



# Currents



Tasting Water

News and Developments for Customers of the Macon Water Authority

## Sam Hart sworn in as new MWA Chairman

### Patterson, Black sworn in following re-election

The Macon Water Authority (MWA) welcomed Sam Hart as its new Chairman during a swearing in ceremony prior to the January Board Meeting. Joining Hart as board members being sworn in were Frank Patterson, MWA Vice Chairman and District 4 Board Member, and Dorothy "Dot" Black, MWA District 1 Board Member.

Chairman Hart won the county-wide seat as MWA Chairman following his election on May 20, while Mr. Patterson and Ms. Black were re-elected to their respective posts. Mr. Patterson, who faced no opposition during his run for re-election, was first



MWA Vice-Chairman Frank Patterson (right) celebrates his swearing in ceremony prior to the January Board Meeting with Gary McCoy (left), MWA Director of Water Operations, and Larry Reynolds (center), MWA Director of Wastewater Operations.



New MWA Chairman Sam Hart (right) is sworn into office by the Hon. Sarah S. Harris, Judge of the Macon-Bibb County Probate Court.

elected to the MWA Board in 2004, while Ms. Black began her tenure in office in 1997.

Chairman Hart presided over his first MWA board meeting on Jan. 8, 2015. He was elected to the open seat for MWA Chairman to follow Dr. Kirby Godsey, who was appointed to serve for two years to complete the unexpired term of Frank Amerson, former MWA Chairman who passed away in the fall of 2012.

Chairman Hart is a public servant, professional consultant and small business owner, most noted perhaps as the former Chairman of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners. He is the Executive Director of the Middle Georgia Center for Academic Excellence, Inc., in addition to being the President of S & V Education Systems Tutorial Center. Chairman Hart's career highlights also include administrative positions held at Mercer University.

Frank Patterson worked for over 35 years in local

government, with the majority of that time spent with the Bibb County Government's Tobesofkee Recreation Area, where he retired as the Assistant Director. He had previous work experience with the County's Engineering and Public Works Departments. In the private sector, Mr. Patterson served as an inspector and project manager with Moreland Altobelli as well.

Dot Black is a Macon native and lifelong educator, having taught for the school systems in Bibb, Jones, and Jasper County, where she began teaching in 1955. She taught classes in science, dance, and drama, and she also managed the after-school program for the River's Edge Behavioral Health Center. She retired in 1986 as a school counselor and as the Career Coordinator for Bibb County Schools.

For complete bios on all Authority Members, log onto our website at [www.maconwater.org](http://www.maconwater.org).



Dot Black is all smiles after being sworn in as the District 1 Board Member of the Macon Water Authority for her 18th year of service.

### Sign up for E-bill Service

Have you considered signing up for E-bill service at the MWA? There is no more efficient way to receive your monthly water and sewer bill than by way of an email attachment. E-bill service can replace your paper bill and in turn save the MWA time and money in processing and delivering your monthly bill.

It's so easy to sign up for MWA E-bill service. Go to the "Check Your Account" (online bill inquiry) page of the "Customer Care" section of the MWA website ([www.maconwater.org](http://www.maconwater.org)) and enter your account number. Once that takes you to the secured page with your account information, there is a link to sign up for e-bill service.

However, check to make sure your email address (and customer contact information) is accurate and updated when signing up for e-bill service. For assistance, contact MWA Customer Care at 478-464-5600.



### Drinking Water Week May 3 - 9, 2015.

National Drinking Water Week is an annual celebration of the American Water Works Association to recognize the important role drinking water plays in our daily lives. Among the events held locally during this week is the MWA public Open House and Tours at the Frank C. Amerson, Jr. Water Treatment Plant on Thursday May 7. In addition, "The Running Water" 5K race will be held at the Amerson Plant on Saturday May 9.

### Kids Fishing Derby Saturday June 13, 2015.

With Academy Sports + Outdoors as premier sponsor, the MWA will be hosting the 10th annual Kids Fishing Derby at Javors Lucas Lake. The Derby was awarded the GAWP 2014 Best Public Education Event.



### Ocmulgee Alive! Saturday Oct. 10, 2015.

Macon's annual river cleanup will be hosted by the MWA in conjunction with the statewide Rivers Alive Program. You can help protect a popular destination for outdoor recreation and a primary drinking water resource by volunteering for Ocmulgee Alive!

