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Water Treatment Facility Up and Running at Plant 3

Plant 3 at Hicksville Road, designed to deliver high quality water and to meet the challenge of the Grumman plume head on, is up and running and has been fully operational since the end of this past summer. The new Packed Tower Air Stripper removes any VOCs (Volatile Organic Contaminants) from the raw water, and the treated water is delivered right to your home. The water meets all quality standards, and Plant 3 has the capacity to accommodate a second air stripper, if and when necessary.

Built from the ground up, the construction included an architectural residential design of the building, including landscaping features to help the new facility aesthetically blend into the community. Today, the facility is standing tall with a new state-of-the-art security system and motion detectors throughout the property.

An Agreement In Principle

The SFWD has reached a tentative agreement with the U.S. Navy and Department of Defense (D.O.D.). The settlement will cover all Plant 3 construction as well as operations and maintenance going forward. Final negotiations are underway, and we will communicate with our consumers on the details of the settlement as soon as they are finalized.



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Infrastructure Upgrading: View From 30,000 feet!

When the South Farmingdale Water District was established in 1931, Herbert Hoover was President, it was the depth of the Great Depression and there were only 48 states in the Union! Remarkably, some of the infrastructure in our District dates back to that era and the post WWII period, which illustrates why infrastructure maintenance and phased replacement are key components of our ongoing Capital Improvement Program.

The Commissioners agree that continual maintenance and phased replacement is the most pragmatic way to manage the increasing needs of the community, guarantee water quality, combat encroaching problems, improve water pressure and control costs. And to sum up the overview in one simple phrase, “we make progress every day!”

The ongoing infrastructure upgrade will provide for large-scale improvements in water main distribution by replacing old water mains throughout the District. A notice will be issued to all consumers regarding a town hall meeting to educate consumers about upgrades and the importance of our Capital Improvement Program. This Meeting will likely be held in the first quarter of 2014. Notices will also be posted on our website at www.sfwater.com.

Other important planned improvements:

1. An additional iron removal filter system at Plant 1.
2. Upgrading current security systems at all wells and plant sites within the District. The latest technologies, based on Homeland Security recommendations, will be utilized to protect SFWD facilities.
3. Our 1,000,000-gallon elevated water tank at Plant 1 will be painted to avoid corrosion, to maintain the special interior coatings, and to prolong the life of the steel.

5-Year Capital Campaign Improvement Bond

In the interim, the District will request a 5-year capital improvement bond from the Town of Oyster Bay. As a result, taxes on business and residential accounts will rise \$29 per year or approximately \$7.00 per quarter. This increase is to fund construction costs.

Vote For Water Commissioner! December 10th Election.

The annual election of a SFWD Water Commissioner is for a 3-year term, beginning January 1, 2014, and running through December 31, 2016.

When:

Tuesday, December 10
4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Where:

North Massapequa Firehouse Headquarters
Located at Broadway & Albany Avenue

South Farmingdale Firehouse
819 South Main Street
South Farmingdale, NY 11735

Eligibility: District Resident

For more information, please call our office at (516) 249-3330 or visit our website www.sfwater.com.



Generating Security

100% Back-up Power Throughout District



Superstorm Sandy was a rude awakening for most Long Islanders. During the storm and throughout the aftermath, SFWD continued to deliver an uninterrupted supply of water thanks to a series of back-up generators set up throughout the District.

Now, as part of the District's long-range emergency preparedness program, SFWD has 100% generator power backup at ALL plants, making the District completely self-sufficient during blackouts, brownouts or whenever power goes out. So in the event of an emergency, our generators will turn on automatically, and we'll continue delivering a normal, uninterrupted supply of water with 100% efficiency.

Sign Up For Emergency Notification It's free, and it's important!



Some of our consumers still have not registered for our reverse 9-1-1 SwiftReach Emergency Notification System. In the event of a water emergency, SwiftReach automatically calls you with a prerecorded message.

All we need is the phone number where you would like to be notified. We can also notify you by text message and/or email. All information is strictly confidential.



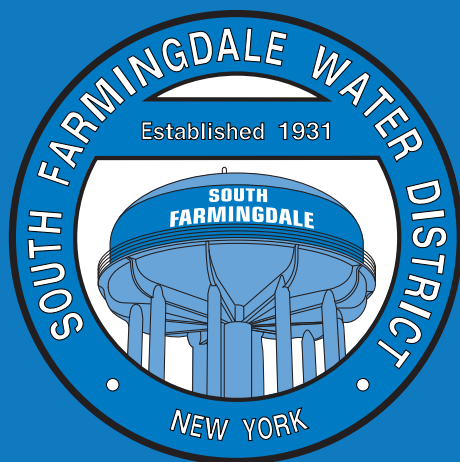
Sign up today by visiting our website at: www.sfwater.com/emergencynotification.

You can also contact the District at (516) 249-3330 for more information about registering for our emergency notification system.

**CELEBRATING
Over 80 Years
OF COMMITMENT TO QUALITY WATER.**

The South Farmingdale Water District has been maintaining and delivering an uninterrupted supply of the highest quality water to customers since 1931.

To that end, we ensure public health and safety, actively promote the conservation of our most precious resource, cooperate with all local and New York State authorities and pledge to fulfill this mission in an efficient, economical and environmentally sound manner. It is our goal to provide reliable customer service and fire protection to our community, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



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