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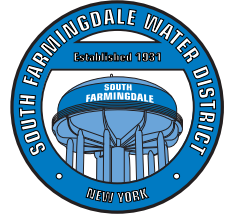
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DISTRICT BUSINESS MANAGER ELECTED TO CHAIR THE LONG ISLAND WATER CONFERENCE

Customers of the South Farmingdale Water District have an inside man when it comes to water supply issues in Nassau and Suffolk counties. That would be Leonard Constantinopoli, newly elected Chairman of the Long Island Water Conference (LIWC).

The appointment, announced in March, puts Constantinopoli at the center of a network of 45 water utilities in Nassau and Suffolk counties. He will lead the LIWC in its ongoing efforts to provide safe water to 2.7 million consumers at the most cost-effective rates available. He will also supervise the development of educational programs for members and consumers alike, and maintain contact with local, regional and federal lawmakers on issues affecting water conservation and groundwater protection.

Constantinopoli has been active within LIWC for 15 years. In 2003, he was the First Vice Chairman and he has served on the organization's legislative and public relations committees. His new position will not dilute his value as Business Manager for the South Farmingdale Water District, a post he's held since 1989.

"I've been working within budgets for over 15 years," he said shortly after learning of his new duties. "Budgeting my time will not be a problem, and I look forward to my new responsibilities."



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Leonard Constantinopoli, newly elected
Chairman of the Long Island Water Conference.

USE SENSE, STAY SAFE

No one 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 use caution 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 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, contact the police immediately. The district is constantly improving security procedures, and our employees are trained annually by the Nassau County police regarding identification processes to help identify imposters.

Also, if you witness any unusual activity around water well sites in your area, or if you see a van, truck or any persons who do not look as if they are conducting official business, contact the police or us immediately (516) 249-3330.

Remember, a little bit of common sense goes a long way in protecting yourself and your family members. Trust your instincts and call the police if you suspect any problems.

WATERING BY THE NUMBERS – ODD/EVEN

Okay...the bulbs are blooming, the trees are in leaf, and your neighbor's lawn looks green and plush 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 county 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.

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.

WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION NEARS COMPLETION

If you live, drive or walk around Carmans Road in Massapequa, you would have noticed quite a bit of construction taking place over the last two months. That's because the district has been constructing a new water main near the existing water main in the southeast corner of the district. The new water main will be put in place to upgrade water distribution throughout the area of service.

"We're simply replacing an older, smaller water main with a new main that's 12 inches in diameter," said Ralph Atoria, District Commissioner. "This will enhance our efficiency, increase water pressure and improve service to our customers."

Construction began in mid-March and will be completed by the end of this month...right on schedule. The district is also happy to report there were no traffic build-ups, and interruption of service was kept at a minimum.

TIPS, FACTS AND STATS

WHAT YOU CAN DO.....TO CONSERVE WATER

Inspect water pipes in basement for possible water leaks.

Use a broom, rather than a hose, to clean sidewalks or driveways.

Repair dripping faucets and leaky toilets. Dripping faucets can waste up to 2,000 gallons of water each year in the average home. Leaky toilets can waste as much as 200 gallons per day.

Water your lawn early in the morning or at night to avoid excess evaporation.

Fully load the dishwasher and clothes washer before running water.

When washing dishes by hand, brushing your teeth or shaving, do not leave the water running.

