



Water Talk

Fall
2023

WATER MAIN ALONG ROUTE 110 REPLACED



As part of South Huntington Water District's long-term commitment to maintaining a highly functional water distribution system, key areas of its infrastructure that are prone to water main breaks are constantly monitored. One such area is located in the sidewalk along the east side of Route 110 from Amityville Road, going north. Approximately 800 feet of this water main was updated to a new long-lasting ductile pipe. Additionally, an older fire hydrant was replaced during this project.

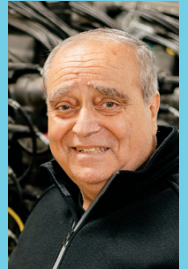
While there are any number of reasons a water main will break, some areas have repeatedly proven to be more susceptible. In this case, the water main was relocated to the roadway, as future breaks occurring in the sidewalk have the potential to damage property.

A New Well at Plant No. 8 Approved

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation has approved a new well at Plant No. 8 bringing the number of wells located here to two.

While some work has begun, the main construction will commence at the beginning of 2024. Upon completion, both wells will have Advanced Oxidation Processes (AOP), chemical treatments that remove organic and inorganic materials in water.

"We are committed to supplying quality drinking water to the consumers of South Huntington Water District," Commissioner **Ciro DePalo** said. "The District will continue to support proactive programs to ensure the continued integrity of our system, which we all rely on."



Commissioner
Ciro DePalo



GET READY FOR

Winter

DON'T BE CAUGHT
UNPREPARED!

INSIDE YOUR HOME:

- Replace worn weatherstripping, apply caulking to any gaps around windows, use window film on less energy efficient windows and install a door sweep on the bottom of your door.
- Replace your furnace filter and schedule a service appointment if needed to ensure it's ready to go.
- Insulate pipes located in unheated areas, such as the basement. Open cabinet doors where pipes may be exposed to an outside wall.
- Make sure you have enough insulation in your attic. Heat rises!
- Know where your shut-off valve is located in case of an emergency.

Mild or harsh, winter weather can do costly damage if you're not prepared. "Now is the time to get ready for the colder weather," Commissioner **Paul J. Tonna** said. "Last year was relatively mild but we don't know what this year will bring. By taking some preventive measures you can keep your home and property safe from winter's wrath."



Commissioner
Paul J. Tonna

OUTSIDE YOUR HOME:

- Disconnect and drain all outside hoses to prevent freezing and store them where they will not freeze to prevent cracking.
- Turn off all outside spigots from inside your house then drain the lines and leave the spigots open.
- Shut down and thoroughly drain all lawn sprinkler systems.
- If you head to warmer climates or go away for a lengthy time during the winter, consider shutting off your water pump and water heater to protect the heating elements when there is no water inside the tank.
- Don't forget fire hydrants! If there is one located near your home, keep it clear of snow and ice. Visible hydrants can be readily accessed and every second counts when there is a fire.

EMPLOYEE MILESTONES

District Recognizes Team Members

Troy Manheim, a Senior Maintenance Mechanic, celebrates 30 years with SHWD in November 2023. His responsibilities include maintaining the well sites, meeting monthly and quarterly requirements from New York State, and taking daily bacteria samples throughout the District, which can add up to 80 per month.

District Foreman Peter Tischner is also celebrating a November 2023 anniversary, having worked for SHWD for 15 years. His job includes the day-to-day management of the workforce, overseeing the function of the District's 271 miles of water mains and ensuring that the nearly 19,000 accounts within the District are read quarterly and maintain proper service.

"The years of dedicated service Troy and Peter have given to the residents of SHWD are to be commended," Commissioner Joe Perry said. "We are proud to work with these highly skilled professionals and hope to for many more years."



SHWD Commissioner Joseph Perry (center) with Troy Manheim (left) and Peter Tischner (right).

>> A Salute to Veterans



Phil Bruno

In honor of Veteran's Day, SHWD thanks all who have served and those who continue to serve protecting the freedoms we all too often take for granted.

Among the veterans the District wishes to recognize are two SHWD Maintenance Mechanics: Phil Bruno and Jonathon Hallman.

Phil served with the Marines 9th Communication Battalion from October 1990 to February 1995. He held the rank of Corporal while serving as a Communication Center Operator, first in Okinawa, Japan, for a year, then at Camp Pendleton in California.

In 2005, Jonathon joined the U.S. Coast Guard for three years, beginning his tour aboard the Coast Guard Cutter "Reliance," based in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He then moved to the Coast Guard Cutter "Dallas" in Charleston, South Carolina. During his tenure, Jonathon assisted in many drug and migrant operations throughout the Caribbean, serving as a Gunner's Mate, and achieved the rank of Petty Officer 3rd Class.



Jonathon Hallman

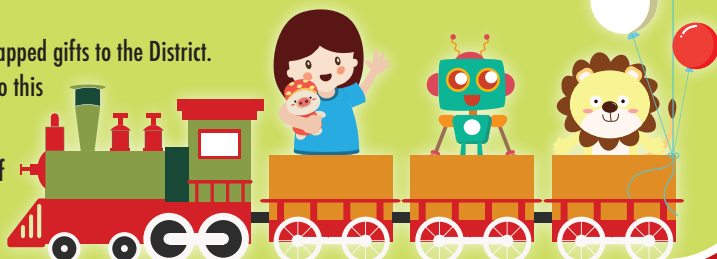
>> Help SHWD Support Toys for Tots This Holiday Season

South Huntington Water District is holding its first annual toy drive in support of Toys For Tots in conjunction with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Our goal this holiday season is to:

- Show children and adults alike that someone cares.
- Deliver a message of hope to needy youngsters through the gifting of a new toy this holiday season.
- Motivate children to grow into responsible, patriotic citizens and aspire to community leadership.

Please bring new, unwrapped gifts to the District.
Join us in contributing to this wonderful charity.

The deadline for dropoff is December 15, 2023.



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

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