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South Farmingdale Water District Marks Its 75th Anniversary

Not many organizations can say they've been around for 75 years. Needless to say, the South Farmingdale Water District is extremely proud to announce that we are entering our 75th year of operation. We pledge to all of our consumers that we will uphold and maintain the same quality water and customer service that has been the hallmark of this utility since its inception.

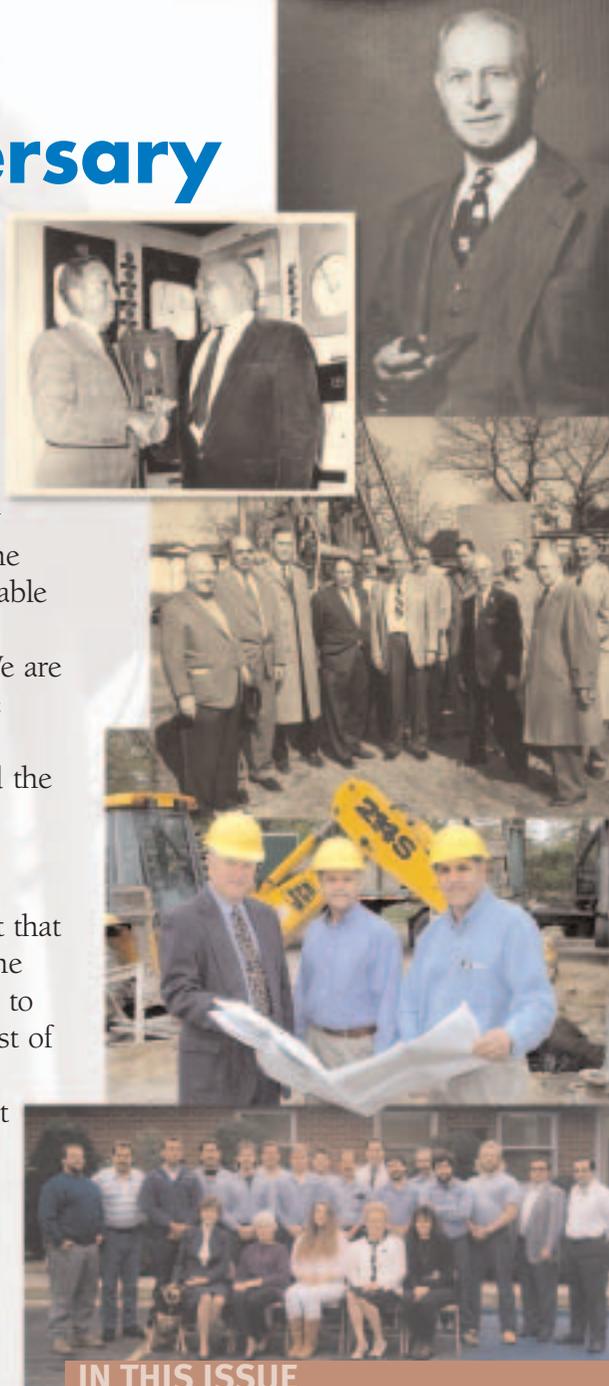
During its existence, the District has seen constant improvements, upgrades and innovations. Currently, we're in the second year of a 5-year capital improvement plan to upgrade wells and equipment to meet the future growth needs of our community.

Water Commissioner and Chairman John Hirt noted, "Over the past twenty years, we have taken our water system into the 21st century with the computerization and modernization of equipment. Constant foresight is needed to ensure the highest quality water supply for generations to come. Our goal is to exceed all quality standards, and in that, we've been successful. We believe that is what the community expects and deserves."

Mr. Hirt went on to note the dedication and commitment put forth by the current Board of Commissioners, which has led to much of The District's success over the last two decades. Hirt explains, "SFWD is operated by officials who live right here in the District. Therefore, we are available to our customers whenever questions or problems arise. We are dedicated to keeping the service local, keeping the channels of communication between us and the community open, and always putting customer service first."

Mr. Hirt brought up another fact that may surprise residents. While the price of oil and energy continue to rise to staggering heights, the cost of water has remained remarkably low. Hirt stated, "Thanks in part to our local community water districts in Nassau County, we are all able to keep the cost of water down."

All in all, it's been a wonderful 75 years serving you...our neighbors and consumers. We look forward to many wonderful years to come.



