



HCWA Currents



Fixing Leaks Saves You Money!

HCWA “Going Green” on March 17, for Fix a Leak Week

The HCWA will be “Going Green” on St. Patrick’s Day with a customer appreciation event during Fix a Leak Week, which is a national celebration that runs from March 16-22.

Come by the HCWA headquarters on Tuesday, March 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., to enjoy refreshments and tips on how to find and fix water leaks, while also learning some effective water conservation ideas. We also will have free water efficiency kits for you to take home, a WaterSense toilet giveaway, and a free spin on our prize wheel.



One of the many ways you can check for household leaks is by conducting a simple test with your water meter. To learn how, join us on March 17 when we “Go Green” during Fix a Leak Week.

Our Leak Detection team will demonstrate how they locate leaks within our system, and our Finance Department will explain three-tiered pricing, to show how much a leak can cost and how much you can save during the year through water conservation.

Finally, we’ll have a sample residential meter (pictured left) to demonstrate how to check for leaks by monitoring water meter activity, in addition to looking for consumption spikes on your monthly bill, which could indicate a leak.

Some Quick Fixes of Household Leaks

Fix a Leak Week gives us a chance to remind you of these inexpensive fixes that can prevent wasted water, thus saving you money!

- ✿ Toilet Leaks – usually from worn-out toilet flappers.
- ✿ Faucet Leaks – typically from old and worn washers and gaskets.
- ✿ Showerhead Leaks – usually fixed just by tightening the connection between the showerhead and the pipe stem.
- ✿ Outdoor Leaks – from damaged irrigation systems.
- ✿ In the Workplace – business property owners should check restrooms, kitchens, breakrooms, as well as outdoors.

Did you know that according to EPA figures, average household leaks can total nearly 10,000 gallons of water wasted per year?

More information on finding and fixing water leaks, as well as wise water use, is available online at www.hcwa.com or www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week.



Fix a Leak Week

March 16–22

HCWA Recognizes Essay Contest Winner

Congratulations to Dedrick Cooper, a student at McDonough Middle School, for winning the Henry County Essay Contest, sponsored by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District.

The HCWA Board of Directors recognized Dedrick, who was accompanied by his mother Tiwana Crawford, at its January Meeting. Dedrick read his winning essay titled: “WhaTER a Dream.” The Metro Water District noted that



Dedrick Cooper is this year’s Henry County winner of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District’s Essay Contest.

Dedrick’s essay was “exemplary” for exploring this year’s contest topic of “How do you value water?”

The Metro Water District’s annual Essay Contest received more than 600 entries among students participating from the District’s 15 counties and 92 municipalities. For winning the Henry County Essay Contest, Dedrick earned a \$100 gift card and recognition along with the other Essay Contest winners at the State Capitol in December.

It’s a Toilet, Not a Trashcan!



HCWA Wraps Up Another Successful Hunting Season

The HCWA wrapped up another successful Hunting Season with four hunts spread over the Fall of 2019 and Winter of 2020.

The two Youth Deer Hunts and Veteran’s Hunt, to honor those who have served in the U.S. Military, were held at the HCWA Walnut Creek Land Application System (LAS) site, which includes more than 1,000 acres of protected green space. These hunts help the HCWA maintain proper land management and wildlife habitat, as



(Back, L to R) Cary Phillips, Mark Phillips, and Brian Shuler enjoyed the fellowship at the first HCWA Youth Deer Hunt with (Front, L to R) Eli Phillips, Jack Shuler, and Bo Shuler.

directed by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

The Waterfowl Fundraiser Hunt on Jan. 18-19, at the Cubihatcha Outdoor Center, raised money for student educational programs of the Henry County Outdoor Education Partnership.

“This was a nice event, and we enjoyed hunting on this beautiful land,” says Steven Cole, who was drawn for the first Youth Deer Hunt with his son Talon. “We really appreciate the Water Authority for hosting us.”

Cary Phillips echoed those sentiments by noting there are no better hunts anywhere. “The Water Authority takes good care of you, with great stands and hospitality,” says Phillips. What else could you ask for? If you get drawn for this hunt, you can’t miss it.”

The drawings for the annual HCWA Youth Hunts are held typically between June and August, so you can join the applicants who register for these free events at that time.

For more information on hunting and fishing at the HCWA, contact the Cubihatcha staff at 678-583-3930.

HCWA Fishing Season Kicking Off

Don’t forget that the regular HCWA Fishing Season kicks off the first week in March and continues through the end of November. During those months, the HCWA Tussahaw and Upper Towaliga Reservoirs will be open Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., for citizens with an active Reservoir Use Permit.

Permits to access the HCWA reservoirs for fishing, boating (with electric or trolling motors only), canoeing or kayaking, are available at the Authority Headquarter, located at 1695 Highway 20 West in McDonough, for \$45. (Discounts are available for seniors and citizens with disabilities.) Permit holders must sign a release form and adhere to all rules and regulations governing the use of HCWA reservoirs and Georgia waters.

