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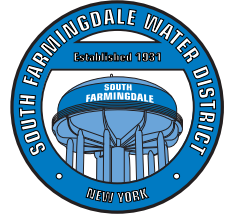
Look inside for South Farmingdale Water District's 2002 Annual Water Supply Report.

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## NEW SOUTH FARMINGDALE WATER DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TAKES OFFICE



**District Superintendent Bill Bier.**

Bill Bier, the newly appointed water district superintendent, is no stranger to the water district – or to South Farmingdale, for that matter. As a 29-year employee of the water district, a lifelong South Farmingdale resident and a former South Farmingdale fire chief, Bier has been involved in protecting the health and welfare of the local community for most of his adult life.

Bier began his career with the water district in 1974, starting as a water plant attendant, where he was involved in general water plant maintenance. Bier took several water operator courses and was subsequently certified at various operator levels through a licensing process overseen by the State Department of Health. As his career

progressed, Bier was promoted through the ranks to water servicer, water plant operator and water servicer operator until 1989, when he became water servicer supervisor, a post he held until January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year when he took over as superintendent, succeeding Al Licci.

"As superintendent, I now have direct responsibility for the day-to-day coordination of water services throughout the district. A major part of my time will be spent ensuring monthly water sampling reports are submitted to the state and county as required by law," said Bier. He will also oversee maintenance of all pumps in service, and ensure the district keeps up with emerging technologies for water treatment. "Fortunately, there have been no harmful chemicals detected in our water, so no special treatment is currently required," added Bier.

Looking to the future, Bier has some major goals for the water district. "Although the quality of our water is extremely good, we still need to be prepared to treat our water for future contaminants that might affect water quality, such as pollution from chemical plants," said Bier. "However, the water

monitoring system we have in place now is a highly sophisticated system which checks water quality to a minute level, so there are no immediate concerns."

Another goal of Bier's is to increase water conservation awareness throughout the district. Although the county already has odd-even water restrictions, Bier believes it is important to educate water users – commercial and residential – about some of the simple steps that they can take to help conserve water. "It's much easier to promote to people the importance of conserving water than to legislate those activities," commented Bier.



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## NEW WELL CONSTRUCTION IS FLOWING SMOOTHLY

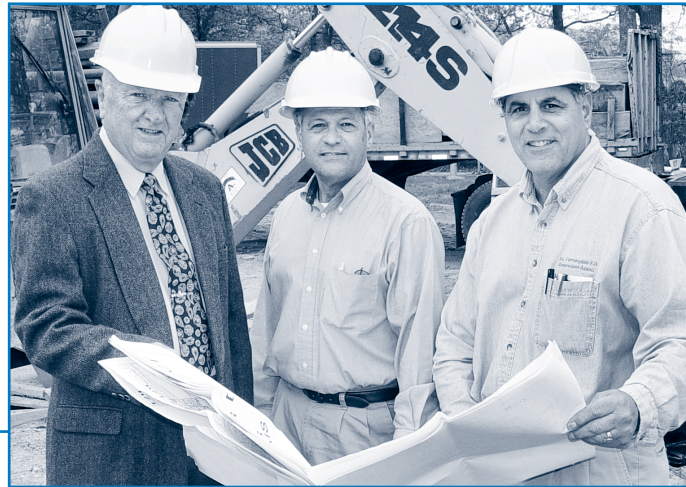
On the map, the site is known simply as Plant No. 2, Lourae Drive. Despite the rather neutral designation, the site is actually evidence of some of the newest technology being introduced into the South Farmingdale Water District.

Plant No. 2 will be home to a new 600-foot well that will service the entire district. At that depth, it's twice the size of its predecessor, which originally went into service in 1959. Renovations and upgrades had been applied to the original well in the years since. However, after careful feasibility studies, district authorities determined it was more cost-efficient to drill an entirely new well than to continually rehabilitate the existing one.

SFWD Chairman Gerard F. McCormack reports, "We are very pleased with the progress of this project. This new well means customers will continue to enjoy the same quality water into the future. Pumping at this new

depth will produce a better balance and will also increase water pressure."

