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## Water Main Program Announced for 2017

**Phased plan will improve pressure throughout District**



In a continuing effort to improve upon South Farmingdale Water District's infrastructure, the District has approved a district-wide water main improvement plan beginning in 2017.

Much of the District's water mains are in need of an upgrade to maintain water pressure and to meet the demand of consumers. This improvement program will help improve water flow and pressure while increasing the life expectancy of the system. The new water mains also will help support local fire departments and meet their water pressure demands in the event of an emergency.

The Board of Water Commissioners commented, "Part of our mission is to protect the integrity of our infrastructure while delivering uninterrupted water service to our consumers. We're excited about kicking off this improvement plan, and our goal is to help limit the number of water main breaks for years to come by installing the latest in water main materials."

The District's plan includes the program being completed in time to meet the heavy water pumping demand season (early summer 2017).

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# A Message from Superintendent Francis Koch, P.E.



How fast time flies as we say goodbye to Summer and Fall and start to welcome Winter. Some of us would like an extension of warm weather, but it's important to start thinking about winterizing your home during this time of year.

Here are a few tips for you to take into consideration during these next few weeks:

- Disconnect all outdoor hoses. Drain and store them in a warm place.
- Turn off the water that leads to the outside of your house during the winter.
- Leave outside water faucets open. This allows any trapped water to expand after a freeze and prevents broken pipes during the winter.
- Drain or flush out your lawn irrigation system before winter frost sets in.
- Cover and protect water pipes located in unheated areas of your home.

Lastly, be a good neighbor this winter during any snowstorms and clear a path to your nearest fire hydrant. In the event of a fire, precious time is lost when firefighters have to locate and shovel out fire hydrants. We continually remind our consumers that if you need a hand, call us, and we'll be happy to send a crew to shovel out your hydrant.

**Here's to a safe, happy and healthy holiday season!**

## HYDRANT FLUSHING *Keeping Your Neighborhood Safe*



Early this fall the South Farmingdale Water District completed its annual Hydrant Flushing Program. Many consumers may not know this, but hydrant flushing is extremely important as it helps to clean out harmless sedimentation from the water distribution system. It's also an important safety measure for the District to check ALL hydrants to make sure they will respond properly in the event of a potential fire or emergency situation. The local fire departments and their

volunteers rely on SFWD to ensure everything is working properly when they connect to our hydrants.

SFWD is responsible for maintaining more than 1,250 hydrants throughout the entire 5.5 square miles of the District.

Most notably, SFWD crews flushed all hydrants in the wee hours of the morning to help avoid traffic congestion and not inconvenience our consumers.

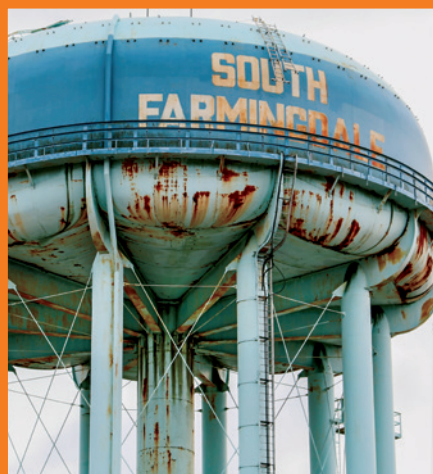


# WATER TOWER REHABILITATION COMPLETED

**FALL  
2016**



**SPRING  
2015**



## STANDING TALL AND LOOKING GOOD!

The rehabilitation of the elevated water tank at Plant No. 1 (Langdon Road) has finally come to completion. The District was proud to unveil the new, freshly painted 140-foot structure this Fall. Although the structural integrity of the tank was completely intact, it hadn't been rehabbed or painted for more than 20 years.

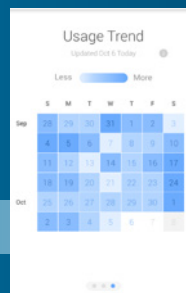
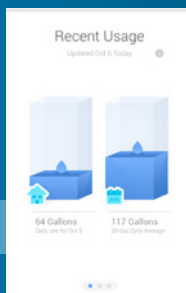
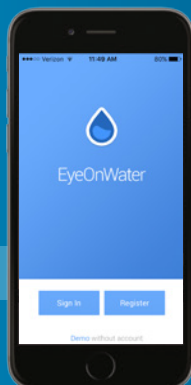
The project, which began in the spring of 2015, included a full assessment of the tank and the replacement of all the valves underneath the tank.

Phase II started in the Fall of 2015 and continued through this past summer. This rehabilitation phase included sandblasting, stripping and adding primer coats to both the inside and outside of the tank. Lastly, the tank was painted from head to toe with its finishing coat. Lead-free and copper-free paint was used throughout the entire process. SFWD is the first water district on Long Island to utilize a new high-tech coating system, which should last up to 20 years!

# WATER METER PROGRAM

The District's water meter upgrade project is nearly 90 percent complete, and the District is happy to announce that the EyeOnWater® App is now available to consumers to help monitor their water flow and usage.

Through cellular technology, water meters will be read remotely, precisely and non-intrusively. SFWD now has the ability to more accurately record the water meter readings of every household and business within the District without entering the property.



EyeOnWater® App can be downloaded through the App Store or Google Play

Download on the  
App Store

GET IT ON  
Google Play

**SEARCH:**  
EyeOnWater®

**LOGIN:**  
Create your user profile

**MONITOR:**  
Hourly, daily, monthly or yearly water usage



# **COME OUT AND VOTE!**

**Tuesday, December 13, 2016 • 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

While most of our attention this year shifted towards the national election and other local races, there is still a very important vote to be cast for Water Commissioner this year.

South Farmingdale Water District encourages all local residents to continue to exercise their civic duty and vote at the annual water commissioner election. Only through the voting process can we truly have a voice in choosing the leaders of our local communities.

Support local government at this year's election for Water Commissioner.

## **Two Voting Locations:**

**North Massapequa Fire Department  
1000 North Broadway  
Massapequa, NY 11758**

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