Consent Agenda #11

COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Fayette County Water System	Presenter(s):	Water System Director Lee Pope
Meeting Date:	March 11, 2014	Type of Request:	Consent

Wording for the Agenda:

Approval of the Water Committee's recommendation to allow for the insertion of flyers or other informational material for recurring events throughout Fayette County.

Background/History/Details:

In the past each request for a water bill insert has been approved by the Board of Commissioners individually as the request came up. Several requests have been a regular request each year and are listed below:

- Fayetteville Main Street – Concert Series for Southern Ground Amphitheater
- City of Peachtree City – Concert Series for The Frederick Brown, Jr. Amphitheater
- Peachtree City Water and Sewer Authority – Newsletter and rate change notice
- Fayette County Environmental Health - Septic System Maintenance
- Fayette County – Recycling Locations
- Keep Fayette Beautiful – Recycle Christmas Trees and Back Yard Composting
- Fayette County Emergency Management -
- Fayette County Water System – Toilet Rebate Program, rate changes, water restrictions, etc.
- Fayette County Water System – Consumer Confidence Report

Staff requests authorization to provide inserts with appropriate water bills informing customers of these events.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of the Water Committee's recommendation to allow for the insertion of flyers or other informational material for recurring events throughout Fayette County.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*	No	Backup Provided with Request?	Yes

**** All audio-visual material must be submitted to the County Clerk's Office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. It is also your department's responsibility to ensure all third-party audio-visual material is submitted at least 48 hours in advance.***

Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval			

Staff Notes:

Staff will continue to review insert content and any questionable inserts will be brought before Water Committee for approval. Other insert requests not specified on attached list will require Water Committee and Board of Commissioners review and approval.

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TO: Water Committee

FROM: Lisa Speegle

RE: Water Bill Inserts

DATE: February 11, 2014

In the past each request for a water bill insert has been approved by the Board of Commissioners individually as the request came up. Several requests have been a regular request each year.

Listed below are the inserts that have been approved by the Board of Commissioners in the past:

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A recommendation to the Board to approve these type requests one time, instead of every time they come up would help streamline this process.

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Bobby Vinton
June 4

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2013

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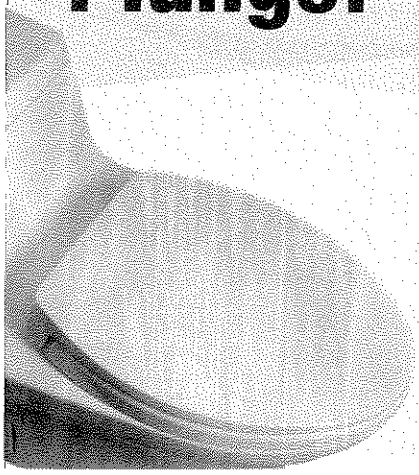

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- Own or rent a single family residential home built in 1993 or earlier
- Are up to date on your water bill payments
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JULY 13 - SPOTLIGHT CONCERT:
TOAD THE WET SPROCKET
Opening Act – American Idol 2010 Winner, Lee DeWyze

◆**JULY 20 - CONCERT SERIES:**
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Paul Revere & The Raiders • Mitch Ryder
Mary Wilson of the Supremes • The Association

◆**AUGUST 10 - CONCERT SERIES:**
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◆**AUGUST 23 - CONCERT SERIES:**
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Septic Systems Safely Recycle Wastewater – Wastewater flows from your house into the tank where heavy solids or *sludge* settles to the bottom. *Scum* made up of hair, grease, and soap float to the top of the tank and wastewater in the middle is pushed out into the *drainfield*. *Baffles* attached to the outlet of the tank keep scum from entering the *drainfield*.

A leachfield is a perforated-pipe network buried 1-3 ft. deep in gravel channels. – Dissolved waste and bacteria is then decomposed by microorganisms and nutrients and absorbed into the soil.

