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HCWA Board Members Sworn In to Begin Terms in 2019

The Hon. John A. "Trea" Pipkin, III, Henry County Superior Court Judge, administered the Oath of Office to the five respective Members of the HCWA Board of Directors at the Authority's Jan. 10, 2019 Board Meeting. With the Swearing In, the HCWA welcomes two new Members to the Board this year.

Cletonya LaGrand Stidom was sworn in to represent the citizens of District 2, following her appointment by Henry County Commissioner Dee Clemmons, while Zuwena Poole was sworn in to represent Henry County's District 4, following her appointment by newly elected Commissioner Vivian Thomas, who won the District 4 seat during the General Election last fall.



Henry County Superior Court Judge Trea Pipkin, III, (far right) administers the Oath of Office to the 2019 HCWA Board of Directors, which include (left to right): Vice-Chairman Warren Holder, District 2 Member Cletonya LaGrand Stidom, Chairman Jimmy Carter, Secretary/Treasurer Carlotta Harrell, and District 4 Member Zuwena Poole.

In addition, Jimmy Carter, representing District 3 on the HCWA upon the request of recently re-elected Henry County Commissioner Gary Barham, was sworn in, along with District 1 HCWA Board Member Warren Holder, appointed by Commissioner Johnny Wilson, and District 5 HCWA Board Member Carlotta Harrell, appointed by Commissioner Bruce B. Holmes, who also was re-elected this past fall.

Following the swearing in ceremony, Mr. Carter was selected by his fellow HCWA Board Members to continue his service as Chairman of the Authority, while Mr. Holder was selected as Vice Chairman and Mrs. Harrell was selected to continue as Secretary/Treasurer. In addition, Kimberly Turner Osborne was selected to continue her service as Clerk.

HCWA 2019 Fishing Season runs March – November

The 2019 HCWA Public Fishing Season opens March 1, and extends through November 30 this year. HCWA customers with Reservoir Use Permits will be able to fish the Tussahaw and Upper Towaliga Reservoirs (contingent upon the approval of Georgia DNR) on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Permits to access the Tussahaw Reservoir for fishing and boating (with an electric powered trolling motor or via canoe or kayak) are available at the HCWA Headquarters, located at 1695 Highway 20 West in McDonough, during the normal Customer Service hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. To obtain a permit, you must be a property owner or resident

in Henry County, or a customer of the HCWA.

The HCWA Reservoir Use Permit is \$45 and valid for one calendar year from the date of purchase. Also, customers with permits can take a guest with them to the reservoir(s) for free. Customers must sign a release form and adhere to all rules and regulations governing the public use of HCWA reservoirs.

Maps detailing public access to the Tussahaw and Towaliga Reservoirs, including boat ramps, are available on our website at www.hcwa.com/community-education/fishing-and-reservoir-use.

For more information on HCWA Public Fishing, contact our Cubihatcha Outdoor Education Center staff at 678-583-3930.



The 2019 Public Fishing Season at HCWA reservoirs runs March 1 – November 30.

Youth Leadership Henry Visiting HCWA

The HCWA continues its support of Youth Leadership Henry this year, as the Authority is set to host these Henry County students for a facility tour and class service project on March 9, 2019.

Youth Leadership is a leadership program for high school sophomores sponsored by the Henry County Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of Youth Leadership Henry is to identify emerging leaders, to bring them together in an atmosphere conducive to the free exchange of

ideas, and to provide them with an enlightening educational experience.

Participants are taught leadership skills, while learning about the various government, economic, and social sectors of the community. Hence, the visit and partnership with the HCWA.

By interacting with current community leaders to examine a variety of issues that affect Henry County, students also gain insights into the complex decision-making process that is essential to addressing community needs.



Youth Leadership Henry students tour the HCWA Towaliga Water Treatment Plant last year.

10th Annual Fix a Leak Week is March 18-24

Leaks can run, but they can't hide. That's the theme of this year's Fix a Leak Week, which water professionals will celebrate all across the country during the week of March 18-24, 2019. During this week, the HCWA also will host its own annual Customer Appreciation.

To celebrate Fix a Leak Week, HCWA staff will have WaterSense and wise water use displays and demonstrations featured at the Authority Headquarters. Their intent is to educate customers visiting during the week on how to find and fix household leaks to save money and prevent water loss.

In addition, the HCWA Customer Service Department will provide visiting customers with refreshments and

commemorative gift items as small tokens of the

Authority's appreciation for their business.

Fix a Leak Week is a national outreach and education event organized by the U.S. EPA through its WaterSense Program. This year marks the 10th annual Fix a Leak Week.

Household leaks across the country waste nearly 1 trillion gallons of water annually. According to EPA, an average household leak can account for nearly 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year, and an estimated 10% of U.S. homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day.

More information on national Fix a Leak Week is available online at www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week, while details of the HCWA Customer Appreciation will be posted on the Authority's website at www.hcwa.com. For additional questions, call our Customer Service Representatives at 770-957-6659.



