover loose? Call the District to have it properly locked.
- 5 Regularly check and listen for leaks to avoid serious property damage.
- 6 Leave kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors open. This allows warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.
- 7 Are your water pipes located in an unheated area? Cover them with insulation to prevent freezing.
- 8 Always know where your shut-off valve is in case of an emergency.
- 9 Keep your garage doors closed to keep out as much winter cold as possible.
- 10 Going away? Snowbirding? Make sure your heat is set to a safe temperature, no lower than 55°F.



Have a Love Affair This Winter!

ADOPT A HYDRANT!



"As predictable as the weather!"

With a little vigilance and effort, you can help firefighters help the community. Removing snow to maintain access to hydrants provides visibility for emergency use. In any fire or home emergency, every second counts. Please do your best to help out the men and women who protect our community.

If you see a fire hydrant leaking, iced over or damaged, please call our emergency number (631) 427-8190 ASAP at any time. Have a love affair this winter! Adopt a hydrant!

ELECTION NOTICE

The annual election for the office of Water District Commissioner will be held:
Tuesday, December 8, 2020, from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

PURPOSE: Elect one Commissioner for a three-year term which will run from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

ELIGIBILITY: All registered voters who have resided within the South Huntington Water District for at least thirty (30) days are eligible to vote.

TWO POLLING PLACES:

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

Important Note: Due to COVID-19, all safety precautions will be in place. Please wear masks and maintain social distancing.

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MEETING THE CHALLENGES **2020**

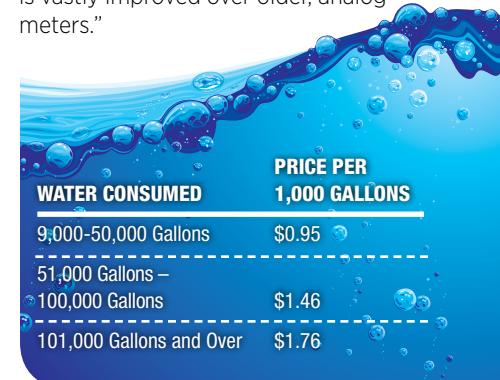


**Commissioner
Paul J. Tonna**

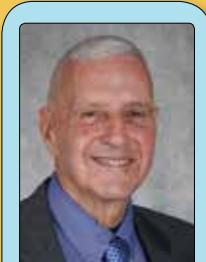
The pandemic, tropical storms and this summer's unrelenting heat, have stressed South Huntington Water District residents like no other year.

"Summer water usage is typically 300% - 500% greater than average to begin with," Commissioner Paul J. Tonna said. "That's why we continually stress conservation for long-term sustainability. What's unmeasured is the further increase in water usage because so many people are now at home. For example, we have pumped 90 million gallons more in 2020 than the same period last year, and that's with many businesses in our District closed or with reduced working hours."

The District instituted a 5-cent increase in tiered rates in this fiscal year to accommodate demand and new compliance regulations. "We have received an uptick in customer questions about usage and billing, and we have responded as quickly as possible," Mr. Tonna advised. "Our field technicians are inspecting and testing meters, a process made more efficient by installation of our electronic cellular meters. The accuracy of the new meters is vastly improved over older, analog meters."



Veterans Day/Armistice Day



**Commissioner
Joseph Perry**

"Between the COVID-19 pandemic and the Isaias tropical storm, 2020 is one year that even our young children and grandchildren will not soon forget," Commissioner Joseph Perry stated. "And none of us should ever forget the sacrifices of our fellow American men and women, those individuals who put themselves in harm's way. The South Huntington Water District proudly salutes all our men and women in uniform as well as all our veterans who have served so that our nation might remain safe and free."

ABOUT THE DAY:

Initially called Armistice Day, it was established to commemorate veterans of World War I which was then called The Great War. The Armistice marked the cessation of hostilities. It went into effect on the 11th day of November, the 11th month, at 11:00, in 1918. In 1954 during the Dwight D. Eisenhower presidency, Armistice Day became Veterans Day to honor all vets.



November 11 is a day that stands out in every year.



Eleven-Time Winner of Suffolk County's
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