### It's a Toilet, not a Trashcan!

Please do not flush:

- Paper Towels
- Facial Tissues
- Wet Wipes
- Rags/Cloths
- Cotton Swabs
- Dental Floss
- Cat Litter
- Tampons



# SECOND FRONT

## MWA honors Employees of the Year

The Macon Water Authority (MWA) would not be recognized as an award-winning utility and one of the best in the state without the talents of the water professionals on staff. Three of those individuals were recognized as 2014 Employees of the Year for their outstanding service and dedication to MWA customers.

Donald Jefferson is the Overall and Plant Operations Division Employee of the Year at the MWA, while Kerry Patterson is the winner of the Administrative Division and Dwayne Harris the Field Operations Division Employees of the Year, respectively.

Donald Jefferson has been with the MWA for 11 years, working in the Building and Grounds



Donald Jefferson (left) receives the Overall Employee of the Year Award, in addition to being the Plant Operations Division winner, presented by MWA Human Resources Director Kellie Giles.

Department. He leads the efforts to maintain the landscaping for all facilities, and his work is visible to customers and fellow employees working at MWA properties.

Kerry Patterson began his career as a Customer Service Representative at the MWA in August of 2001. He is currently the Field Service/Meter Reader Supervisor, where he spends his professional time ensuring that the Meter Reader Department maintains proper documentation of customer consumption while responding to customer needs. He is described by his peers as going above and beyond the call



Kerry Patterson (left) is the winner of the MWA Administrative Division Employee of the Year Award.

of duty, with outstanding leadership skills.

Finally, Dwayne Harris has been employed with the MWA since 1996, beginning his career in the Water Distribution Department prior to being promoted to the Warehouse in 2009. As a Warehouse Clerk, Dwayne takes great pride in servicing contractors of the Authority, working well with these vendors and fellow employees. He is described as a humble and hardworking employee, one who personifies dependability.

Congratulations to these MWA Employees of the Year who represent the Authority's commitment to service and professionalism for utility customers and the Macon-Bibb County Community.



Dwayne Harris (left) is the winner of the MWA Field Operations Division Employee of the Year Award.

## It's about that time...to cast your line

### Fishing season at Javors Lucas Lake opens March 6

It's about that time for local anglers to cast their lines at Javors Lucas Lake, as the MWA Public Fishing Season is set to open the first weekend in March. A highlight of this year's fishing season is that the MWA Outdoor Recreation Committee has elected to re-open the 6-acre catfish pond, which is a popular site for guests.

While the excitement is growing for another successful season of public fishing at Javors Lucas Lake - the Authority's 589-acre drinking water reservoir accessible via 150 Broach Lane - the MWA has announced the 2015 fishing schedule will be as follows:



- ▼ Beginning Friday March 6, and extending through Sunday April 26, 2015, Javors Lucas Lake will be open for fishing three days per week on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- ▼ From Friday May 1, through Sunday June 28, 2015, Javors Lucas Lake will be open for fishing three days per week on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, but from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- ▼ Fishing will NOT be available on Monday May 25, 2015, for the Memorial Day Holiday.
- ▼ The Lake will be closed for public fishing during the months of July and August, but will re-open on Saturday September 5, 2015.
- ▼ Javors Lucas Lake will NOT be open on Independence Day (Saturday July 4) or on Labor Day (Monday September 7) this year.
- ▼ From Saturday September 5, through Sunday October 25, 2015, Javors Lucas Lake will re-open, but for two days per week on Saturdays and Sundays, and from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This fall features the only change to the MWA fishing schedule in 2015. Rather than being open three days per week during September and October, the reservoir will only be open on Saturdays and Sundays, in addition to opening an hour later at 7:00 a.m. and closing an hour later at 4:00 p.m. during these months.
- ▼ Sunday, October 25th will be the last day of public fishing at Javors Lucas Lake during 2015.
- ▼ The Lake will be closed for public fishing and boating during the months of November and December, 2015, as well as during the months of January and February, 2016.
- ▼ The 2015 Annual MWA Kids Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday June 13, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Registration will begin at 6:00 a.m., and kids can weigh-in their biggest catch any time until 10:30 a.m. Prizes will be awarded at 11:30 a.m. to conclude the event. Lunch will be provided.

For more details on MWA Public Fishing Rates, Rules and Regulations, log onto our website at [www.maconwater.org](http://www.maconwater.org).



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