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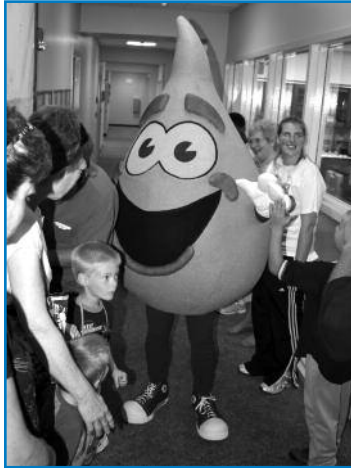
HCWSA celebrates National Drinking Water Week with open house at Tussahaw Plant

The Henry County Water & Sewerage Authority (HCWSA) kicked off National Drinking Water Week with a very successful open house at its Tussahaw Water Treatment Plant and Reservoir, as approximately 150 guests took part in facility tours and educational demonstrations throughout the day.

Authority customers appeared particularly interested in how safe, clean drinking water is produced at the HCWSA Tussahaw Plant. National Drinking Water Week is recognized annually during the first week in May.

"We were pleasantly surprised by the number of people who came out and who were genuinely interested in seeing the Tussahaw Plant and learning about our operations," said Lindy Farmer, general manager of the HCWSA, during the open house event. "We're very proud of this facility, and our customers were able to see why we think it's among the best of its kind in the state."

During the respective tours



Right: HCWSA Plant Operator Alan Leverette (far left) leads a tour of the HCWSA Tussahaw Water Treatment Facility, as a part of the Open House at Henry County Water to celebrate National Drinking Water Week. Left: The HCWSA Water Drop, portrayed by the Authority's Michael Lloyd, was a big hit with the children attending the event.



of the Tussahaw Plant, guests were able to see the various steps of the drinking water production process, including insights on how the Authority conducts tests on hundreds of samples of water from its system within the state-of-the-art Water Quality Lab.

In addition to seeing the Tussahaw Plant and Water Quality Lab up close, guests also obtained useful hints on

wise water use around the house, provided by Tonja Mincey, environmental specialist for the HCWSA, as well as the helpful gardening tips of Max Breckenridge.

The HCWSA Reservoirs and Land Management Department employees also were on hand to familiarize guests with the educational and recreational opportunities available at HCWSA facilities, including fishing

on Authority reservoirs and activities at the Cubihatcha Outdoor Education Center.

Henry County Stormwater and the Henry County Cooperative Extension Service joined in the celebration as well, with table top displays to educate the public on their respective work within the community.

For more information on facility tours, visit us on the Web at www.hcwsa.com.

Authority receives proclamation for outstanding performance

At a recent meeting of the Henry County Board of Commissioners, HCWSA board members and management received special thanks and recognition for outstanding performance, with details cited in a County proclamation.

The County proclamation noted a number of awards and accolades obtained by the Authority within the last year, highlighted by the 2008 Water Distribution System of the Year Award received from the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP). The Authority also finished as the runner-up for the state's best wastewater system and water quality laboratory as well.

Henry County District 1 Commissioner Warren Holder noted that it's difficult to put all of the Authority's accomplishments in one proclamation. "Those awards are not lightweight, everyday awards," said Holder.

Additional industry accolades mentioned in the proclamation were the Southeast Regional Award of Merit presented to



Henry County Commission Chairman Elizabeth "B.J." Mathis (front, left) and fellow County Commissioners present a proclamation to HCWSA General Manager Lindy Farmer (front, right), past and present members of the HCWSA Board, and Authority division managers.

HCWSA General Manager Lindy Farmer and the Authority by the Association of State Dams Safety Officials (ASDSO), the selection of the Authority by EPA as a WaterSense promotional partner, the Aa3 bond rating the HCWSA enjoys because of its sound financial position, and the 100 percent permit compliance "Gold

Awards" for its water treatment facilities.

The HCWSA drinking water system also benefits from more than 18 billion gallons of raw water storage in five area reservoirs, which is more storage capacity per capita than any other community in the Atlanta region.

Holder also thanked the Authority for opening its reservoirs and facilities to citizens for fishing, recreation and public education, including field trips taken by more than 3,000 Henry County fifth graders through the HCWSA Cubihatcha Center each year. Authority employees are also involved in countless charitable activities and causes, added Holder.