HCWA Reservoir Use Permits are good for the entire year from the date of purchase, and permit

holders can bring a guest with them for free. Currently, approximately 2,000 permits have been sold to those who qualify for access to HCWA reservoirs, which include HCWA customers, as well as Henry County residents and property owners.

For more information on HCWA Fishing and Boating, check out our website at www.hcwa.com.



The 2020 HCWA Public Fishing Season kicks off the first week in March and runs through the end of November.

Second Front

Youth Leadership Henry Learning About HCWA Operations

Youth Leadership Henry students will be visiting the HCWA campus on Saturday, March 21, to get an up-close look and better understanding of their Water Authority.

In addition to spending a "Day at the HCWA," Henry County students participating in this year's Youth Leadership Henry Program have visited other local governments, agencies, as well as economic and social sectors of the community.

While on the HCWA campus, the Youth Leadership Henry participants will receive an overview of HCWA facilities and operations, followed by a tour of the Towaliga Water



Mike Curry (far left), operator at the HCWA Towaliga Water Treatment Plant, leads a tour of Youth Leadership Henry students last year. This year's class will be visiting and touring HCWA facilities on Saturday, March 21.

Treatment Plant and a service project.

Youth Leadership Henry is an annual program sponsored by the Henry County Chamber of Commerce. Its purpose is to identify emerging leaders, bring them together in an atmosphere conducive to the free exchange of ideas, and to provide them with an enlightening educational experience.

If you, too, are interested in touring our facilities (we begin scheduling public tours after April), call 678-583-3902 for a water plant tour, or 678-583-5600 for a wastewater plant tour. Come see us!

Future Water Professionals Enrolled at SCTC

The partnership between the HCWA and Southern Crescent Technical College (SCTC) in support of the school's Water Quality Technology Program is bearing fruit.

Following an Open House at the SCTC Henry County campus on December 19, to recruit students for classes offered this Spring Semester, many are taking advantage of this opportunity to work toward Technical Certification to become water quality technicians.

The program courses include Occupational Safety & Health Regulations, Introduction to Water Treatment Processes, Wastewater Treatment, and Water Supply. Five of

the 14 students enrolled this semester are employed by the HCWA, with interest in receiving additional cross training for jobs in other aspects of the utility's water distribution and wastewater collection systems.

During the Open House, future students were able to tour the SCTC Henry County lab and classroom, meet the instructor, and learn more about a career in water quality and wastewater treatment operations.

Anyone interested in becoming an SCTC student in the Water Quality Technology Program can contact Program Coordinator Belinda Bentoski at 770-914-4431 or Belinda.Bentoski@sctech.edu.



Belinda Bentoski (left), Program Coordinator/Instructor at Southern Crescent Technical College, instructs students about classes necessary for a career in the water profession.

U.S. Census 2020 is Critical to the Future of Henry County

Make Sure You're Counted!

Henry County citizens should be on the lookout this spring for information regarding the 2020 U.S. Census. Reminders will begin arriving to you during the month of March, with the official Census beginning in April.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 95% of household will receive their census invitation in the mail, while almost 5% will receive it by a census worker dropping it off at your home, and less than 1% will be counted in person. Every household will have the opportunity to respond online, by mail, or by phone.

It's critically important that citizens reply to their invitation to take part in the Census. By providing your household information as a Henry County resident, our community will receive its fair share of federal appropriations for years to come — that's your tax dollars coming back home for use in our community.

More than \$675 billion in federal funding flows back to states and local communities each year based on census data.

The U.S. Census also helps businesses make data-driven decisions, while providing utilities such as the HCWA with insights for better long-term capital planning, which will collectively impact the local economy. Your Census responses are safe and secure and completely confidential — no



personal information can be shared.

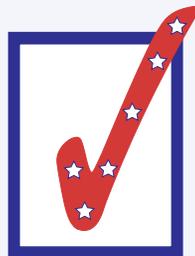
Please remember to respond to your invitation to take part in the 2020 U.S. Census.

More information is available at www.henrycountycensus.com.

Elections Are Coming, and Some Polling Locations Have Changed!

The 2020 Elections Calendar has several key dates coming up, so Henry County voters are reminded that their polling location may have changed, so make sure you register and know where and when to vote.

The Presidential Primary is March 24, followed by the General Primary Election and Nonpartisan Election on May 19, the Runoffs on July 21, and the General Election on Nov. 3.



ELECTION Vote 2020

To check your voter registration status, your polling place, and to print out a precinct card and sample ballot, please check online at www.mvp.sos.ga.gov.

If you have any questions regarding a possible change in your polling location or anything else related to the 2020 Elections, please contact the Elections and Voter Registration Office for Henry County at 770-288-6448.

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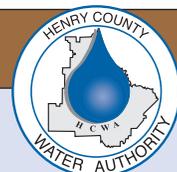
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