

WATER WORKS

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CCWA Earns Industry Awards

Clayton County Water Authority (CCWA) staff proudly accepted several top industry awards during the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP) Spring Conference in Columbus, Georgia in late April.

During the awards luncheon on April 23, CCWA received the following awards:

- GAWP Wastewater Plant of the Year for Advanced Treatment 3 – 5.9 MGD Category for its Shoal Creek Water Reclamation Facility (WRF)
- GAWP Biosolids/Residuals Program of Excellence Award for Large Operating System - Greater than 5 Dry Ton Category for 2018 operations for its W.B. Casey Water Resource Recovery Facility Pelletizing Plant
- GAWP Biosolids/Residuals Program of Excellence Award for Small Operating System - Less Than 5 Dry Ton Category for 2018 for its Northeast WRF
- GAWP District 3 Top Operator for Wastewater went to Northeast WRF Chief Operator Keith Kiblinger.

All three water production plants earned GAWP Platinum Awards for 100 percent permit compliance in 2018:

J.W. Smith Water Production Plant - 10 years Platinum
 Terry R. Hicks Water Production Plant - 18 years Platinum
 W.J. Hooper Plant - 21 years Platinum



Shown left to right: General Manager H. Bernard Franks, Shoal Creek WRF Plant Manager David Blackstock, Northeast WRF Plant Manager Herlon Fayard, Northeast WRF Chief Operator Keith Kiblinger and W.B. Casey WRRF Pelletizing Plant Manager Tony Somerville.

All three water reclamation facilities earned GAWP Platinum Awards for 100 percent compliance in 2018:

Northeast WRF - 10 years Platinum
 W.B. Casey Water Resource Recovery Facility - 14 years Platinum
 Shoal Creek WRF - 22 years Platinum

STAYING COOL IS THE START TO BEING HEAT SMART!

- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids, like water. Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol.
- Wear loose-fitting, light-colored clothes.
- If possible, stay indoors with cool air-conditioning. If you must be outside, seek shaded areas. Avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day.
- Check in on your family and friends, especially those who are more vulnerable to the heat.
- Make sure you check on pets and animals. They also have a hard time with extreme heat.
- If you do not have direct access to air-conditioning or cooler conditions, try to relocate to a cool indoor shopping center or public facility, such as a library.

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Kendrick Middle Student Honored for Science Fair Project

CCWA's Board of Directors recognized Kendrick Middle School student Zaire Winters for her outstanding water-related science fair project during its May Board Meeting. Winters, who is a rising 8th grader, was recognized for her project entitled, "Which Filtration Method Leads to the Purest Drinking Water." She tested an activated carbon filter vs. a homemade filter in the removal of contaminants. This was visually demonstrated through the use and filtration of food color. Keisha Thorpe, CCWA assistant general manager - operations, served as a judge for the competition. She described Winters as 'poised, polite and focused' during the science fair. "Filtration is a key process in water treatment, and Miss Winters demonstrated a high level of understanding of this process. This is what truly made her stand out," adds Thorpe.



Shown left to right during CCWA's Board Meeting on May 2, Kendrick Middle School student Zaire Winters, CCWA Assistant General Manager - Operations Keisha Thorpe, Kendrick Middle School Science Teacher Brie Bowers and Winters' mother Nicole.

CONVENIENT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Walmart
 Pay your CCWA bill, along with other utility bills, at any Walmart location for a convenience fee. Payments may be made using cash or a pin-based debit card. To make a payment:

- Just take your current water bill to any Walmart location.
- Make a payment in cash or with a pin-based debit card.
- Once the transaction is processed, the customer receives a receipt as proof of payment.

Go Paperless
 Cut the clutter and go paperless. Visit www.ccwa.us to sign up for Paperless Billing.

Western Union Speedpay
 located in most Kroger and Walgreens locations.
 Pay online (ccwa.us), or by phone (1-877-467-5110), using our payment processing partner Speedpay, an ACI Worldwide company. A \$1.25 convenience fee is charged for each transaction.

Quality Water, Quality Service



Highlights

National Drinking Water Week Highlights

CCWA celebrated National Drinking Water Week in May with our Water Quality Lab and Customer Service staff at our HQ Customer Service lobby. They provided information about our drinking water while our Tap on the Go team was outside providing ice cold tap water and reusable bottles.

We also hosted our annual Open House at our Terry R. Hicks Water Production Plant where visitors learned about our water treatment process and water quality testing to ensure our quality tap water meets all state and federal regulations.



Enjoy the Outdoors at CCWA's Public Recreation Areas

You don't even have to leave the county to spend the day fishing or just enjoy a picnic in a beautiful natural setting. The Clayton County Water Authority has public recreation areas that are open to the public March - October. \$5 per vehicle for Clayton County residents, or \$30 for a season pass.

Shamrock/Blalock Reservoirs
2610 Shamrock Road, Jonesboro
Open Wednesday - Sunday

J.W. Smith Reservoir
143 Northbridge Road, Hampton
Open Saturday - Wednesday

For more information, visit www.ccwa.us/fishing-information



Newman Wetlands Center: Clayton County's Hidden Sanctuary

CCWA'S Newman Wetlands Center attracts visitors from around the world, but many Clayton County residents have never visited. Why not spend some time there getting to know the 1/2-mile trail and Learning Center? You might see some of the 130 bird species and other wildlife that stop over during migration or take advantage of this habitat for nesting or permanent residence. The trail is wheelchair and stroller accessible. Service dogs are welcome; however, other pets must stay at home. Parking and admission are free.

Learn more by visiting www.ccwa.us or find us on Facebook - @Newman Wetlands Center.

The Center is located at 2755 Freeman Road in Hampton.

Trail Hours - Open Daily:

March - October: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

November - February: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Learning Center Hours:

Tuesday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Planning a wedding, family reunion or off-site business meeting?

Stay close to home and rent one of CCWA's Community Use Buildings

CCWA offers two buildings for public rental at very reasonable rates:

The Shamrock Community Use Building in Jonesboro

accommodates up to 200 people. This facility's wrap around deck offers a beautiful view of the Shamrock and Blalock Reservoirs.

The Smith Community Use Building in Hampton accommodates up to 50 people and is located on the J.W. Smith Reservoir.

For more information, visit www.ccwa.us/rental-facilities



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