

HCWA asking customers to use water wisely

Outdoor water use schedule: daily after 4:00 p.m. and until 10:00 a.m.

With dry, hot weather expected to continue for the next few months, the HCWA is reminding customers to use water wisely.

As a reminder, the current outdoor water use schedule allows for daily watering from 4:00 p.m., thru the overnight hours, and until 10:00 a.m.

Some additional tips and reminders to help consumers save water include:

- New homeowners remembering to check their irrigation system to make sure they are set properly and not leaking.
- Using more drought-resistant plants within landscapes, as well as mulch or straw around plants to retain moisture, and a rain barrel to capture rain for watering.
- Finding and fixing household leaks as they occur. (See story on "Leak Detection.")
- Considering the installation of water-efficient appliances, especially low-flow toilets.
- Taking shorter showers instead of baths and turning off the water while brushing your teeth or lathering your hands when washing.
- Using the dishwasher and washing machine only when they are full.



More information on wise water uses and tips on indoor/outdoor water conservation are available at www.hcwa.com/community-education/water-conservation.cms.

Leak Detection: finding and fixing these sources of water loss

In addition to adhering to the outdoor watering schedule (daily from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m.), please check your home for household water leaks.

Here are some easy steps to take to see if you have a household leak:

1. Locate your water meter in the Meter Box near the curb of your home.
2. Write down the number or reading on your meter.
3. Make sure there is no water running in the house.
4. After a few minutes, recheck the reading on your meter. If that number has changed, you have a household leak.

For tips on how to locate your water leak, please give us a call at 770-957-6659.

If you find and fix your household water leak, you may be eligible to receive a leak discount or credit on your account.

For more information on leak detection, as well as a leak discount application and sewer adjustment request following a leak repair, please visit our website at <https://www.hcwa.com/customer-care/leak-information.cms>.



An investigation into whether you have a household leak begins at your HCWA water meter.

HCWA awards winners of third annual Cubihatcha Kids Fishing Day

Approximately 250 guests enjoyed beautiful weather and a fun, free day of fishing with their families at the third annual Cubihatcha Kids Fishing Day, held on Saturday June 8, at the HCWA Long Branch Reservoir and adjacent Cubihatcha Outdoor Education Center.

Skylar Spence, a 17-year-old junior at Ola High School, reeled in the biggest catch of the day -- a 7-pound/3-ounce catfish -- to win the top prize.

Additional age group winners of the 2024 Cubihatcha Kids Fishing Day included:

Age Group 6 and Under

- Bentley Huynh, 6, with a catch of 6 pounds/9 ounces
- Aiden Pinone, 5, with a catch of 2 pounds/14 ounces
- Londyn Hall, 6, with a catch of 2 pounds/2 ounces

Age Group 7 to 12

- Micheal Dean, 12, with a catch of 4 pounds
- Emma Postell, 10, with a catch of 3 pounds/11 ounces
- Caleb Keenan, 12, with a catch of 2 pounds/15 ounces

Age Group 13 to 17

- Cohen Henderson, 15, with a catch of 4 pounds/2 ounces
- Carter Gibbs, 16, with a catch of 3 pounds/4 ounces
- Megan Powell, 14, with a catch of 2 pounds/8 ounces

For the complete feature on the HCWA Cubihatcha Kids Fishing Day, including a list of our sponsors and photo galleries, please visit us at www.hcwa.com.



The winners of the 2024 Cubihatcha Kids Fishing Day receive their trophies and prizes from HCWA General Manager Tony Carnell (far left) and Big Fish Sponsor Greg Street (far right).

Tussahaw Water Plant, General Manager, and others receive industry awards

The HCWA has received several industry awards so far this year, including:

- General Manager Tony Carnell received the Hugh A. Wycoff Award from the GA Association of Water Professionals (GAWP) and the Champion of Diversity Award from the GA Section of the American Water Works Association (GAWWA).
- HCWA Water Production Manager Eric Osborne received the GAWWA Kenneth J. Miller Founder's Award for his outstanding volunteer service.
- The HCWA received the U.S. Presidential Volunteer Service Silver Award for employees volunteering between 500 to 1,000 hours.
- The GAWWA Award for the Best Operated Water Plant in the state for the HCWA Tussahaw Water Treatment Plant.
- The GAWP Education Program of Excellence Award.
- The GAWP Golden Wrench Award for Robert Sims.
- The GAWP District 3 Top Collections System Operator Award for Michael Dodson.
- The GAWP Certificate of Distinguished Merit (honorable mention for Plant of the Year) for the HCWA Towaliga Water Treatment Plant.
- The GAWP Platinum Award for the HCWA Tussahaw Water Treatment Plant.
- The GAWP Platinum Award for the HCWA Towaliga Water Treatment Plant.
- The GAWP Gold Award for the HCWA Bear Creek Water Reclamation Facility.

For more the complete feature on HCWA awards, please visit us at www.hcwa.com.



HCWA General Manager Tony Carnell (center), pictured with his family at the GAWP Annual Conference.

