



Water Talk

Well #9 To Be Refurbished

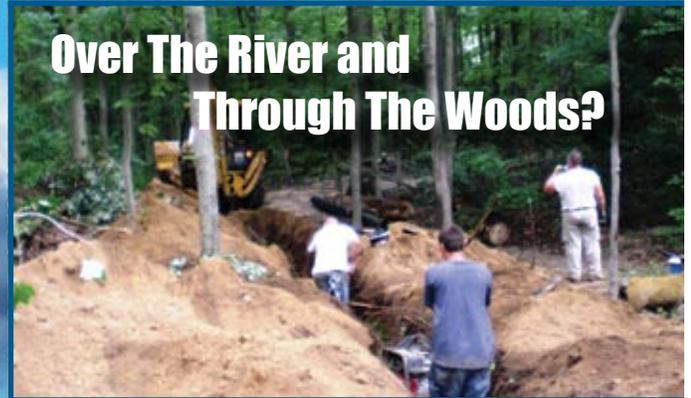


Tucked away behind the beautiful homes on Gwynne Road and screened by the nearby retail stores on Walt Whitman Road, Well #9 is not easily spotted by the casual observer.

But that anonymity belies its importance to the Water District. Ideally situated to provide clean drinking water and ample fire-fighting water to the residential and commercial sectors of Northern Melville and the West Hills area, the well site has capably served the community since the mid-1960s.

However, as it approaches the half-century mark of service, it requires substantial modernization. With the recent issuance of bond funding, the well will be re-drilled to bring it back to its full output capacity of 1,400 gallons per minute. Also, a new residential-style building will be constructed around it to house the new state-of-the-art treatment system and associated monitoring equipment. Further, an emergency generator will be installed to ensure that the crucial facility can operate in area-wide power failures like the recent Hurricanes Irene and Superstorm Sandy. Finally, the site will receive new security fencing and landscaping enhancements appropriate for the handsome neighborhood.

Planning is now underway, with submissions and applications to various agencies to follow. Construction will likely begin in 2014. As always, we value the opinions of our neighbors, so rest assured that as our plans firm up, we will be meeting with the members of the local community to gather your input. ■



Over The River and Through The Woods?

Well, through the woods anyway! Workers install an 8" water main across the forested property of The Suffolk Archers on Pidgeon Hill Road. The new water main is designed to bring consistently higher pressures and better fire hydrant flow to the Beverly Road area of South Huntington. Our thanks to Suffolk Archers and the residents of this beautiful neighborhood who all cooperated in the project. ■

BR-R-R 5-Year Fee Freeze is a good thing!

Customers are often surprised to learn that fire hydrants belong to and are maintained by the SHWD, and that we proudly provide hydrant service to six Fire Departments within our service area. Hydrant maintenance and repair is exceptionally expensive and increases regularly. SHWD charges each Fire Department only a nominal annual fee, and continuing in that tradition, the District has announced a "5-year fee freeze" to assist Fire Departments in planning and stabilizing their budgets.

Hydrant repairs and maintenance are always a top priority!

Please keep hydrants clear of plantings, fences, retaining walls, fences etc. so firefighters can easily spot and connect to hydrants in an emergencies. If you see a leaking hydrant or one that appears damaged, please notify us immediately. All SHWD hydrants are painted bright red and silver. ■

24-hour emergency phone number: 631-427-8190

Congratulations To The Marathon Man

On June 4, 2013, District Superintendent Kevin Carroll celebrated his record-setting 40th year as the longest continuously serving employee in the District's 87-year history.

Superintendent of Operations since 1992, Kevin assumed overall control of the District in 2011 when the Operational and Administrative divisions were merged under his leadership.

"When I reflect on the years, I realize how far we have come in four decades. Our capacity to produce water has easily doubled, and the extent to which we treat it to enhance its safety and quality is remarkable".



Kevin Carroll celebrates 40 years of public service.

He readily points out one crucial element that is unchanged. "Despite today's technological aids and superior equipment-- things unheard of in 1973-- the human element remains key. My long tenure has been made possible by my many fine associates at South Huntington Water, and I sincerely thank them all, past and present."

A Marathon Man in more than one way

As a life-long Huntington resident, the quiet, unassuming 60 year-old is also an accomplished, well-known competitive runner. "Many people in my neighborhood have no idea what I do for a living, but know me as the guy who runs", he laughs. Although he races year-round and at all distances, Kevin prefers the longer races, particularly the marathon. He currently holds two Long Island Track and Field records for the event and will compete for a third in 2014. Kevin lives in Huntington Station with Mary, his wife of 38 years. "I kid Mary all the time that I've been married to the Water District longer than to her". The couple has a son Joseph who lives in Brooklyn.



Closing In On Completion

Construction remains on schedule for the major renovation of Wells #7-1 and #7-2 in Melville. With the roof in place, sensitive equipment can be installed and work can continue through the coming Winter. The entire complex should be ready for the Spring of 2014.

SHWD Helps Huntington Bicycle Club

The Water District is always pleased to assist other Huntington community organizations in their work. This year, as in the past, we were pleased to assist the Huntington Bicycle Club in their Annual Gold Coast 100 Mile Tour. The District set up one of our Cold Spring Harbor-area fire hydrants as a water stop, enabling hot and thirsty bike riders to refresh themselves from the steamy July weather. Congratulations HBC on another successful event!

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((EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS))

The South Huntington Water District is now officially part of "Huntington Alert", the Town's area-wide emergency telephone notification network. If the District needs to issue an emergency message to our customers, it will be sent to your home by this automated telephone messaging service. Because the Town's system is already fully established and tested for all Huntington residents, you do not need to do anything to receive notifications. However, if you have an unlisted phone number or wish to receive messages on other than your home phone, visit the Town of Huntington web site at <http://www.huntingtonny.gov/>. Look for "Huntington Alert" and you will be brought to a secure page where you can enter the additional contact information.



Bad Break

Mechanics complete the repair of a 16" water main on New York Avenue in Melville. The June water main break was abnormally large and the District thanks our emergency workers and also those of the Melville Fire Department, the Second Precinct and the Huntington Highway Department who all lent valuable assistance.

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