



Currents



Tasting Water

News and Developments for Customers of the Macon Water Authority

Popular Annual Financial Report offers insights from past fiscal year

The Macon Water Authority's (MWA) Finance Department, with the support of the Board of Directors, has published the utility's first Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR), which is available to customers and others through the Authority's Web site at www.maconwater.org.

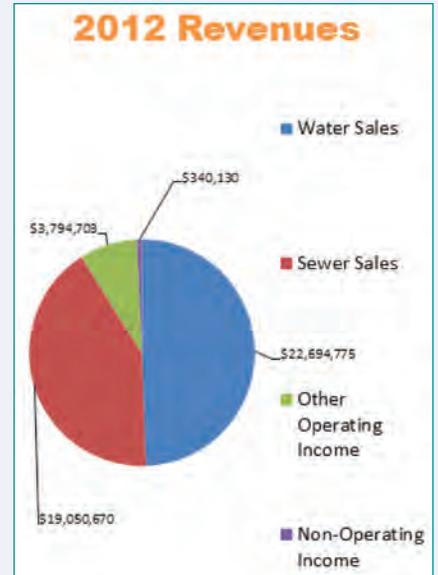
The first PAFR provides an easy-to-read summary of the financial activities and events of the MWA during the 2012 fiscal year. The primary content of the Report includes an analysis of the Authority's sources of revenues and explanation of expenses.

The PAFR also provides historical financial information that offers perspective on this past year's financial statements; in addition, the Report includes the Authority's balance sheet, debt coverage and long-term indebtedness, as well as highlights of capital projects

where dollars are being invested in upgrades and improvements to the MWA water and sewer system and operations.

"Our finance department, under the direction of our Chief Financial Officer Guy Boyle, worked very hard to provide these annual financial highlights in a format that would be informative and engaging to our customers," says Tony Rojas, MWA Executive Director. "The report also references our continued focus on priorities for this coming year, which include customer service, product quality, environmental stewardship, and economic development for the benefit of our stakeholders and community."

The PAFR is in essence an abridged version of the Authority's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which also is available online at www.maconwater.org.



Kids of all ages enjoy MWA Fishing Derby: event set for June 1

The annual MWA Kids Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday June 1, 2013, at the Authority's Javors Lucas Lake, with registration beginning at 6:15 a.m., fishing opening at 7:00 a.m., and the weigh-in scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided.

Children and youth age 16 and under are invited to take part in the friendly competition, where prizes will be awarded for the biggest catch of the day and runner ups in four age group categories, as well as an overall winner.

Academy Sports and Outdoors again is serving as the premier sponsor of this year's Kids Fishing Derby. Last year, 415 kids participated, accompanied by at least that many adults, including more than 30 MWA employees, retirees, or board members who volunteered for the event.

For more information on the 2013 MWA Kids Fishing Derby and public fishing at Javors Lucas Lake, contact the Authority at 478-464-5653, or log onto our Web site at www.maconwater.org.



Kids of all ages are welcome to enjoy free fishing and friendly competition to see who can reel in the biggest catch of the day during the MWA Kids Fishing Derby on Saturday June 1, at Javors Lucas Lake.

Open House on May 9 at Amerson Plant to celebrate Drinking Water Week

To celebrate national Drinking Water Week, which will be recognized May 5 – 11, across the country this year, the Macon Water Authority (MWA) will be hosting an open house at its Frank C. Amerson, Jr. Water Treatment Facility on Thursday May 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free, and refreshments and giveaways will be provided.

During the open house, citizens will be able to learn about the drinking water production process while touring the Authority's award-winning water treatment facility. The Amerson Plant has been selected as the "Plant of the Year" in the state of Georgia four times since opening in 2000, in addition to producing the "Best Tasting Drinking Water in North America," as judged by the American Water Works Association (AWWA) during a best of the best taste test competition in 2009.

The open house also will provide guests with insights on how the Authority makes sure MWA drinking water is safe and secure, as well as what the Authority continually does to protect the community's

water supply and natural resources.

For more than 30 years, the AWWA has celebrated Drinking Water Week as a means for utilities and the communities they serve to recognize the vital role water plays in our daily lives.

Come join us for the MWA Amerson Water Treatment Plant open house on Thursday May 9, to learn "what to know about H₂O." For more information, contact the Authority at 478-464-5653, or log onto our Web site at www.maconwater.org.



Officials at the Macon Water Authority invite the public to join them for an open house at the Amerson Water Treatment Plant (above) on Thursday May 9, to celebrate national Drinking Water Week.