Treated wastewater or *effluent* leaves the leachfield and percolates down through the soil. As effluent continues to seep down through the soil, waste not removed in the *drainfield* are further removed by natural process in the soil before meeting up with groundwater.

SEPTIC SYSTEM MAINTENANCE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT CHECK YOU CAN MAKE TO PROTECT YOUR HOME

Perform Regular Maintenance - Solids must eventually be pumped from the tank. Experts advise pumping a 1,000 gallon septic-tank used daily for a family of four every 3-5 years.

Do Not Pour Grease Down the Drain - Grease can clog the septic *drainfield*, making it impossible for soil to absorb liquids. If that happens you'll need a new *drainfield*.

Avoid Hazardous Chemicals - Varnish, paint thinners, motor oils, gasoline and other similar chemicals can ruin your system and are a hazard to groundwater. Dispose of them properly.

Protect the System from Damage - Do not drive over or build a structure on top of the *drainfield*, or cover it with concrete or asphalt. Do plant grass on top to minimize erosion.

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The Pipeline

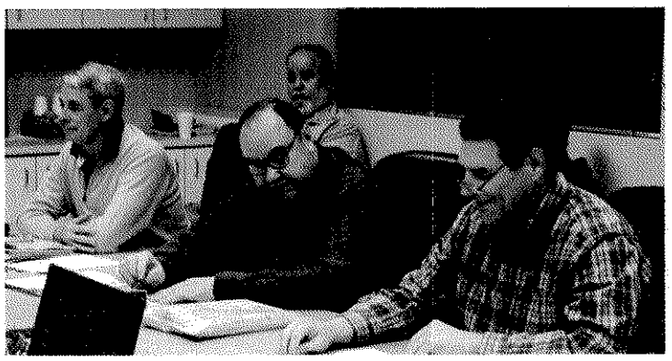
PCWASA Board welcomes new members, elects slate of officers

During its February Meeting, the Peachtree City Water and Sewerage Authority (PCWASA) Board of Directors welcomed new appointees to its ranks, while selecting a new slate of officers to lead the utility this year and beyond.

The five voting board members (one additional board member serves as an alternate) elected Terry Garlock as the new Chairman, joined by Phil Mahler as Vice Chairman, and John Harrell as Secretary/Treasurer.

The PCWASA Board also experienced some shuffling among its members this year, evident in the presence of two newcomers at the February meeting. Former alternate board member Bill Holland has moved to the ranks of the voting members, who are joined by new board member Cliff Stern and new alternate board member John Dufresne.

Members Garlock, Harrell, and Holland joined the PCWASA Board last year, while Phil Mahler's term on the board began in 2010. PCWASA Board Members are appointed to serve five-year terms on the independent Water and Sewerage Authority by the City Council of Peachtree City. Some current board members are fulfilling the unexpired terms of previous members.



Newly elected PCWASA Chairman Terry Garlock (center) is flanked by the newest appointees to the Authority Board in Member Cliff Stern (left) and Alternate John Dufresne, Jr. (right).

The PCWASA Board of Directors meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Authority headquarters, located adjacent to the Rockaway Wastewater Treatment Plant at 1127 Highway 74 South.

Additional biographical information on PCWASA Board Members is available on the "Administration" pages of the Authority's Web site at www.pcwasa.org.

PCWASA applauded as the state's FOG Program of the Year

Since the Peachtree City Water and Sewerage Authority (PCWASA) established a fats, oils, and grease (FOG) education program in 1997, it steadily gained valuable information and insights through participation in the Georgia F.O.G. Alliance. Now, the Authority has the model program in the state.

