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INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES BUILDING A STRONGER WATER SYSTEM FOR OUR COMMUNITY

South Farmingdale Water District (SFWD) continues to invest in critical infrastructure upgrades to ensure a high-quality, reliable, and sustainable water supply for our residents. From new wells to advanced treatment systems and water main improvements, these projects are designed to strengthen our system today and for years to come.

Plant 1 (40 Langdon Rd.)

Drilling for Well 1-6 began in November and has now progressed to the next phase of development. Once completed, the new well will be capable of supplying up to 2 million gallons of water per day, significantly strengthening the District's overall supply capacity and system resilience.

Plant 6 (909 Hicksville Rd.)

Construction of the new Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) treatment facility is nearing completion after years of planning and development and is expected to be operational this summer. This state-of-the-art system will enhance water quality by effectively treating emerging contaminants and ensuring the District continues to meet the most stringent standards.

Water Main Replacements Underway

Earlier this spring, SFWD launched the next phase of its five-year water main replacement and upgrade program, which includes approximately 9,000 linear feet of water main in the areas of North Massapequa and South Farmingdale. These improvements will enhance system reliability, reduce the likelihood of main breaks, and improve service for residents. Work will be coordinated with the Town of Oyster Bay to align with upcoming road restoration projects, helping to minimize disruption to the community. Residents in affected areas will be notified in advance of any work.



The South Farmingdale Water District has proudly delivered reliable, high-quality water to our community since April 14, 1931.

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**Superintendent
James Edgette**

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Spring is a season of new beginnings, making it an especially meaningful time for me to share my first message as Superintendent of the South Farmingdale Water District. As a 30-year resident and 24-year employee of the District, it is truly an honor to step into this role and continue the important work of my predecessor, Frank Koch.

This past winter presented significant challenges, as prolonged freezing temperatures combined with aging infrastructure resulted in 45 water main breaks throughout the District since January 1. I would like to thank our dedicated crew, who worked tirelessly

around the clock to respond to these emergencies and remediate them as quickly as possible. Their hard work and commitment are essential to keeping our system running reliably, even under difficult conditions.

I am also pleased to recognize Chris Brosnan, who was recently promoted to Assistant Superintendent. Chris began his career with the District in 2011 as Water Plant Attendant and, through hard work and dedication, has advanced through the ranks to Senior Water Plant Operator before assuming his current role. A Farmingdale High School graduate, Chris attended SUNY Cortland and lives within the District with his wife and three children. His extensive knowledge of plant operations – including the new Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) treatment facilities – along with his commitment to delivering high-quality drinking water, make him a valuable asset to both the District and the community we serve.



**Assistant
Superintendent
Chris Brosnan**

As we look ahead, we're proud to celebrate an important milestone: 95 years of service to our community. Since its founding on April 14, 1931, the South Farmingdale Water District has remained committed to delivering reliable, high-quality water to our residents. This anniversary is a testament to the generations of dedicated employees, commissioners, and community members who have supported that mission.

Hot Weather, High Demand Smart Ways to Save Water this Summer

When summer heat sets in, water use rises fast. Between lawn watering, gardening, and everyday household use, demand can more than quadruple during peak months, putting added strain on the system we all rely on. Small, simple changes can go a long way in helping conserve water, lower your bill, and keep our community's supply strong all summer long.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP:

-  **Water wisely**
Follow Nassau County's odd/even-day watering schedule and avoid watering between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when the sun causes the most evaporation.
-  **Upgrade your yard habits**
Use mulch to lock in moisture and consider native plants that thrive with less water.
-  **Use smart irrigation**
Consider installing a smart irrigation controller for your sprinkler system to optimize water usage and help control your water bill.
-  **Skip the hose**
Sweep driveways and sidewalks instead of rinsing them down.
Use water only when you need it: A hose with a shut-off nozzle prevents unnecessary runoff while washing your car or watering plants.
-  **Cut back indoors**
Cutting a few minutes off your shower and fixing leaks can save thousands of gallons and lower your water bill.

Stay one step ahead with EyeOnWater®

The EyeOnWater® app gives you real-time insight into your household water use, helping you spot leaks early and make smarter decisions. Download the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play, or scan the QR code to get started.

