

WATER WORKS

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CCWA Mourns the Loss of Board Member Vivian Baldwin



Clayton County Water Authority (CCWA) board members and staff were saddened to hear of the passing of Board Member Vivian Baldwin on April 7, 2021. Baldwin was appointed to the CCWA Board of Directors in May 2017 by the Clayton County Board of Commissioners. During her time as a board member, CCWA adopted its 2020 Strategic Master Plan, its first Strategic Asset Master Plan and implemented a new Customer Information System.

"We are honored to have had the opportunity of serving alongside Mrs. Baldwin on the CCWA Board of Directors," states CCWA Board Chairman Robin Malone. "As a staunch education and community advocate for Clayton County, she has served our community well. She was a valuable and cherished member of our board. Her impactfulness will be missed throughout our utility."

When first appointed to the board, Baldwin stated that she wanted to personally learn all she could about water, and she had no idea so much went into providing water services. She often said she had 'a new appreciation for what we do as a water utility'. She appreciated industry conferences which enabled her to get an up-close look at heavy equipment. She went on to earn the American Water Works Association's public officials' certification.

"Mrs. Baldwin carried herself with such dignity and professionalism. She cared diligently for the Clayton County Water Authority employees and for the community as a whole. We will miss her intellectual humor and gentle smile," adds CCWA General Manager H. Bernard Franks.

Baldwin is survived by her husband, Dr. Ivan Baldwin; two children, Ms. Iva Baldwin and Mr. Jerold Baldwin; granddaughter, Ms. Jasmine Marie Baldwin; two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Clements Johnson and Mrs. Dorothy Clements Fletcher; and a host of loving family & friends.

The Clayton County Board of Commissioners appointed Emma Godbee to the CCWA Board of Directors to complete Mrs. Baldwin's unexpired term.

Clayton County Water Authority Receives Water First Designation

Clayton County Water Authority (CCWA) and the Clayton County Government are proud new members of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority's (GEFA) WaterFirst program.



"It is indeed an honor to be recognized as a WaterFirst Community," adds CCWA General Manager H. Bernard Franks.

The designation was presented by GEFA WaterFirst Program Manager Ansley Jones during the CCWA Board Meeting on April 1. Jones noted that Clayton County is the 40th community in Georgia to

earn this designation. According to a GEFA media release, WaterFirst Communities are committed to excellence in watershed assessment, stormwater master planning, wastewater treatment and management, water supply planning and protection, water conservation, water reclamation and reuse, educational outreach, and regional planning.

GEFA's media release goes on to include, 'Receiving this designation demonstrates a commitment to the stewardship of water resources for environmental and economic benefits. For more information about the WaterFirst Program, visit gefa.georgia.gov/waterfirst.

Third Annual Model Water Tower Competition

On April 21, CCWA held its third annual competition was at CCWA's Shamrock Community Use Building. Twenty-one sixth graders from Rex Mill Middle School, Babb Middle School & Mundy's Mill Middle School participated in the competition.

The competition provides information to young students on water resource engineering, infrastructure, water treatment and conservation with the hope that some will become future water professionals. The mission statement for the competition is: "From Today's Youth Come Tomorrow's Leaders - Let's Lead Some To The Water Profession."

We'd like to thank our sponsors - Gas South, Master Meter, Consolidated Pipe & Supply Company, Hazen and Sawyer, Ferguson Waterworks and Jacobs Engineering Group - for helping to make our event a success.

First Place - Ava Lopez, Babb Middle School

Second Place - Jakia Settles, Rex Mill Middle School

Third Place - Athena Le, Babb Middle School



Award for Best Engineering Design - Chika Odumuko, Babb Middle School

Award for Structural Excellence - Leyna Nguyen, Babb Middle School

Award for Outstanding Presentation - Joaquin Rios, Mundy's Mill Middle School



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- Once the transaction is processed, the customer receives a receipt as proof of payment.

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Highlights

CCWA Receives Several Awards from the Georgia Association of Water Professionals

Clayton County Water Authority (CCWA) staff proudly accepted several top industry awards during the virtual Spring Conference for the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP) including:

- Denise Skinner-Hurst Pretreatment Award – Environmental Compliance Manager, Jennifer Brandon
- GAWP Biosolids/Residuals Program of Excellence Award for Small Operating System - Less Than 5 Dry Ton Category for 2018 – Northeast Water Reclamation Facility
- Public Education Program of Excellence in Water – CCWA Communications & Community Relations

Additionally, all three water production plants earned GAWP Platinum Awards for 100 percent permit compliance in 2020:

- J.W. Smith Water Production Plant – 12 years platinum
- Terry R. Hicks Water Production Plant – 20 years platinum
- W.J. Hooper Plant – 23 years platinum

Our Shoal Creek Water Reclamation Facility was also awarded a Gold Award for 100 percent compliance in 2020.



CCWA Stormwater Management Staff Participates in Live Exploration Program

On May 6, members of CCWA's stormwater staff were featured in Georgia Public Broadcasting's (GPB) Live Exploration of Water. The program was a collaborative effort of GPB, the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District, and several water utilities across the state of Georgia.

Over 80,000 students, teachers and parents learned about the importance of protecting waterways, how water is treated, and the water cycle. To watch the program, visit gpb.org/water.

CCWA Celebrates National Drinking Water Week

On May 5, CCWA celebrated National Drinking Water Week at our HQ Lobby. Customers were able to learn about Clayton County's drinking water and win prizes by answering questions from our prize wheel!

National Drinking Water Week was founded by the American Water Works Association as a way to inform the community of the importance of drinking water. We look forward to engaging with our customers during this event next year!

Newman Wetlands Center: Clayton County's Hidden Sanctuary

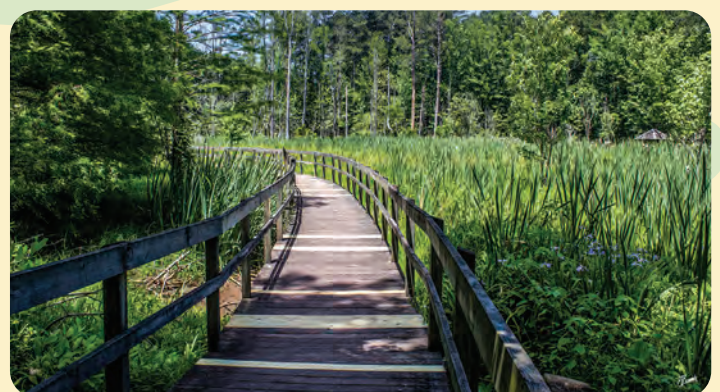
The Center is located at 2755 Freeman Road in Hampton.

Trail Hours:

Monday – Sunday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

The Newman Wetlands Center attracts visitors from around the world, but many Clayton County residents have never visited. Our Boardwalk Trail is a 1/2 mile long and provides an easy walk on a surface alternating between crushed stone and wooden boardwalk. It is flat with several benches, covered areas, and great views.

Keep your ears and eyes open for wildlife while exploring the Boardwalk Trail. You may see a muskrat swimming, turtles sunning on a log, a heron stalking a fish or some of the 130 bird species. The trail is wheelchair and stroller accessible. Learn more by visiting www.ccwa.us or find us on Facebook – @Newman Wetlands Center.



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