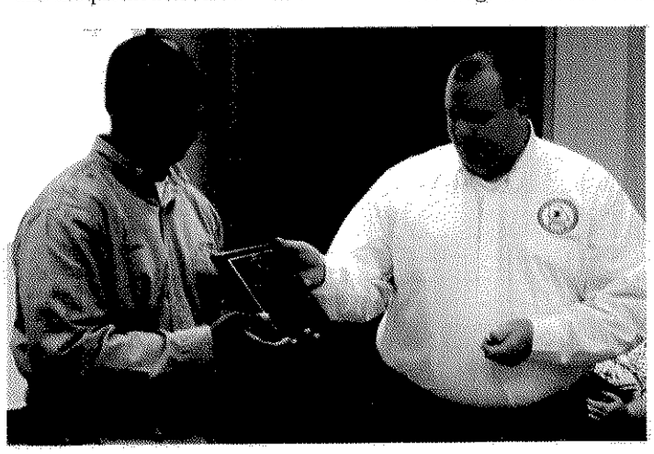
PCWASA is the 2013 Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Program of the Year Winner, as awarded by the Georgia F.O.G. Alliance, in the small sewer system category. A Program of the Year is selected among those smaller utilities such as PCWASA who have less than 250 commercial FOG producers or generators, in addition to a Program of the Year being awarded among larger utilities with more than 1,000.

The Authority had been selected as an "Outstanding FOG Program Winner" in 2012, prior to attaining the highest honor in the state this past year with the Georgia F.O.G. Alliance Program of the Year Award. The Authority's FOG Program includes oversight of approximately 200 fats, oils, and grease generators or producers, such as restaurants, hair salons, and pet grooming businesses. PCWASA also educates residential customers on the importance of proper grease disposal for Peachtree City homes, too.

PCWASA officials conduct grease trap inspections of commercial customers, to make sure they are in compliance with the Authority's ordinance for proper grease trap installation and maintenance. The Authority also inspects the grit/sand interceptors at the city's car wash establishments, in addition to beginning inspections on oil-water separators as well.

Xavier Davis serves as the Authority's FOG Program Coordinator, while working closely with Keisha Lisbon Thorpe, PCWASA Division Manager of Technical Services. Davis also is serving this year as Vice President of the Georgia F.O.G. Alliance, of which the Authority is a founding member.

The Georgia F.O.G. Alliance is a non-profit organization dedicated to public education and the promotion of a cleaner environment through the control of fats, oils, and grease.



Georgia F.O.G. Alliance President Doug White (right) presented PCWASA with an Outstanding FOG Program Award last year. This year during the March Board Meeting, White returns to present the Authority and FOG Program Coordinator Xavier Davis (left) with the 2013 FOG Program of the Year Award.

PCWASA receives national acclaim through trade publication editorial

Stephen Hogan presents the issue of *Municipal Sewer & Water* featuring PCWASA.

PCWASA received national acclaim when the utility was profiled in *Municipal Sewer & Water*, a leading national trade publication of the water and sewer industry.

Within the editorial of the January 2014 Issue of *Municipal Sewer & Water*, PCWASA was noted for its "Award Winning Performance" by staff writer Cory Dellenbach.

PCWASA programs and operations highlighted in the article included the Authority's FOG Program (see story on FOG Program of the Year), its system condition assessment with the use of RedZone Robotics, and its planning for necessary capital improvements and sewer system upgrades for the community.

PCWASA following state legislation and policies impacting the community

When the Georgia General Assembly convened in January, PCWASA General Manager Stephen Hogan and his staff had a head start on anticipating potential legislation that might impact the utility's system, operations, or customers.

Thanks to the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP) Legislative Luncheon, Hogan was able to attain insights on changes to Georgia law and policies under consideration by the state legislature. In addition, the luncheon provided updates on the regulatory activities of the state Environmental Protection Division (EPD), which could alter the work of water and sewer professionals such as those at PCWASA.

"We work within a heavily regulated industry, stemming from state and federal laws intended to protect water resources and the environment, as well as the safe and effective operation of water and sewer facilities and the delivery of services," says Hogan. "The Legislative Luncheon afforded us the opportunity to anticipate potential changes in the way we do business, so we can be proactive in implementing any subsequent, necessary adjustments to the operation of our sewer system."

