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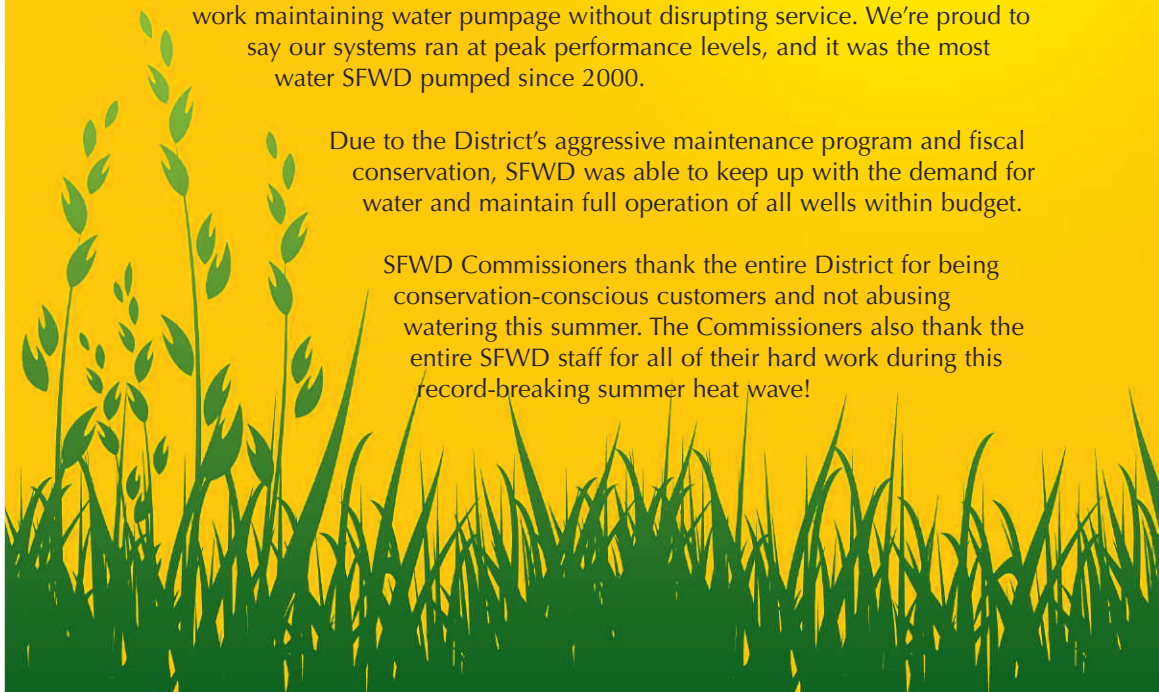
hot summer!



2010 was one of the hottest summers in recent history, and SFWD was hard at work maintaining water pumpage without disrupting service. We're proud to say our systems ran at peak performance levels, and it was the most water SFWD pumped since 2000.

Due to the District's aggressive maintenance program and fiscal conservation, SFWD was able to keep up with the demand for water and maintain full operation of all wells within budget.

SFWD Commissioners thank the entire District for being conservation-conscious customers and not abusing watering this summer. The Commissioners also thank the entire SFWD staff for all of their hard work during this record-breaking summer heat wave!



Come Out and Vote

The South Farmingdale Water District's annual election is
Tuesday, December 14, 4 to 9 p.m.

Voting will take place at
North Massapequa Community Center
214 North Albany Avenue
North Massapequa

South Farmingdale Fire Department
819 South Main Street
South Farmingdale

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SFWD Receives Funds From Department of Defense After Years of Negotiations

After years of negotiations, the South Farmingdale Water District has finally received the \$14.55 million settlement sought from the Department of Defense (D.O.D.) to protect the District's water supply at Plant 1 on Langdon Road in Farmingdale.

The District would like to thank U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer (D-NY) for his tireless efforts on our behalf, which prompted the Department of Justice (D.O.J.) to review and approve the settlement agreed upon by the United States Navy and SFWD.

As many residents are now aware, the U.S. Navy operated the Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant in Bethpage, New York for several decades that resulted in soil and significant groundwater contamination containing volatile organic compounds.

In a prior commitment, the Navy agreed that if contamination from their site was identified in SFWD outpost monitoring wells, they would pay all future costs of the necessary treatment facilities or replacement wells. In 2004, those SFWD monitoring wells indicated potential contamination from the naval site at levels above the trigger values agreed to by the Navy, the Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) and SFWD.

In an effort to maintain a seamless delivery of high quality water to our residents and address the impending contamination threat, water treatment systems at two SFWD public water supply sites (Plant 1 and Plant 3) were proposed; including the recommendation to begin construction at Plant 1 immediately. Since official deadlines had passed to initiate construction, and SFWD had still not received funds from the D.O.D., a bond issue was approved by the Town of Oyster Bay to cover the costs of construction and maintenance of the treatment system as an interim measure.

Construction of the water treatment system began in Spring 2010 and is scheduled for completion in Spring 2011. The continuing good news is that the water treatment system will be completed in time to avert any negative effects on the District's water supply. What's more, SFWD is in negotiations with the D.O.D. to cover all construction, operating and maintenance costs for the water treatment system to be constructed in the near future at Plant 3.

By receiving the funds from the D.O.D., the bond was paid off and retired and there will be no cost increase in water rates to the taxpayers. Most importantly, the flow of high-quality water will remain uninterrupted.

While the SFWD Board of Commissioners worked closely with Senator Schumer's office to expedite the final agreement with the U.S. Navy, other pressures helped bring the long-standing court proceedings to a conclusion. The Board of Commissioners expresses its gratitude to the local civic associations that took significant action, most notably the North Massapequa Civic Association led by Rose Hobbins and Citizens For Pure Water led by Diane Losurdo.



WINTER CONSERVATION TIPS

As we move closer to winter, there are a few items the District would like residents and business owners to keep in mind as the temperature continues to fall.

- Disconnect all outdoor hoses, turn off the water leading outdoors, and open each outdoor faucet.
- Keep any fire hydrant on your property clear of snow.
- Know where your shut-off valve is located in case of emergency.
- If water pipes are located in an unheated area, cover the pipes with insulation to prevent freezing.