Fix a Leak Week March 18-24, 2019

Second Front

Capital Improvements Enhance Services for Current and Future Customers

Projects focused on East and North Henry

The HCWA completed major Capital Improvements to its water system last year, with the purpose to enhance and improve water distribution services to HCWA customers, especially those in the Eastern/Ola and Northern/Fairview areas of the county.

❖ The East Henry Water System Modifications are the result of years of planning, designing and constructing measures that enable the HCWA to: (1) keep pace with growth, (2) provide greater flexibility and redundancies to minimize interruption of service to customers, and (3) normalize and lower water system pressure within this area of the system.

❖ Capital Improvements in North Henry helped advance similar objectives as well, while (4) increasing pressure and fire flow protection in the North Henry area.

Prior to the capital improvements, higher water pressures in the East Henry area were prematurely aging water mains and contributing to leaks and water loss within the water distribution system.

As a result of system modifications in both areas, some customers may have to



The new 2-million-gallon South Ola Water Tank is the largest above ground storage within the HCWA system.

make adjustments to their irrigation systems.

Also, considering that the Authority's long-term plan to accommodate growth is to call for incremental expansions of the Tussahaw Water Plant from its current capacity of 16.1 million gallons per day (MGD) capacity to 52 MGD by the year 2045, consistent water pressure and flow have to be assured.

The specific capital projects within East Henry included: (1) constructing a 2-million-gallon South Ola Elevated Tank (pictured), which went into operation last year, (2) extending a 30-inch water main approximately 1.5 miles to supply the new tank, (3) reducing water pressure coming from the Tussahaw Plant, and (4) modifying the pumping capabilities at the East Lake storage and booster pump station.

Finally, HCWA capital improvements in North Henry entailed installing a booster pump station at Fairview Road to likewise improve water distribution, such as the enhanced capability of the Tussahaw Plant to better serve customers in the northern end of the county, while alleviating pressure and flow limitations to this

area of the system as well.

As a result of these capital projects, the HCWA has further improved the efficiency, redundancy, and flexibility in water distribution to all customers.

For more information on HCWA Capital Projects, contact us at 770-957-6659.

The New Year Brings Industry Awards for Excellence



During the yearend 2018 GAWP Fall Conference, the HCWA received the Collection System of Excellence Platinum Award and the Water Distribution System Gold Award. In addition, the Authority's Mandy Gatewood received the GAWP Customer Service Award. GAWP Representatives Jesse LeBoeuf (far left) and Heather Veal (far right) present the Collection System of Excellence Platinum Award to the HCWA's Brandon Drake (second from left) and Cliff Hardin, Technicians in the Authority's Sewer Maintenance Department.

Georgia Model Water Tower Competition

The HCWA hosted the 2018 Henry County Georgia Model Water Tower Competition at the Tussahaw Water Treatment Plant in November.

This contest challenges middle school students to design and build water towers out of everyday household items, according to specific size and height requirements. The towers are graded according to three criteria – structural efficiency, hydraulic efficiency, and design ingenuity – and students are rewarded for creative designs and the use of recycled materials.

Georgia Model Water Tower Competition winners included:

- ★ First Place – Team “Chicken Littles” from Ola Middle School: Braelin Herzler, Autumn Eady, and Aliyah Ford.
- ★ Second Place – Team “Pineapple” from Ola Middle School: Carson Schmitt, Brayden Hutto, Cadyn Barnes, and Lucas Beck.
- ★ Third Place – Team “Jetpack” from Locust Grove Middle School: Bryson Gordon and Matthew Cowert.
- ★ The Judge's Choice Award – Team “Girls Got Milk” from Ola Middle School: Julianna Owens and Kyra Gibson.
- ★ The Structural Excellence Award – Team “Pineapple” from Ola Middle School: Carson Schmitt, Brayden Hutto, Cadyn Barnes, and Lucas Beck.
- ★ Outstanding Achievement in Artistic Design – Kimberly Nevarez from Austin Road Middle School.
- ★ Outside the Box Imagination Award – Team “Up” from Ola Middle School: Addi Johnson and Kendall Sliver.

Detecting a Leak

In order to promote wise water use and minimize the loss of water at your property, the HCWA encourages all customers to check for leaks periodically.

The most common type of water loss is through a toilet malfunction. To test your toilets, place water based food coloring or dark liquid in the backside of the toilet tank. Wait approximately 45 - 60 minutes and check the toilet bowl. If the water in the bowl has started to change colors, then you have what is known as a silent leak in your toilet.



Customer can come by the HCWA Headquarters at any time, but especially during Fix a Leak Week, to receive free die tablets to test your toilets for leaks as well as additional leak detection tips.

More information on finding and fixing household leaks is available online at www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week. Also, for step by step instructions on how to identify leaks inside and outside of your home, check out our website at www.hcwa.com/customer-care/detecting-a-leak.



Patrick Kelley (right), P.E., Project Manager for the HCWA and judge for the Georgia Model Water Tower Competition, reviews the dimensions of the team “Chicken Littles” water tower. These students from Ola Middle School who won first place included (left to right) Braelin Herzler, Aliyah Ford, and Autumn Eady.

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