



# Water Talk

Summer  
2023

## WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



Commissioner  
Joseph Perry

Roland Pratt began working at the South Huntington Water District in December 2022 as a Maintenance Mechanic, where his job responsibilities include meter reading, water service replacements, hydrant repairs and road restoration.

knowledge to our District," Commissioner Joe Perry said. "We look forward to working with him for many years to come."

A life-long resident of Long Island, Roland recently moved to East Northport. In his leisure time, he enjoys cooking (he worked in a restaurant for two years to help pay for his wedding) and going to music festivals.

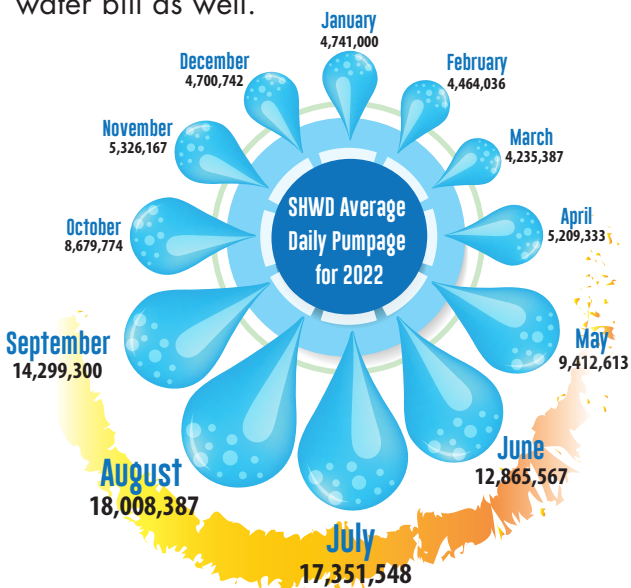


Roland Pratt

During his long tenure with the Incorporated Village of Ocean Beach (2008-2022), Roland earned his 2B and 2D licenses. "He brings a wealth of

## IT'S EASY TO SAVE WATER

During the spring and summer, water usage increases exponentially. But saving water is easy with a few small changes that will not only conserve Long Island's only water source aquifer, but lower your water bill as well.



Commissioner  
Ciro DePalo

## Small Steps, BIG Returns

"Although we encourage our residents to practice conservation all year long, our peak season, May through September, is when we need to be aware of our water usage the most," Commissioner Ciro DePalo said. "By working together we can ensure that

our water source is being protected and that water is available for any emergencies should they arise."

### SAVE ALL YEAR

1. Use EPA WaterSense labeled products like toilets, shower heads and faucets.
2. Shorten your showers, which can use 6.5 gallons of water per minute.
3. Fix leaks that have the potential to waste gallons of water, even tiny ones!

### SUMMER SAVINGS

1. Smart irrigation controllers and rain sensors ensure your lawn only gets watered when needed.
2. Check hose connections for leaks and fix leaky spigots.
3. Lawns only need 1 1/2 inches of water per week, so they should not be watered daily.
4. Keep plants moist with mulch, which also prevents run-off and controls weeds.
5. Consider making your own rain barrel and collect water for your plants.

### Remember to Follow the Mandatory Odd/Even Lawn Watering Restrictions

**When:** Effective May 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023:

- 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.

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

# PAY YOUR BILL »» ONLINE!

The South Huntington Water District offers customers the option to pay their bills online, 24/7. Payments may be made via credit card or through a checking account. Please note that a convenience fee is applied.

Take advantage of this service by visiting **SHWD.org** and click on **Pay Your Bill** under the **Billing** section.



## »» Congratulations, DENNIS!



**Dennis Kelleher**

The commissioners and staff at the South Huntington Water District congratulate Dennis Kelleher on his retirement from H2M architects + engineers, where he worked for over 40 years.

Dennis liaised with SHWD since 2013, as Executive Vice President and Chief Market Director. During his tenure, he was instrumental in coordinating the District plants meeting the 1,4-Dioxane regulations set by New York State. In addition, Dennis oversaw improvements such as updating SHWD's communication and telemetry system, creation of the geographic information system, replacement of critical pumping systems and helping with the expansion of the District's distribution system to supply new communities.

"Dennis was an important part of SHWD for over 10 years, and he will be missed," Commissioner Paul J. Tonna said. "His expertise allowed the District to move forward in many key areas. We wish him a long, happy and well deserved retirement!"



**Commissioner Paul J. Tonna**

## »» ELECTION NOTICE

# VOTE

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

**When:** Tuesday, December 12, 2023  
**Time:** From 3:00 PM until 9:00 PM

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

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

**Board of Water Commissioners**  
Paul J. Tonna, Chairman  
Ciro DePalo, Treasurer  
Joseph Perry, Secretary