



Water Talk

Summer 2021

MILESTONES

RECOGNIZING TWO JOBS WELL DONE

"Maintaining a plentiful supply of water across a District as large as ours is never easy," Commissioner Ciro DePalo stated. "Keeping the water flowing, especially in hot weather where demand skyrockets, boils down to the quality and skills of the people who make it function day in and day out. And in David DeGruchy and William Chavez, we have two of the most dedicated employees who have been making it happen for a long time. Congratulations to both."



L to R: Ciro DePalo, William Chavez and Joseph Perry.

When David DeGruchy joined the SHWD forty years ago on June 1, 1981, Ronald Reagan was president, and when William Chavez signed on June 11, 2001, George W. Bush occupied the White House.



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Commissioner Joseph Perry acknowledged the pair's contributions. "A lot has changed since both men came on board, but the public health service nature of the job has not. Public health is primary. Being a senior maintenance mechanic means scheduled preventive maintenance as well as many unpredictable system repairs all throughout the 270 miles of water mains and over 1,700 hydrants within the District. We are extremely proud to recognize David and William for achieving their respective 40 and 20 year milestones."

MANDATORY ODD/EVEN LAWN

WATERING RESTRICTIONS:

When: Effective **May 1, 2021** through **September 30, 2021**:

- Even-numbered houses may water **ONLY** on even-numbered calendar days.
- Odd-numbered houses may water **ONLY** on odd-numbered calendar days.
- Houses without numbers may water **ONLY** on odd-numbered calendar days.

Notification: Please notify your irrigation contractors and landscapers to set watering times to the odd/even day schedule.

ELECTION NOTICE

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

When: Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Time: From 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Purpose: 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



NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL BUSINESS WATER CUSTOMERS

COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY MORATORIUM

On **May 11, 2021** Governor Cuomo signed into law amendments to the Public Service Law that prevent municipalities and public utilities from terminating water service provided to residential customers and nonresidential customers who have accounts that serve residential premises, or small businesses, for non-payment during the COVID-19 state of emergency. Additionally, the amendments prevent municipalities from placing, *selling or enforcing a lien* for previously accrued water charges on or after **May 11, 2021** until either the end of the COVID-19 state of emergency or **December 31, 2021**, *whichever is earlier*.

Water suppliers must notify residential and small business customers of the protections afforded under the law.

Please note that the amendments also provide that service termination and placing, selling or enforcing a lien for past due water charges is prohibited for an additional *180 days* after either the **COVID-19 state of emergency expires or December 31, 2021**, whichever is earlier, for those residential and small business customers who certify that they have experienced a change in financial circumstances due to the COVID-19 state of emergency.

The law does not eliminate a customer's obligation to pay accrued charges. However, customers who have experienced a change in financial circumstances due to the COVID-19 state of emergency must be provided with the opportunity to enter into a deferred payment agreement without the imposition of deposits, late fees, or penalties.

If you are a residential customer, a nonresidential customer whose account serves residential premises, or a small business that has experienced a change in financial circumstances due to the COVID-19 state of emergency and would like to enter into a deferred payment agreement for water bill payments, please visit the South Huntington Water District's website at <https://www.shwd.org/> or contact the South Huntington Water District's offices at **(631) 427-8190** or contact us by mail at South Huntington Water District, 75 Fifth Avenue, Huntington Station, New York 11746. Additional information and supporting documentation from customers seeking to enter into a deferred payment agreement may be required.

Please direct all other questions and concerns to the South Huntington Water District at **(631) 427-8190** or info@shwd.org or by mail at the address set forth above.



A Word From Commissioner Paul Tonna

Providing the highest quality water for our residents is of the utmost importance to the SHWD. We want you to know that your drinking water has never been safer, and we are proactively dealing with the issues surrounding 1,4-dioxane. In addition, now more than ever, we need our residents to continue working on water conservation. Please follow the guidelines provided by the SHWD in our newsletters and on our website at <https://www.shwd.org/>.

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

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