

## PLANT NO. 20 DEDICATED TO COMMISSIONER ROBERT H. RICHMOND

Robert H. Richmond served continuously as a commissioner of the South Huntington Water District from 1964 until his untimely passing on October 15, 2005. This veteran commissioner drew heavily upon his work experience with both Con Ed and the plumbing supply industry to aid in his service to the District. During his long tenure, Bob remained on the cutting edge of water supply technology, implementing numerous programs and practices that saved the District both time and expense. Bob's ceaseless dedication and vast experience made him a valuable asset to the District, and he is sorely missed.

In recognition of Bob's long service to the District and the community, the Board dedicated the newest well site to his memory. On October 5, 2006, nearly 41 years after Bob became a commissioner, the District held a dedication ceremony at Plant No. 20, its newest facility at The Villages development in Melville. In attendance were Bob's wife Carmella, their children and grandchildren, his two brothers, Commissioner George Kopp, Superintendent Kevin Carroll, Chief Operator Michael Feeney, Business Administrator Richard Wurtz and representatives from H2M Group, the District's consulting engineer.

After Commissioner Kopp gave a moving dedication speech, Superintendent Carroll presented Mrs.

Richmond with a commemorative plaque bearing ceremonial scissors. With a smile and warm thanks to the gathering, Mrs. Richmond cut the ribbon to the new plant, officially marking its opening. Everyone was then invited to tour the plant and treated to refreshments.



**The Richmond Family**



Commissioner George Kopp and Mrs. Carmella Richmond

## SOUTH HUNTINGTON WATER – SUFFOLK COUNTY'S BEST TASTING WATER AGAIN!

When a contest contender can repeat – maybe even “three-peat” – a championship, they’re pretty darn good. But when a competitor brings home the Gold eight times in fewer than 20 tries, the term Dynasty comes to mind.

And that’s exactly what South Huntington Water District did this past May, once again taking the coveted title of Suffolk County’s Best Tasting Water in a contest sponsored by the Long Island Water Conference.

South Huntington has garnered the title seven previous times, dating back to the origins of the contest in 1987. Additionally, South Huntington’s banner has been carried to the State Finals held at the New York State Fair on four separate occasions. In 1995, South Huntington Water took the contest’s top honors, being crowned New York State’s Best Tasting Water.

So raise a toast (tap water, of course!) to Suffolk County’s Best Tasting Water: South Huntington Water District ... again

- *Providing South Huntington, West Hills, Huntington Station, Cold Spring Harbor, Melville, Dix Hills and Greenlawn with over 81 years of quality service*
- *Serving over 81,500 customers through 17,650 connections*
- *23 deep wells with over 28 million gallons per day capacity and 7 water storage tanks with over 10 million gallons capacity*
- *2005 annual pumpage: 3.3 billion gallons through 256 miles of water main*
- *1,695 fire hydrants at the lowest yearly rental in Huntington township*
- *District performs 11,090 water tests to assure safety and quality*

- *Local control is maintained by yearly community election of Water Commissioners*
- *Lower energy cost due to specialized energy reduction programs*
- *91.1% of water pumped is billed: conserves water and keeps rates low*

*2006 Suffolk County's Best Tasting Drinking Water  
1995-96 New York State's Best Tasting Drinking Water  
1996 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in International Water Tasting Contest  
LOWEST WATER RATES ON LONG ISLAND*

***The Best Water ...  
... the LOWEST PRICE***



[left to right] Commissioners Anthony Kropp, George Kopp and Paul Tonna with 2006 award for “Best Tasting” Water in Suffolk County

## CONSUMER ALERT

One security element that never changes and is invaluable to us is YOU, THE CONSUMER.

Our facility neighbors are always encouraged to notify the District of unusual activities.

If you are one of those neighbors or even an interested passerby, please never hesitate to contact us at our 24-hour emergency line:

**427-8190**

## ADOPT A HYDRANT

The South Huntington Water District owns and maintains more than 1600 fire hydrants. While these hydrants serve many functions, their most important purpose is to

supply water for fire fighters in their battle to save lives and property. The Water District proudly provides hydrant service to six of Huntington's volunteer fire departments: Huntington Manor, Melville, Huntington, Cold Spring Harbor, Dix Hills and Greenlawn.

Time is always of the essence in fighting fires. Seconds lost in locating a hidden fire hydrant or in removing obstacles around it can make a crucial difference. The Water District asks that if you have a fire hydrant in front of your property that you keep it clear of shrubbery, fencing or any other type of landscaping. A clear radius of 3-feet in all directions is required. Also, with winter weather approaching, we ask that you shovel snow from around hydrants, providing visibility and accessibility for emergency use.

## SOUTH HUNTINGTON WATER DISTRICT'S NEW COMMISSIONER PAUL TONNA

Paul Tonna joined South Huntington Water District as a Commissioner in March of 2006. He brings with him a diverse background of experience in environmental issues.

Paul is a long-time Huntington resident who currently resides in West Hills with his wife, Carole, and seven children.

You may recognize his name as a former Suffolk County Legislator who has played a key role in conserving energy and protecting open spaces on Long Island.

In the private sector Paul has worked in the health care industry, taught at St. Anthony's High School, and founded and once operated Youth Focus, Inc., a non-profit organization that provided more than 25,000 young adults and children effective guidance and responsible advice on life's problems.