Drilling and construction are expected to be completed by the end of 2003.



Board of Water Commissioners Gerard McCormack, John Hirt and Ralph Atria review plans for the new well.

## HOMELAND SECURITY AND YOUR WATER SUPPLY

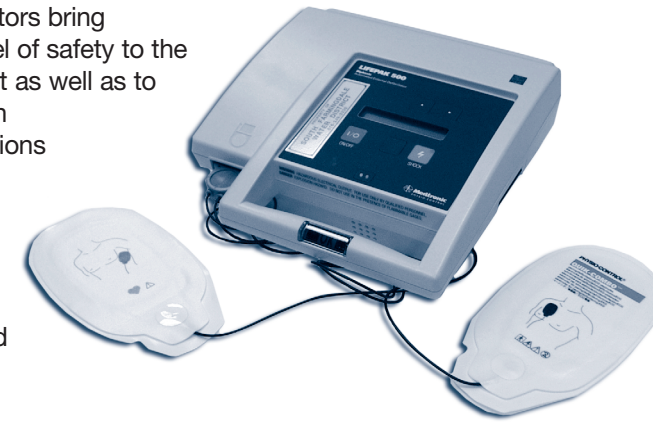
Homeland security has become a high-profile national news topic. Making sure that your local water supply is safe and secure is a top priority for us. We do everything possible to protect our facilities, wells, plants and resources from natural and man-made harm. We urge everyone to play an important role in protecting our water resources.

Please call the district or police if you see any person acting suspiciously near a water facility, or doing something that doesn't look like official water district business. To report any questionable activity, call the district at 516-249-3330 or dial 911.

## NEW LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT

This spring, the employees at South Farmingdale Water District bring a valuable new service to the community. Seven defibrillators are now in place at our facility, plants and in our vehicles for company and public use.

Our employees have been trained in First Aid, CPR and AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) techniques in order to perform life saving procedures. This training and the new defibrillators bring an advanced level of safety to the work environment as well as to the community. In emergency situations when an SFWD member is near, life saving help will be available and resuscitation can be performed immediately.



One of seven defibrillators at the district.

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## DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TAKES OFFICE

In addition to his duties as superintendent, Bier remains active in state and county firefighter organizations such as the Nassau County Association and NYS Fire Chiefs Association. "It's been an honor to serve the people of South Farmingdale, and I hope to continue doing so for many years to come," said Bier.

Questions or concerns regarding the district's water supply can be directed to our office at 516-249-3330, or visit our website at [www.sfwater.com](http://www.sfwater.com).

"Our staff will be happy to answer questions and help in any way we can," said Bier.

## FIRE HYDRANTS ARE FOR FIRES

The Fire Department relies on fire hydrants to save lives and property. Firefighters are the only people who are legally authorized to use them in emergencies or to fight fires.

Please do not use hydrants for personal or non-emergency use; it endangers public safety and is against the law. Most importantly, if you see someone using or tampering with a fire hydrant, or if a hydrant is uncapped, leaking or dispensing water, call the district immediately at 516-249-3330 or dial 911.

We need everyone's help to make sure water is available for emergency situations.



An uncapped fire hydrant should be reported immediately to the district.

## TIPS, FACTS AND STATS

### CONSERVE WATER.....INSIDE YOUR HOME

A faucet that leaks two tablespoons per minute amounts to 15 gallons per day! Help conserve water. Try to fix the leak yourself. If you are unable, call a plumber.

Don't run the water while you shave or brush your teeth. You are using up to one gallon of water per minute, most of which is wasted.

Keep a pitcher of tap water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap to fill one glass of cold water.

Wash a full load of dishes. The same amount of water that is used to wash a full load is used to wash a half empty load of dishes.

Wash a full load of laundry. Not only will it conserve water, but it will also cut your electric bill.

For more conservation tips, visit our website at [www.sfwater.com](http://www.sfwater.com)

