



# Water Talk

## South Huntington Water District



**New residential style building.**

### Plant #15 Ready For The Summer Season Demands

The South Huntington Water District's modernization of Plant #15 is now complete and ready for the high demand Summer season. And better still, it was achieved *on time and on budget!* This well site is a key one, strategically located on Downs Road in Huntington where it supplies West Hills, Huntington Station and northern Melville. The project consisted of the mechanical renewal of both supply wells and the installation of a high-tech filtration system that contains over 40 tons of Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC). Any unwanted constituents are captured by the carbon as the water flows through it, and only pure, filtered water exits the new system.

A new, residential style building encloses the new GAC filtration system, allowing for its year-round use and enabling the facility to blend with surrounding, quiet neighborhood homes. These extensive improvements ensure that Wells #15-1 and #15-2 will continue to meet the very highest standards of drinking water quality for decades to come.

### Ongoing Infrastructure Renewal

As Benjamin Franklin once said, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Aging infrastructure, increasingly stringent water quality parameters, and additional water capacity for new customers necessitate continual and prudent upkeep of District facilities. These projects require careful planning and calculated scheduling to meet customer and regulatory demands, all while making them manageable from the budgetary standpoint. For example, Tank #13, atop Jaynes Hill in West Hills, was recently renovated, including the installation of an innovative aluminum roof; that storage tank is now fully operational again.

Here is a quick rundown of the Water District's near-term improvement projects. With Plant #15 completed, we will begin refurbishing Well #4 this Summer. That facility will also receive a GAC filtration system, as will Plant #3. The latter is scheduled to break ground in the Winter of 2010/2011. Rounding out our current plans, Well Site #7, built in the mid-1960s, will be completely refurbished. Work is scheduled to begin late in 2011. We'll keep you advised on these projects, and, as always, please feel free to call the District if you have any questions!





37-year veteran Superintendent Kevin Carroll (L), and Commissioner Ciro DePalo (R) congratulate Jim Weitekamp on his 30th year of employment with the District

## Celebrating 30!

Senior Maintenance Mechanic James Weitekamp recently celebrated his 30th year of employment with the South Huntington Water District. The Board of Water Commissioners noted the happy occasion at its weekly meeting, awarding Jim a handsomely engraved glass plaque complete with his name and years of service. Jim is the fourth active member of the District's staff with 30+ years of service, providing our consumers with a wealth of experience and proving that that South Huntington Water is a great place to work.

## Smart Growth in Melville

Anyone who has navigated through Melville recently knows that Walt Whitman Road and Broadhollow Roads are a beehive of activity. Huntington Town is improving Walt Whitman Road, New York State is widening Broadhollow Road, and Canon U.S.A. is breaking ground for a new headquarters. The dust is literally flying along these thoroughfares! Bothersome as this may be, large scale projects like these provide the South Huntington Water District with a rare opportunity to renew and improve our water main distribution system...with less inconvenience...and at a lower costs for our ratepayers! With traffic already detoured and pavement in disrepair for the primary road projects, we are able to install new mains more efficiently and economically by "piggy-backing" on the original job.

For example, we have recently installed a small but very important section of water main on Snyder Street. Further, we are now replacing a large section of old 8" cast iron water main along Walt Whitman Road with a new, cement-lined ductile iron 12" diameter water main. This piping runs north from Baylis Road to the new Canon site at the Long Island Expressway. It increases fire flows to the area and provides a plentiful and reliable supply of water for years to come.



And when the dust has settled, and the road has been repaved, you'll never know we were there!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY South Huntington Water District!



This year marks the 85th anniversary of the South Huntington Water District's formation. Serving but a few thousand people through a small network of water mains in 1925, the District has grown. In fact it is now Suffolk County's second largest public water supplier, and still provides the least expensive water on Long Island. At 85 years young, we're proud to be living proof of that time-honored, but well-tested adage,

**"We're not getting older,  
we're just getting better!"**



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