

HERE'S OUR NEW LOOK



The South Farmingdale Water District has a new seal, as pictured above. You'll be seeing it on our trucks as well as official correspondence, bills, signage, etc. in the near future.

CONGRATULATIONS MR. HIRT



John Hirt was recently re-elected Water District Commissioner. "I'd like to thank all the district residents who made my re-election possible," Mr. Hirt said. "I will continue to serve them in this important position to the best of my ability."

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Look inside for South Farmingdale Water District's 2000 Drinking Water Quality Report.

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WATER DISTRICT MONITORS LIBERTY CLEANUP

When you have a Superfund site within your jurisdiction, you stay on top of every development affecting its remediation. And that's what the South Farmingdale Water District (SFWD) has done regarding the Liberty Aircraft property on Motor Avenue.

In the years since the property was designated a Superfund site by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the South Farmingdale Water District has been at the forefront where Liberty is concerned. It oversees a network of outpost monitoring wells that enable the district to probe the groundwater for finite traces of pollutants (none have been found to date). SFWD monitors the movement of the plume which was created years ago when Liberty was active as an aircraft parts manufacturer. And it stays right in the middle of all

discussions, meetings, and developments generated by a circle that includes the property's owners and the EPA.

"The results of all this effort by the district is a greater assurance that SFWD water quality is by no means tainted by the pollution generated by Liberty Aircraft so many years ago, nor by the plume that exists today," said Gerard McCormack, SFWD Commissioner.

Upon closer examination of the site, district residents will see a treatment system on the grounds, which was installed at the EPA's direction just over a year ago. The fully automated system draws water up from beneath the site, removes contamination and injects clean water back into the ground.

"This is a key step in remediation," said McCormack. "I'm pleased to say that we're happy with the system's operations. It's doing what it's supposed to do."

In addressing the site's contamination, the district is seeking an "unrestricted clean up," an achievement that would put no restrictions on the use of the property in the years ahead. A lesser grade classification would



SFWD commissioners tour Liberty filtration facility.

preclude the development of the site for residential zoning.

"Once again, I'd like to assure water district residents that their drinking water is safe, and that we do not foresee any problems in the future," McCormack added. "As per our policy, we will regularly update the public on the cleanup."



Water filter systems located at the Liberty site.

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DISTRICT SHOWS OFF WATER AT LONG ISLAND MALLS



National Drinking Water Week? Yes. We have one... and it didn't go without recognition at the South Farmingdale Water District either.

Representatives from the district traveled to Hicksville's Broadway Mall and Huntington's Walt Whitman Mall (earlier this month) to participate in a tap water taste test. The event featured exhibits

from many Long Island water utilities. Shoppers were treated to free water samples, a taste test competition and plenty of information on water conservation.

Launched 30 years ago by the American Water Works Association (AWWA), National Drinking Water Week was given official government recognition in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan.

USE SENSE, STAY SAFE

The old saying goes, "A man's home is his castle." Nobody wants to think they may not be safe in their own house. Unfortunately, there are fraudulent people who will try to gain access to your home in order to commit a crime. Therefore, we urge you to be careful when someone claiming to be a water district employee appears on your doorstep to read a water meter, confirm a leak or sell you a water filtration device. Don't be fooled by imposters.

It is rare that anyone from the water district will show up at your home. In fact, 99% of our visits to residents' homes are by appointment. Even if there is an emergency, such as a water main break, we will notify you when we'll be in the area.

If someone comes to your door claiming to be a water district employee, ask to see his or her identification card. If you have any doubts about his or her

identity, please call the district at (516) 249-3330 for verification. Our employees have been trained by the Nassau County police regarding identification procedures to help ensure your safety.

Remember, a little bit of common sense goes a long way in protecting yourself and your family members. Trust your instincts and call the water district. We will be happy to help you.

WATERING BY THE NUMBERS – ODD/EVEN

Okay...the bulbs are blooming, the trees are in leaf, and your neighbor's lawn looks green and lush under the mist of his sprinkler system. Feel compelled to get your lawn in shape? Go right ahead...but be sure to check the calendar before you open the faucet.

According to Nassau County code, lawn watering may be done only on even days if your street address is an even number, and on odd days if your address is an odd number. Also, county code forbids you from watering your lawn between the

hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Non-compliance can lead to a fine.

This practice has been in place for several years and it has made a significant impact on water conservation throughout the district and Nassau overall. It's also a more effective way to reduce unnecessary consumption. Just ask your local garden center. They'll agree that trees, lawns, perennials and shrubs will fare better when given longer, deeper waterings versus brief "surface" waterings on a daily basis.



Avoid a fine. Water your lawn according to the odd/even system.

GOOD SPRINKLER INSTALLERS TOW THE LINE

There's nothing like the convenience of an automated irrigation system for your lawn. There's also nothing like the headache you get from a system that doesn't work! Thinking of having a new sprinkler system installed? Consider some key points before you sign any

contracts or work orders;

- Get references AND talk to them.
- Confirm the validity of the vendor's credentials.
- Every sprinkler system must incorporate a back flow preventer. If the vendor's quote doesn't include one, ask why.

- Notify the district office once the back flow preventer is installed. We will test the preventer once a year, free of charge, to ensure it is working properly.
- Reputable companies will know the district's requirements. Ignorance of these rules should be a warning sign.



If you have any questions or concerns, please call the South Farmingdale Water District's main office at (516) 249-3330.

TIPS, FACTS AND STATS

CONSERVE WATER.....WHEN WATERING YOUR LAWN

Walk across your lawn during the summer. If you see footprints in the grass, it's time to water your lawn.

Limit the time you water your lawn. The average lawn needs only 1-2 inches of water per week.

Before watering your lawn, check the short term weather forecast. Periods of cool, cloudy weather reduce the need to water.

Avoid watering your lawn on windy days.

Remember...according to Nassau County code, you're not allowed to water your lawn between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.