Water Quality Report shows your tap water is clean and safe to drink

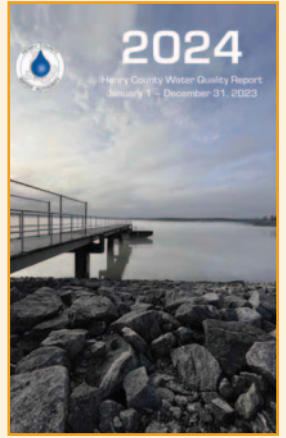
The HCWA has released the 2024 Henry County Water Quality Report, also called a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), which provides scientific data that we are producing the highest quality tap water possible.

The Water Quality Report includes water quality data collected from Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2023, which reveals that the HCWA had no violations of permitted levels of regulated substances (potential contaminants) in its tap water this past year.

Regulated substances for which regulatory agencies require testing – because of their potential to cause contamination if they exceed permitted levels – include those categorized as organic, inorganic, microbiological, or as the result of disinfectants or disinfectant by-products used in the drinking water treatment process.

For public water utilities such as the HCWA, annual Water Quality Reports are required to inform consumers of “What is in my drinking water and why?” and ultimately, “Is my water safe to drink?” The intent of these annual reports is to increase the public’s “right to know” about the nature and contents of their drinking water, so they might make informed health decisions about tap water consumption.

This year’s Report is available online at <http://www.waterqualityreport.hcwa.com>. Hard copies are available at the HCWA Headquarters, located at 1695 Highway 20 West in McDonough. Customers also can request a copy be sent to them by mail by contacting the HCWA at 770-957-6659.



HCWA welcomes Mr. Richard J. Sylvia, Jr. to the Board of Directors

The HCWA Board of Directors welcomed its newest Member this summer, when Mr. Richard J. Sylvia, Jr. was sworn into office prior to the June Meeting, by the Hon. Judge Danielle Roberts, Superior Court of Henry County.

Mr. Sylvia was appointed by District 2 Henry County Commissioner Neat Robinson to serve on the Water Authority Board through the end of the year, fulfilling the remaining term of former HCWA Board Member Bruce Holmes.

Professionally, Mr. Sylvia is currently a Program Management Consultant for Talent Groups, based in Houston, Texas, where he provides strategic consulting services for a healthcare benefits provider company.

Mr. Sylvia hopes to bring his 40 years of professional experience in management consulting and program and project management to his service as an HCWA Board Member.

For the complete feature on Mr. Richard Sylvia’s appointment to the HCWA Board, as well as his Board Member profile, please visit our website at www.hcwa.com.



Mr. Richard J. Sylvia, Jr. (left) was sworn into office prior to the June HCWA Board Meeting.

HCWA Hosts Third Annual Citizen Academy Thirteen local residents graduate from program

This spring, the HCWA hosted its third annual Citizen Academy, with a baker’s dozen local citizens participating in this program that gives them an up-close look at their water utility.

The goal of the HCWA Citizen Academy is for residents to learn where their water comes from, how the Authority operates, the value of water, and why it’s important for them to become advocates for water conservation and stewardship.

Participants in the Citizen Academy took part in six sessions – three evening classes on select topics and three VIP tours of HCWA facilities. The classroom sessions were titled: Where my water comes from, HCWA planning and operations, and how to become a water advocate. This year’s class also enjoyed tours of the HCWA Cubihatcha Outdoor Education Center, the Indian Creek Water Reclamation Facility, and the Tussahaw Water Treatment Plant.

For the complete feature on the HCWA Citizen Academy, as well as photo galleries from this year’s event, please visit our website at www.hcwa.com.



Graduates of the HCWA Citizen Academy include (left to right): Cheryl Prowell, Al Hooker (back row), Lindsey Sanders, HCWA Citizen Academy organizer, Julia Kerce, Sheree Jamerson, Paul Morel, Teresa Morel, Nicole Hill, Shannan Sagnot, Melissa Ellis, Sandy Honeycutt, Beth Hooper, Heath Hooper, Edward Jamerson, and Tony Carnell, HCWA General Manager.

Henry County Rivers Alive annual cleanup

Save the Date!
Henry County Rivers Alive
Friday Oct. 4, 2024
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



For more information, including a registration form and waiver, please visit us at www.hcwa.com. Also, volunteers can contact Lindsey Sanders, HCWA Communications and Regulatory Coordinator, at 678-583-3809 or lindsey.sanders@hcwa.com.

Hunting Season applications close soon!

The 2024 HCWA Hunting Season will consist of two Youth Hunts for kids between the ages of 10-17, on the Saturdays of Oct. 19 and Nov. 2, as well as a Veteran’s Hunt for those honorably discharged, active duty, or reservists, on Saturday Nov. 16.

These hunts will take place at the Walnut Creek Land Application System (LAS) site in McDonough, and only Henry County residents and HCWA customers are eligible to participate.

Applications are available on our website from now until Sept. 20. Completed applications and proof of residency must be returned to the Cubihatcha Center or emailed to Jeff Scott at jeffrey.scott@hcwa.com.

For more information on HCWA Hunting and other events, please visit the Cubihatcha Center Facebook page or our website at <https://www.hcwa.com/community-education/events.cms>.



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