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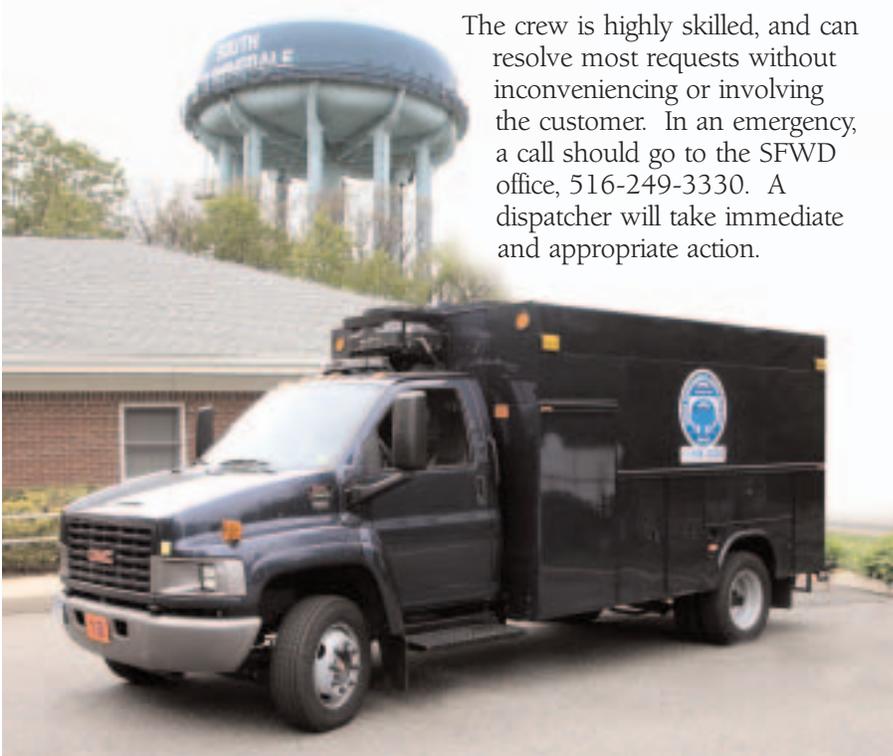
The team at SFWD had a dream job handed to them.

They were asked to custom-design a truck that could be mobilized as an Emergency Response Vehicle to handle all industrial and residential emergencies. It would be the only one like it in the District and likely the only one in the region.

They succeeded! The new truck was recently delivered according to specification to the District, ready to go into action. It hosts a crew of two, expandable to five when needed, on the orders of SFWD supervisors.

It is fully equipped and outfitted to provide rapid response in all emergencies related to Water Main Breaks, Hydrant Repairs, Frozen Service Lines, plus any and all residential and commercial water issues – from leaky service lines to a malfunctioning water meter.

The crew is highly skilled, and can resolve most requests without inconveniencing or involving the customer. In an emergency, a call should go to the SFWD office, 516-249-3330. A dispatcher will take immediate and appropriate action.



HISTORY OF WATER COMMISSIONERS, Past & Present



South Farmingdale Water District's First Water Commissioner William Dietz.

- William Dietz**
1931-1933
- Percy F. Wannemacher**
1931-1932
- Valentine T. Ketchem, Jr.**
1931-1933
- William E. Russell**
1932-1936
- David Welsh**
1933-1953
- Michael J. Corbett**
1933-1950
- Anthony Filete**
1937-1948
- Ronald DeGroff**
1949-1951
- Ellsworth W. Allen**
1951-1968
- Everett Dawson**
1952-1957
- Frederick Krause**
1953
- Albert Nasser**
1953-1975
- Clifford Williamson**
1957-1960
- George M. Weber**
1960-1981
- George H. Meyerhoff**
1968-1979
- Roger C. Bell**
1975-1986
- Joseph Aversano**
1979-1988
- Charles Winterfeldt**
1981-1984
- John H. Bates**
1985-1991
- Gerard McCormack**
1987- Present
- Robert Steiner**
1989-1998
- Ralph Atoria**
1991- Present
- John J. Hirt**
1998- Present

SFWD 75 Year Well Development Timeline

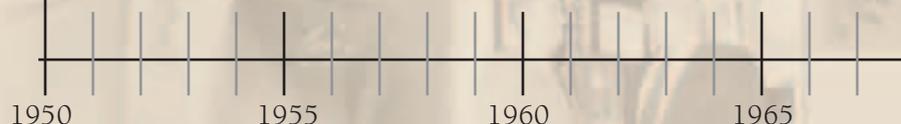
In 1953, SFWD built its first well. Today, there are 11 active wells at six different plant sites which produce over 1.75 billion gallons of water a year! What's interesting to note, prior to drilling its first well, the District purchased water from Bethpage Water District (formally known as "Central Park Water District").