Among his many accomplishments Paul was decorated with the esteemed Molloy College

## WINTERIZING YOUR HOME



Now is the time for winterizing projects around the home in preparation for the colder weather. The

following few small measures can save time and money:

- ✓ Turn off outside spigot valves from within your home and leave valves open outside so that the water line will drain to prevent frozen or burst pipes
- ✓ Disconnect all hoses to prevent freezing and possible breakage
- ✓ Drain all lawn sprinkling systems
- ✓ Check the meter pit covers on your lawn to see that they are closed tight. Loose covers can allow your meter to freeze during cold windy nights. If you find that your meter pit cover is loose, call the District to have it properly locked.

Caritas Award, Suffolk County's 2001 Legislator of the Year by the Suffolk Human Rights Commission, Suffolk County's 2001 Public Citizen of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers, and Man of the Year by Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk.

Paul is a graduate of New York University, where he earned his Bachelor degree in Philosophy. He has also earned a Master of Arts degree in Theology from Immaculate Conception Seminary.

We welcome him to the Board of Commissioners and expect he will be a great asset to the consumers of the District.



Commissioner George Kopp (right) showing the District's operations center to newly appointed Commissioner Paul Tonna (left)

## HIGH QUALITY WATER HAPPENS BY DESIGN

South Huntington Water District maintains the highest standards for excellence. It has won several prestigious awards for best tasting water. The District rigorously tests its water as shown in the following table.

<u>TYPE OF TEST</u>	<u>TESTS (#)</u>
Bacteria	2,632
Principal Organic Compounds	6,164
Inorganic Compounds	1,829
Organic Chemicals and Pesticides	465
TOTAL	11,090

### SOUTH HUNTINGTON WATER DISTRICT Water Testing Statistics – 2005

## SOUTH HUNTINGTON WATER DISTRICT PROJECTS UPDATE

### Plant No. 10



(Building 1)

The Water District recently completed the rehabilitation of Plant No. 10. This two-well facility is located on Whitson Road. The upgrade included the installation of a state-of-the-art water treatment facility that handles both wells.

The vital plant is located in the northern-most part of the District. The overall project had a cost of

### Plant No. 20

A new plant has just been completed for the Water District and is known as Plant No. 20. It is located on Rivendell Court in the development called The Villages.

The Plant is now available to supply water to the Melville area. The plant had a cost of \$2.53 million and was completed on-time and on-budget. This plant has a capacity of about 2 million gallons per day.



(Building 2)

\$2.91 million and was completed on-time and on-budget.

It was made available for the 2006 pumping season that began this past spring. The plant has a capacity of 4 million gallons per day.

## Plant No. 19



Plant No. 19-1 with ground storage tank in background

This plant also has a ground storage tank with a capacity of 1.5 million gallons. The addition of the second well during 2005 brings to completion a major capital program on the District's beautiful 6-acre site.

## Plant No. 21

The Water District is planning for the future with its acquisition of a 4-acre parcel on Old South Path.



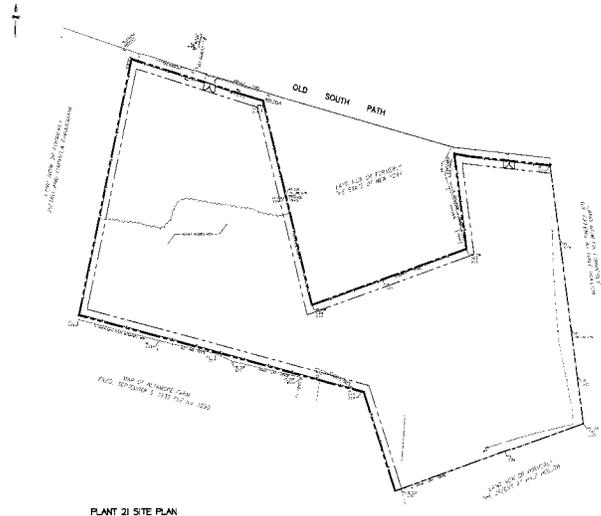
Plant No. 20

The site will be capable of supporting two public supply wells. The property was obtained as the result of negotiations with the developers of The Greens and did not require any outlay of funds by the District. The site adjoins the newly acquired Town soccer fields. The District has fenced the property to protect it. There are no immediate plans to develop the site.

The Water District just completed the addition of a second well at their new Plant No. 19 facility, located on Mt. Misery Road in the West Hills area. The addition of the new well brings the pumping capacity of the site to the 4 million gallons per day level.



Plant No. 19-2



**WATER TALK: FALL-WINTER 2006**  
South Huntington Water District  
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**Board of Water Commissioners**  
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Superintendent Kevin Carroll  
District Administrator Richard Wurtz

the employee, his/her name, a brief physical description, job title, signature, and the Water District's logo.

Before you let anyone enter your home, ask to see his/her ID card. Please feel free to verify the person's identity with the District at **(631) 427-8190**.



***Your safety is the Water District's first concern.***

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## DISTRICT EMPLOYEES ALWAYS CARRY IDENTIFICATION

Every Water District employee carries a Photo ID card at all times. The card bears a color photo of

## **ELECTION NOTICE**

**December 12, 2006  
Is Election Day**

**The annual election for the office of Water Commissioner in the South Huntington Water District is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2006.**

**Voting will take place at Walt Whitman High School, West Hills Road, Huntington Station in the North Cafeteria.**

**Voting will also take place at the King of Kings Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2601 New York Avenue, Melville from 3:00 to 9:00 PM.**

**Any resident of the District who is registered to vote within the District, and who has also resided in the District for a period of at least 30 days prior to December 12, 2006, is eligible to vote in the District election.**

**Board of Water Commissioners**