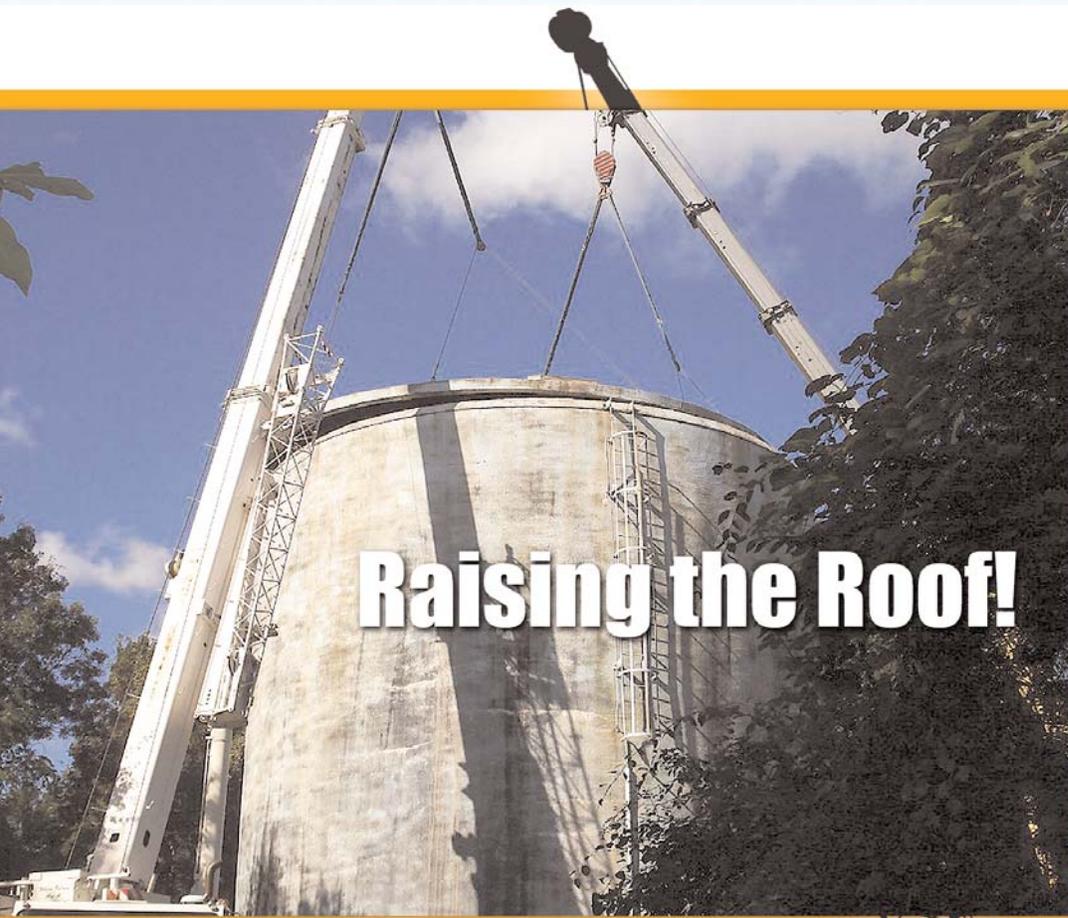


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Water Talk

South Huntington Water District



Raising the Roof!

DISTRICT RESERVOIR TANK #13

is well known to all of our consumers. Its profile is the basis for the South Huntington Water District's logo, which can be seen on the masthead of this newsletter. It also sits atop Jaynes Hill, the very highest point on Long Island at 399' above sea level.

The storage tank was built in 1958, and has withstood the elements for over 50 years. When #13 came due for its regular inspection, it was found to be in remarkably good condition with the exception of its roof. After decades of weather related stresses, the roof had begun to show evidence of deterioration. Rather than replacing the tank entirely or installing a new concrete roof which are both expensive and time-consuming options, an innovative aluminum roof was selected. Lightweight but extremely strong, the aluminum roof was completely assembled on the ground adjacent to Tank #13. With the old concrete roof removed, the new metallic roof was lifted into place by a crane and then permanently secured.

The majority of the tank work was done during the low water-demand periods of this past Fall and Winter. The tank is now fully back on line, ready for the rigorous demands of the Summer supply season. For added security a new fence has been installed around the tank, and as soon as the weather warms a bit more, it will get a finish coat of paint.





WHY DID YOU PUT BLUE FLAGS ON MY LAWN?

We often get this question when blue flags, bearing the District logo, suddenly sprout from lawns like Spring dandelions. It's a good question, and here's the answer.

Whenever any utility or private contractor intends to dig, they must, by law, notify all agencies that have underground facilities in the area. Naturally, we are one of them, with over 500 miles of water lines, pipes and mains. We are bound by that same law to electronically locate and then mark the location of our buried water lines. These markings then assist the excavator in preventing damage to our underground piping. Our water location markings are always color coded **blue**, while other underground utilities are designated by a standardized variety of other colors.

Who typically asks us for these markouts? Here are just a few examples: Fence installers, landscapers, cesspool contractors, National Grid, Verizon, Cablevision, and the Town of Huntington Highway Department. Please don't disturb the markings until the work has been completed...the water line you help save may be your own!

A "Stellar" Safety Rating

Employee safety is a prime South Huntington Water District concern each and every day. Over the course of any workweek, employees will almost certainly encounter harsh treatment chemicals, and be involved with excavations. They will typically perform a number of duties in a heavy traffic environment, and will almost always be operating heavy equipment and tools or be in the vicinity of them.

That's why we were particularly proud of our recent recognition by the New York State Insurance Fund (NYSIF). This firm insures the Water District for New York State disability and compensation claims. Following their recent safety inspection of our workplace, NYSIF's follow-up letter praised the South Huntington Water District for its "stellar record" and our "excellent experience rating". The letter went on to note that the District's insurance premium payments to NYSIF were substantially lower than for comparable State employers.

Saving money for our customers is one of our goals that never changes, nor does our desire and efforts to provide a safe workplace for our employees. At the South Huntington Water District safety is a true team effort that pays dividends.



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