1953 - First water well was constructed at Plant 1

1956 - First water well was constructed at Plant 2

1958 - First water well was constructed

1958 - First water well was constructed



Free Testing Of Back Flow Devices

By law, a Back Flow Device is required by most commercial customers, particularly if water or chemicals are used in the course of doing business. Likewise, residential customers must have a Back Flow Device if they use water for an in-ground pool, sprinkler system or similar water application.

These devices must be installed by a licensed plumber. But the NY State yearly mandatory testing of these devices is FREE from the District...just for the asking! This can save you \$75.00, rather than having the testing done privately.

Yearly testing is important because there are substantial fines, fees and penalties, mandated by Nassau County district ordinance, if it's not done; so call the District and have it handled properly...and for free.

A Salute From The Commissioners To **The Heart & Soul Of The SWFD**

The District and our community enjoy a high level of service because of one important reason: Our Dedicated Employees.

We wish to publicly thank each and every one of them, and we are grateful for their important contributions every day! They are the heart and soul of our

operations. Although they do not receive the public acclaim they deserve, they can be counted on to do the best job possible for all of our consumers and the organization they serve.

Many have been with SFWD for over 20 years; and a few have served over 40 years! We view

this as a great testament to their dedication and care for the community, and we are proud of them. We appreciate their work, and we hope that all of our consumers realize that without employee dedication, it would not be possible to produce and deliver among the best water quality supplies in the nation.



1959 - First Iron Filtration Plant is built
(First one constructed on Long Island)

1999 - Iron Filtration Plants are
constructed at Plants 5 & 6

Plant 3
Plant 4

1964 - First water well was constructed at Plant 5

1969 - First water well was constructed at Plant 6



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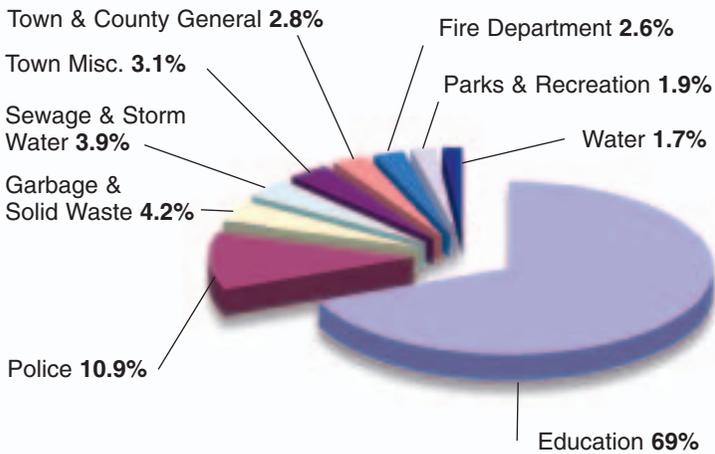
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
John Hirt-Chairman
Ralph Atoria-Treasurer
Gerard F. McCormack-Secretary

Leonard Constantinopoli-Business Manager
William Bier-Superintendent

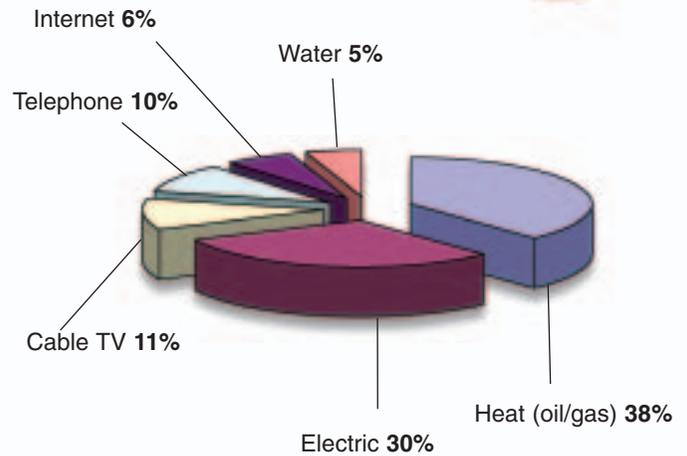
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75 Years of Water Efficiency

“Here’s How Water Cost Stacks Up Against The Rest”



Breakdown of Nassau County Residential Taxes



Average Monthly Utility Costs for Nassau County Residents