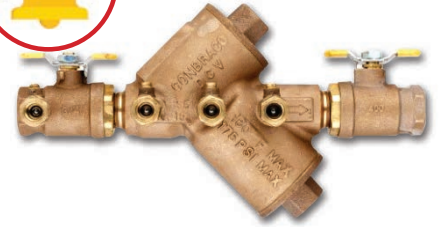


CONGRATULATIONS TO COMMISSIONER GARY BROSNAN



The South Farmingdale Water District congratulates Commissioner Gary Brosnan on his re-election in this past December's election. Commissioner Brosnan brings decades of community involvement and 18 years of experience with the District. His continued leadership reflects a strong commitment to water quality, public safety, and responsible stewardship on behalf of the residents we serve. We thank Commissioner Brosnan for his ongoing service and look forward to his continued contributions to the District in the years ahead.

ANNUAL BACKFLOW PREVENTION REMINDER



To help protect our public water supply, the District reminds all residents and businesses with backflow prevention devices that annual testing is required by the Nassau County Department of Health. These devices must be inspected and tested by a certified professional to ensure they are functioning properly for the safety of you and your neighbors. If you have a backflow prevention device, please be sure to schedule your annual test and submit the required documentation on time. We offer free testing for residential accounts – call our office to schedule your appointment.

DON'T DISCARD YOUR ENDPOINT!



Residents are reminded not to remove or discard the small device attached to the outside of their home, known as a water meter endpoint. This device allows the District to accurately and efficiently read your water usage. If you are installing new siding or doing construction on your home, please make your contractor aware that this device must be handled with care. If it is damaged or removed, there may be a cost to replace it. Your cooperation helps ensure accurate billing and reliable service.

MEET YOUR OFFICE TEAM



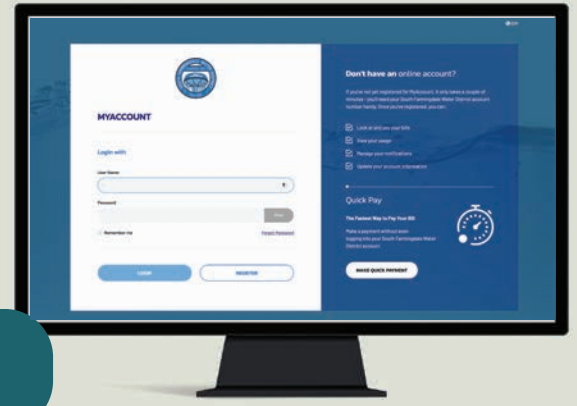
Teamwork is at the heart of the South Farmingdale Water District's office and customer service operations. Office Manager Michael Martens works closely with his colleagues Stacy Macaluso, Rachel Lee, and Chrisanne Murati to support nearly 13,000 water accounts.

As the first point of contact for residents, this dedicated team handles everything from billing inquiries to account assistance with professionalism, efficiency, and care. The accompanying photo highlights the team behind the friendly voices residents hear every day. We thank them for their continued commitment to serving our community.

ONLINE BILLPAY

Manage your account anytime at:
www.sfwater.com/billing/pay-your-bill
— sign up for autopay.

Scan the QR Code to get started

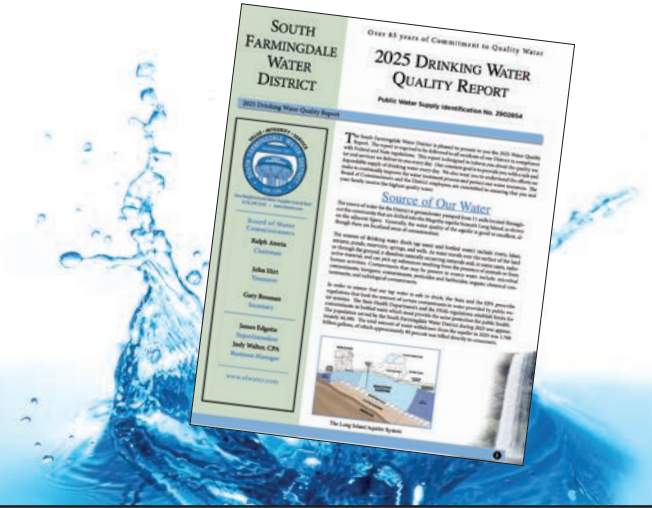


Your Annual Water Quality Report Is Now Available

Each spring, the District completes its Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, providing residents with a detailed look at the quality and safety of their drinking water. The report includes information on where your water comes from, how it is treated, the cost of providing service, and the results of extensive water quality testing performed throughout the year. We are proud to report that SFWD water continues to meet or exceed all local, state, and federal standards.

To view the 2025 report and supplemental materials, visit www.sfwater.com/waterquality or scan the QR code below. Printed copies are also available at our main office. To request a copy by mail, please call (516) 249-3330.

Scan here to read
our 2025 Annual
Water Quality Report



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