



WaterTalk

Fall
2022

WELCOME TO SHWD!

The South Huntington Water District welcomes two new members to the team – Gigi A. Asher and Alison Manaseri.



Gigi Asher

Gigi brings 20 years of experience as Executive Assistant to two Town of Huntington Supervisors. She began at SHWD in March, 2022 as District Manager with responsibilities including managing and overseeing grants for the District, healthcare and retirement administration, managing the annual District election, attending weekly board meetings and managing the District office overall.

In her spare time, Gigi loves spending time with her beautiful horse Darce (aka Mr. Darce), as well as watching movies and listening to music.



Alison Manaseri

Alison joined SHWD in June, 2022 as Office Assistant. Alison's responsibilities include accounts receivable; customer service and billing inquiries; and receiving, reviewing and processing all District backflow reports. Alison manages consumer accounts, alerting consumers of upcoming or overdue testing, so you may be hearing from her!

When not working, Alison enjoys cooking and entertaining friends and family, listening to live music and bird watching.

"We are happy to welcome Gigi and Alison to the SHWD family," Commissioner Paul J. Tonna said. "Their experience and dedication make our strong team even stronger. We look forward to working with them for many years to come."

GET READY FOR WINTER: WINTERIZING TIPS

The Farmer's Almanac predicts a "colder than normal, on average," winter for the Northeast. So while you are stocking up on hot cocoa, fuzzy slippers and cozy sweaters, it is important to remember that your home or business need attention, too.

"As we have seen with all types of storms, preparedness is key," Commissioner Tonna said. "To make your home a safe haven inside and out and save dollars, follow these tips for a worry-free winter."



Commissioner
Paul J. Tonna

- **EXAMINE THE PLUMBING.** Identify pipes most vulnerable to freezing especially outside pipes. Inside, insulate uninsulated pipes or those near unheated spaces. Caulk cracks or openings in walls, floors and ceilings to keep cold air from entering those gaps.
- **SAFEGUARD PIPES.** In uninsulated areas, open any cabinet doors under sinks, particularly those located on outside walls. This allows the warmer room air to help prevent freezing.
- **KNOW WHERE YOUR SHUT-OFF VALVE IS.** It is generally in the basement and in line with your meter pit. Mark it so it can be easily found in case of an emergency.
- **IRRIGATION.** Disconnect and drain outside hoses and store them inside. Turn off outside spigots from inside the house and then leave open to drain. Blow out the underground sprinkler system to clear it of all water and turn off all automatic timers and supply valves.
- **SNOWBIRDS.** Contact a plumber to have your home winterized during your time in the warmer climates.



ELECTION NOTICE

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

When:

**TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 13,
2022**

**FROM 3:00PM
UNTIL 9:00PM**

Where:

- ▶ **King of Kings Evangelical Lutheran Church,**
2611 New York Avenue,
Melville
- ▶ **Water District Admin Building,**
Corner of Fifth Avenue South
and West 13th Street,
Huntington Station

Purpose/Eligibility:

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.

THE ALL IMPORTANT METER PIT

Just what is a meter pit you may wonder? It is a belowground chamber between a water main and your home or business that holds and protects the water meter and measures how much water is used. It is usually found on your front lawn, or in older homes it may be in the basement.

Commissioner Ciro DePalo observed "maintenance of a meter pit is an owner's responsibility. It's important to keep them clear of leaves, debris and snow to help the District employees locate them easily. Materials have evolved and the newer plastic ones may hold up better over time, so consider replacing a cement one

with a newer version. And if you are planning a landscape or driveway project, make sure to keep the meter pit in an unpaved location. Service line leaks beneath a driveway would require the blacktop or other permanent material be dug up, which could be expensive."

If you notice the cover sinking, it likely needs replacing. Plumbers or general contractors can do this work for you.

"We encourage our residents to reach out to SHWD with any questions regarding their meter pits," Commissioner Ciro DePalo added. "Whether the meter pit is too high or too low or damaged, our service department members are available to help."

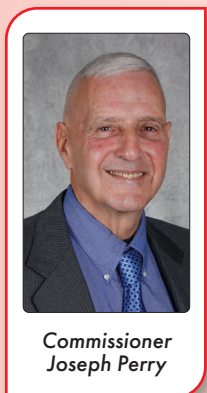


Commissioner
Ciro DePalo



DON'T FORGET **FIRE HYDRANTS!**

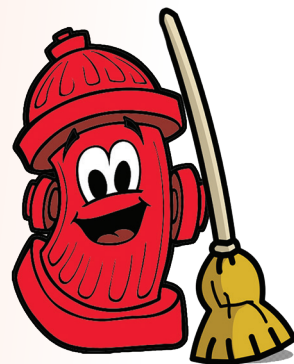
While it may be obvious to clear snow away from a fire hydrant, it is equally important to keep leaves and other yard waste away from them. In addition, refrain from planting trees and bushes around or near a hydrant.



Commissioner
Joseph Perry

"Anything that blocks a fire hydrant can hinder a firefighter from finding and utilizing it in a timely manner during an emergency," Commissioner Joe Perry stated. "We ask our neighbors to partner with us in making sure all our hydrants are readily available all year long."

Also, notify the District of damaged fire hydrants, including if one is leaning to one side or if the main nozzle is not facing the street.



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