In addition to recognizing current board members and managers, Holder and the Henry County Board of Commissioners noted the vision and leadership of previous HCWSA board members, such as former Chairman Howell Gardner and Ed Cole, who were both on hand at the presentation, as well as Authority attorney Buddy Welch.

Henry County Water, schools educating students on career opportunities

Continuing its commitment to community involvement, the Henry County Water & Sewerage Authority (HCWSA) joined Henry County Schools for a series of events to promote career opportunities for area students in evolving and growing fields within the water industry.

Tony Carnell, HCWSA Engineering Division Manager, participated in the second annual "Taste of Tech" event, which is designed to assist Henry County students in making post-secondary choices regarding exciting career opportunities and rewards.

Approximately 2,100 students from Henry County's high schools took part in this event at Dutchtown High School.

The Authority's



The Authority's David Clayton (right) shows students at Timber Ridge Elementary School equipment used to televisé pipelines, during a recent "Careers on Wheels" event.

Margaret Williams and Claudia Cooper, from the HCWSA Human Resources Department, assisted Patrick Henry High School during its third annual mock interview and career fair.

"We give students experience interviewing, so they can try to hone those skills," says Williams.

Employees from the

HCWSA working in the areas of sewer maintenance line repair, sewer operation maintenance, and the industrial monitoring department, made appearances at a number of Career Day or Careers on Wheels events, including those at Timber Ridge, New Hope, Tussahaw, Bethlehem, Rock Springs, Unity Grove,

and Luella Elementary Schools.

SCADA Technicians Gary Hollis and David Burnham participated in Career Day activities at Dutchtown Elementary, teaching fourth graders about the SCADA System at Henry County Water.

HCWSA Customer Service Representative Denise Caldwell joined Hollis and Burnham at the Dutchtown Career Day, speaking to third grade students about the cycle of water and how customer bills are created from data collected on water consumption.

Tony Carnell, accompanied by the Authority's Nicole Gardner, was back in front of students again at a career day hosted by Henry County High School, making a presentation on the professional engineer's career

path.

Finally, HCWSA employees again served as judges at various science fairs locally and across the state. Tonja Mincey, environmental specialist for the HCWSA, served as a judge for the Georgia Science and Engineering Fair, a statewide competition held April 1-4, in Athens. Prior to that, she and fellow employees Michael Lloyd, Paul Nelson, Clint Martin, Jeremy Newell, Stephen Hogan, Chuck McCarter, Maranda Farmer, Doug Martin, Ken Presley, and Tim Gardner, were judges for the Henry County Schools Science Fair. Following that event, many of them also assisted with the Griffin Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) Science Fair.

Water Quality Manager appointed to state board

Governor Sonny Perdue recently appointed Eric Osborne (far left in photo), Water Quality Manager for the Henry County Water & Sewerage Authority (HCWSA), to the State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts.

This State Board was created to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of Georgia citizens, by establishing minimum qualifications for persons who operate water or wastewater treatment plants, wastewater collection systems, water distribution systems, public water supply systems,



or who conduct certain tests of water or wastewater samples, typically within a laboratory facility and/or in conjunction with the operation of a public water system or wastewater treatment plant.

"It's an honor to be chosen by the Governor, upon the recommendation of my fellow water industry professionals, to serve

on this state board," says Osborne, who has 20 years of industry experience, as well as professional certification in four industry categories. "I've always had a professional interest in industry regulations. It's also extremely rewarding to work in a career where the ultimate goal is to make our water clean and safe for everyone to

HCWSA Water Plant Operator selected as "Top Op" for District 3 in Georgia

The Authority's Keith Hayes, an operator currently at the HCWSA Towaliga Water Treatment Plant, won the prestigious "Top Op" award for the state's District 3, as presented annually by the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP). The Authority also received a GAWP Gold Award for 100 percent permit compliance at both its Towaliga and

Tussahaw Water Treatment Plants and two Gold Awards for its Springdale Water Pollution Control Facility, as well as the Wastewater "Plant of the Year" Award for its Indian Creek Water Reclamation Facility.



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