SECOND FRONT

Authority wins Engineering Honor Award

The Georgia Engineering Alliance (GEA) presented the MWA with an Honor Award recently for the Lennox-to-Corbin Interceptor Sewer project, which was one of many 2013 Engineering Excellence Awards recognizing industry professionals for outstanding work across the state this year.

The honored MWA project addressed an issue with a 30-inch sewer line that runs from north Bibb County near I-75 and the Arkwright, Riverside and Bass Road interchanges. This 30-inch line reduced to a 12-inch line under the railroad tracks at the Authority's Lennox Road Pump Station, thus causing a "bottleneck" in the MWA sewer collection and conveyance system. The bottleneck, coupled with the limited capacity of the Lennox Pump Station, had been causing sewer spills and overflows into the Ocmulgee River.



The MWA and its consulting engineers from Hofstadter and Associates received an Honor Award from the Georgia Engineering Alliance. Pictured accepting the award are (left to right): the Authority's Ray Shell, Chairman Kirby Godsey, John Fry and Carl Hofstadter from Hofstadter and Associates, and the Authority's Michel Wanna.

As a result, the Authority staff and consulting engineers from Hofstadter and

Associates, Inc. designed a new Lennox-to-Corbin Interceptor Sewer to reduce the volume and frequency of sewer spills at this trouble spot. The new 36-inch gravity sewer line intercepts the old 30-inch line at a newly constructed Lennox Flow Splitter Structure, which eliminates the bottleneck by adding a bypass for the Lennox Pump Station. The new line continues more than 16,000 linear feet downstream to a new Corbin Collection Structure, where flow from the new 36-inch line and three additional 24-inch lines is distributed into the upgraded Corbin Pump Station.

Since the project was completed in March of 2011, there have been no sewer spills along the old or new sewer line. With the help of a good engineer – or in this case several award-winning engineers – problem solved.

Familiar faces taking on new roles at the MWA

Several individuals at the Macon Water Authority (MWA) have achieved superlatives recently, from a new Vice Chairman being elected, to the Executive Director's appointment to a leadership post, to the promotion of a new Division Manager.

District 4 Board Member Frank Patterson was selected by his fellow board members in

January to serve the Authority as Vice Chairman. Patterson replaces current District 2 member Javors J. Lucas in this leadership role, after Mr. Lucas had served 22 consecutive years in this capacity.

In addition, MWA Executive Director Tony Rojas has been selected to serve as a board member of the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority, filling the seat vacated by the passing of former MWA Chairman Frank C. Amerson, Jr. Mr. Rojas has been instrumental in economic development for the Authority, and MWA board members noted that Mr. Amerson had mentored Mr. Rojas on Industrial Authority matters through the years.

Finally, the MWA has a newly promoted Director of Wastewater Operations in Larry Reynolds, who has 25 years of work experience at the Authority. Reynolds began as an operator trainee for MWA in 1988, shortly after being hired. He advanced to Shift Supervisor at the Lower Poplar Water Reclamation Facility in 1991, and then to Shift Leader in 2003. Since 2011, Reynolds had served as Assistant Plant Manager at the Rocky Creek Water Reclamation Facility.

Reynolds is a past recipient of the District 5 Top Operator Award of the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP),



Larry Reynolds (left), shown receiving an industry award recently from MWA Executive Director Tony Rojas, has been promoted to Director of Wastewater Operations for the Authority. In addition, Rojas is a new appointee on the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority.

as well as the William D. Hatfield Award of the Water Environment Federation (WEF), which is the equivalent of the top wastewater plant operator in the state of Georgia. Under his guidance, the MWA's Rocky Creek Plant is a GAWP Platinum Award recipient – honored for achieving a minimum of five straight years of 100 percent permit compliance.



MWA District 4 Board Member Frank Patterson is the newly elected Vice Chairman of the Authority, serving in the role District 2 Board Member Javors J. Lucas held for 22 consecutive years.

Please think before you pour grease down the sink!

You can help us prevent sewer spills and overflows by properly disposing of your household grease.

For more information, check out our Web site at www.maconwater.org.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND LEADERSHIP

R. Kirby Godsey
Chairman
478.745.3003

Frank Patterson
Vice Chairman, District 4
478.808.2020

Dorothy 'Dot' Black
District 1
478.742.3503

Javors J. Lucas
District 2
478.742.2722

Steve Rickman
District 3
478.743.0056

Bert Bivins, III
Bibb County
Representative
478.738.9466

Ed DeFore
City of Macon
Representative
478.474.0754

Tony Rojas
Executive Director
478.464.5622



790 Second Street
P.O. Box 108
Macon, Ga., 31202-0108

478.464.5600 (M-F)
478.464.5656
(After Hours)
478.750.2007 (Fax)