

Local Middle School Students Excel at Sixth Annual Model Water Tower Competition

On March 13, 26 sixth graders from 7 Clayton County Schools formed teams to build innovative model water towers. 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. Each team was judged on structural efficiency, hydraulics efficiency, design ingenuity, and an interview presentation. Congratulations to this year's competition winners.



- 1. 1st Place**
Brandon Pittman Jr.
MD Roberts Middle School
- 2. 2nd Place**
Vanessa Parga Salas and
Kimberly Zacahua
Adamson Middle School
- 3. 3rd Place**
Priyah Tarver and Mckenzie Bell
MD Roberts Middle School
- 4. Best Engineering Design**
Liana Nguyen
Elite Scholars Academy
- 5. Award for Structural Excellence**
Nerry Davis and Jonah Lowery
Rex Mill Middle School
- 6. Outstanding Presentation/
Judge's Choice**
Taryn Fleming
Elite Scholars Academy

Enjoy the Outdoors at CCWA Public Recreation Areas

Summer is a great time to enjoy fishing, canoeing, or having a picnic in a beautiful natural setting at one of CCWA's public recreation areas. \$5 per vehicle for Clayton County residents, or \$30 for a season pass. For more information, visit www.ccwa.us/fishing-information

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Reservoir Locations:

Shamrock/Blalock Reservoirs
2610 Shamrock Road, Jonesboro

J.W. Smith Reservoir
143 Northbridge Road, Hampton

CCWA Celebrates National Drinking Water Week

National Drinking Water Week is held annually in the first week of May. This year, CCWA celebrated by having our Water Quality Lab Staff onsite at our HQ office with our prize wheel and answering questions about our drinking water. Our Tap on the Go Team was also on-site providing customers with ice cold drinking water.

On May 4, we hosted our Open House event at the Terry R. Hicks Water Production Plant. Visitors were able to tour the facility and learn about CCWA's cycle of water as well as talk to some water professionals responsible for testing and treating their drinking water. National Drinking Water Week was founded by the American Water Works Association to inform the community of the importance of drinking water. We look forward to another Drinking Water Week next year!





Safety Specialist Scott Cantrell is pictured with CCWA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) H. Bernard Franks

Scott Cantrell Earns 2nd Annual Employee Excellence Award

Safety Specialist Scott Cantrell was awarded the second annual Water Professionals Excellence Award. The award recognizes one employees' qualities and contributions they have made at CCWA. According to Chief HR Officer Anquilla Henderson, "Scott is an exceptional teammate, unparalleled in his dedication and skill. Within the Authority, he stands out as one of our most invaluable contributors. His passion for his profession is both invigorating and inspiring, motivating us all to excel while prioritizing safety. Scott's expertise and reliability make him an indispensable asset to our department and organization. We consider ourselves truly fortunate to have Scott as a valued member of our team."

Outdoor Water Wasters to Watch

As temperatures increase, it is tempting to use more water than usual. Here are some tips to conserve water during the summer!

- Don't over-water your lawn. Generally, lawns only need watering every 5 to 7 days in the summer. A hearty rain eliminates the need for watering for as long as two weeks. Buy a rain gauge to determine how much rain or irrigation your yard has received. Water lawns during early morning hours when temperatures and wind speed are the lowest. This reduces losses from evaporation.
- Don't water your street, driveway, or sidewalk. Position your sprinklers so that your water lands on the lawn and shrubs and not the paved areas.
- Do not leave sprinklers or hoses unattended. Your garden hose can pour out 600 gallons or more in only a few hours. Use a kitchen timer to remind yourself to turn the water off.
- Maintain your pool. Proper pool maintenance reduces the need for refilling throughout the summer.

Source: Georgia Department of Community Affairs



CCWA Staff Earn Industry Awards

(CCWA) received multiple awards at the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP) Spring Conference, as well as several other honors this spring:

- GAWP Golden Hydrant Society Inductee** – Distribution Manager Don Conner
- GAWP District 3 Wastewater Top Operator** – Water Reclamation Plant Operator Crystal Dodson
- GAWP District 3 Distribution Top Operator** – Distribution & Conveyance (D&C) Heavy Equipment Operator Martin Green
- GAWP Education Program of Excellence** – CCWA Communications & Community Relations
- GAWP Excellence In Community Engagement** – Tap on the Go Team
- GAWP Denise Skinner – Hurst Pretreatment Award** – Environmental Compliance & Lab Manager Jennifer Brandon

Additionally, all three water production plants earned GAWP Platinum Awards for 100 percent permit compliance in 2023:

- J.W. Smith Water Production Plant** – 15 years platinum
- Terry R. Hicks Water Production Plant** – 23 years platinum
- W.J. Hooper Water Production Plant** – 26 years platinum

Additionally, all three water reclamation facilities earned GAWP Wastewater Facility Gold Awards:

- Northeast Water Reclamation Facility**
- Shoal Creek Water Reclamation Facility**
- W.B. Casey Water Resource Recovery Facility**

Georgia Utilities Coordination Council (GUCC) 2023 Secretary of the Year Award for Region Seven – Engineering Plan Review Coordinator Catherine Samay

Georgia Association of Floodplain Management Emerging Floodplain Manager Award – Stormwater Compliance Manager Beth Parmer

Photo (left to right):
Raven Reese
Martin Green
Beth Parmer
Catherine Samay
Jennifer Brandon
Don Conner

Not Pictured:
Crystal Dodson



CONVENIENT BILLING & PAYMENT OPTIONS

Invoice Cloud
Pay online (ccwa.us), or by phone (770.960.5200) using our payment processing partner Invoice Cloud. A \$2.25 convenience fee is charged for each transaction.

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

Kiosk
Pay your CCWA bill at our self-service payment kiosk located at 1600 Battle Creek Road, Morrow, GA 30260 - 4302.
The kiosk accepts all forms of payment: cash, check, credit and debit cards.

Walmart
Pay your CCWA bill along with other utility bills at any Walmart location for a small 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 a pin-based debit card. Once the transaction is processed, the customer receives a receipt as proof of payment.

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