Stephen Hogan (left), General Manager of PCWASA, chats with Russ Pennington, Director of Policy and Public Affairs for Georgia EPD, prior to the Legislative Luncheon hosted by the Georgia Association of Water Professionals.

Guest speakers at the GAWP Legislative Luncheon included state Sen. Rick Jeffares of McDonough, who is an Administrative Floor Leader in the Senate, and Russ Pennington, Director of Policy and Public Affairs for Georgia EPD.

Perhaps most salient to the sewer industry is the state's consideration for land application of septage or septic tank waste, says Pennington. PCWASA requires waste haulers, which are typically carrying fats, oils, and grease (FOG) from commercial properties and restaurants within Peachtree City for proper disposal, to have their trucks inspected and registered with Georgia EPD.

Pennington also noted a small change forthcoming to the permitting process directed by EPD, with municipal land use ordinances being more closely considered prior to permit issuance. As public hearings occur for projects seeking EPD related permits, they now will be held on the site of the proposed activity, he notes.

In his overview of recent and pending legislation, Sen. Jeffares referenced Senate Bill 117 and the slight changes in definitions and protocol it proposes for the "Call before you dig" or Georgia Facilities Protection Act, which the Georgia Public Service Commission currently oversees.

At PCWASA, Construction Coordinator Nathan Brooks and Utility Locator Michael Cole address utility locates when overseeing capital projects and system improvements for the Authority. Both also are involved in Georgia 811 Utilities Protection Center, Inc., which is a non-profit organization preventing damage to underground utility facilities and promoting safety and efficiency through high quality and economical notification services.

Looking to the future of the water and sewer industry

PCWASA encourages students to explore science through Model Water Tower Competition

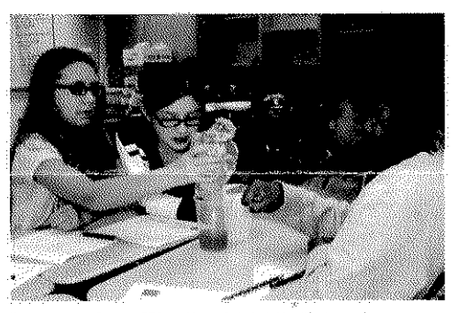
In an effort to encourage student involvement in the study of science, engineering, and the intricacies of the water industry, the Peachtree City Water and Sewerage Authority (PCWASA) provided assistance in organizing and advising the annual Georgia Model Water Tower Competition. The judging that culminated the statewide event this past fall was held at Woodland Middle School in McDonough.

Jackson Hogan, an eighth grade student at Woodland Middle School, was the winner of the 2013 Georgia Model Water Tower Competition, which was organized with the help of PCWASA.

The Competition is sponsored by the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP) and the Georgia Section of the American Water Works Association (GAWWA). Keisha Lisbon Thorpe, Division Manager of Technical Services for PCWASA, serves as the organizing committee co-chairman for the event. She also is a Trustee on the GAWWA Executive Committee. In addition, PCWASA General Manager Stephen Hogan served as a technical advisor for students as they engineered their model water towers.

The Georgia Model Water Tower Competition ultimately is an engineering challenge for students, which teaches them about the importance of water and sewer infrastructure to the quality of life in a community, says Lisbon Thorpe.

The Georgia Model Water Tower Competition is an opportunity for middle school aged children to design and build a water tower out of household items, she explains. Competitors must consider cost, materials used, functionality, and design, as factors that will determine their success in the competition.



Students from Woodland Middle School and Austin Road Middle School take part in the second annual Georgia Model Water Tower Competition, held at the end of the fall term of this school year.

The models are judged based on three primary scientific categories – hydraulic efficiency, structural efficiency, and design ingenuity – while the final presentations and interviews on the day of the judging are critical as well, as water professionals from throughout the state serve on a panel of volunteer judges.

For more information and photos from the Georgia Model Water Tower Competition, log onto the Authority's Web site at www.pcwasa.org.

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.pcwasa.org.

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