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South Farmingdale Water District

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Come Out and Vote

The South Farmingdale Water Commissioner Election

Tuesday, December 13, 2011 • 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The South Farmingdale Water District encourages all residents to come out and vote!

Where to Vote:

North Massapequa Fire Department
1000 North Broadway
Massapequa, NY 11758

South Farmingdale Fire Department
819 South Main Street
South Farmingdale, NY 11735

For more information, visit our website at www.sfwater.com

Keeping Hydrants CLEAR OF SNOW

With winter around the corner, we're asking our residents to pitch in and shovel out fire hydrants that become buried in the wake of a snowplow. Every second counts during a fire, especially if local firefighters can't find a hydrant. There are over 1,200 hydrants throughout our District, so if you see a snow-covered hydrant, do your part and clear a path for our firefighters.

NO Tax Increase for 2012

For the second consecutive year, the SFWD has contained costs and conserved tax dollars, therefore, there will be no rate increase for 2012. This achievement further demonstrates the immediate benefits of local control and how the SFWD has historically and successfully managed the budget at no increased cost to the consumer.

The announcement is a welcome change of pace for taxpayers in a year of financial uncertainties and rising costs on basic commodities. Residents can rest assured that all current projects to improve efficiency and maintain high water quality standards will stay in place, without compromise and without increased costs.

Some little-known facts are that SFWD water rates are about 2% below the national average (source: American Water Works Associations) and that the consumers' water tax is less than 1.7% of their total tax bill.

The Commissioners noted, "It is our fiscal responsibility to work within our budgets. As public servants and residents of the District, it is our duty to protect our fellow taxpayers and deliver the safest and best water possible."





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Water Treatment Plant 'Up and Running'



After many grueling years of negotiations with the Department of Defense (D.O.D.), a settlement was reached in 2009 for the South Farmingdale Water District to begin construction of its Water Treatment Facility at Plant 1. Today, the District is proud to announce the opening of the facility on Langdon Road and that it is officially up and running.

Servicing 45,000 consumers throughout the District, the new treatment plant was constructed and put into operation to filter all groundwater containing volatile organic compounds (VOCs) left behind from the Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant in Bethpage, NY decades ago. This new treatment facility will ensure safe, clean water throughout the District, not just for today but for future generations as well.

In 2009, the South Farmingdale Water District received a \$14.55 million settlement from the D.O.D. to protect the District's water supply. Due in large part to the help of U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer (D-NY) communicating with the Department of Justice (D.O.J.), the District received a check to completely cover all construction and maintenance of the facility, with no additional cost to the customer.

In an effort to maintain seamless delivery of high-quality water to its residents and address the impending contamination threat, SFWD began construction of the Plant without a check in hand.

A bond issue was approved by the Town of Oyster Bay to cover the costs for construction and maintenance of the treatment system as an interim measure, but the bond was retired soon after.

"This is a special day for our District," commented the Water Commissioners at the opening of the facility. "The most important aspect of getting Plant 1 online was to be proactive, and we couldn't afford to close down wells and limit the supply of water to our customers while constructing a new facility. So here we are, fully operational, on-time, on-budget and no consumer tax dollars were spent on this project."

(L to R) Town of Oyster Bay Councilman Joseph Muscarella, Water Commissioners John Hirt and Ralph Atoria, Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor John Venditto, Water Commissioner Gary Brosnan, Water Superintendent Charlie Prucha, NYS Assemblyman Joseph Salidino, and Nassau County Legislator Joseph Belesi.

