



HCWA Mourns the Loss of District 3 Board Member Jimmy Carter

Carter served nearly 20 years, overseeing many accomplishments at the Authority



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Henry County Water Authority (HCWA) board members, employees, and retirees are mourning the loss of District 3 Board Member Jimmy Carter, 77, who passed away on Feb. 21. Carter had served on the Authority Board since 2005, including 11 years as Chairman.

The Authority presented Carter's family with a resolution commemorating his service during the March HCWA Board Meeting.

In addition to serving his community on the HCWA Board, Carter spent 18 years as an elected member of the Henry County Board of Education. He also was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Carter was a native of Henry County, a sixth-generation resident, and a third-generation dairy farmer, perhaps best known as owner and operator of Southern Belle Farm.



The HCWA Board paid tribute to the late Jimmy Carter during its March meeting, presenting a resolution honoring the former Chairman to his family in attendance.

During his tenure on the HCWA Board, the Authority experienced several improvements to the water and sewer systems and respective facilities, including the opening of the Tussehaw Water Treatment Plant, Reservoir, and Public Use Area, as well as the expansion of all three water reclamation facilities.

In addition, the HCWA won several industry awards for outstanding facilities and operations during his tenure, making the Authority one of the model water and sewer utilities in the state and region.

For the complete feature and tribute to Jimmy Carter, please visit the News archives on our website at www.hcwa.com.

Lindsey McGarity Appointed as District 3 Member of the HCWA Board



Mr. Lindsey McGarity (left) is sworn in as the District 3 Member of the HCWA Board by his brother – the Hon. Judge Arch McGarity, Senior Judge, Superior Court.

Following the passing of former HCWA District 3 Board Member Jimmy Carter, District 3 Henry County Commissioner Dee Anglyn, III has appointed Henry County native and business leader Lindsey McGarity to this post.

Mr. McGarity was sworn in by his brother, the Hon. Judge Arch McGarity, Senior Judge, Superior Court, during the March HCWA Board Meeting. Mr. McGarity is the Owner/Producer of McGarity Insurance in McDonough.

"I want to thank my commissioner for appointing me to the Water Authority Board, and I hope to bring a common sense approach to this service," says McGarity. "Water and sewer are major components to the managed growth and safety of our community."

McGarity and his wife Rita, who is a retired teacher for Henry County Schools, will be married 49 years this July. They have two daughters and seven grandchildren and are members of McDonough Presbyterian Church.

For the complete feature on Mr. McGarity's appointment, as well as his board member profile, please visit our website at www.hcwa.com.

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Want to do business with the HCWA?



Those attending the recent Deputy Dash learned "How to do business with the HCWA."

During the recent Deputy Dash 5K race, the Authority staff not only provided HCWA2GO, but they also shared insights on "How to do business with the HCWA."

The Authority staff hosts Vendor/Supplier Conferences periodically – the most recent being held on May 4 – to invite individuals and organizations to do business with the Authority, especially those local, women-owned, minority-owned, and veteran-owned businesses.

The HCWA is a member of the Georgia Purchasing Group, and local businesses can gain access to HCWA bid opportunities through the Bidnet Direct website at <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/georgia/henrycounty-waterauthority>.

HCWA Celebrates Customer Appreciation and Fix a Leak Week

The HCWA hosted its annual Customer Appreciation during the week of March 18-22.

During this week, which also coincided with national Fix a Leak Week (March 18-24) and World Water Day (March 22), the Authority's customer service representatives handed out HCWA swag, water conservation kits, wise water use tips, and information on the Charitable Assistance Program as well as other financial assistance resources.

For a photo gallery from our Customer Appreciation, as well as tips on finding and fixing leaks, please visit our website at www.hcwa.com.



HCWA Customer Service Reps thanked Authority customers for their business during the annual Customer Appreciation Week, held March 18-22.

Cubihatcha Kids Fishing Day is set for Saturday, June 8

The Henry County Outdoor Education Partnership and the Cubihatcha Outdoor Education Center will be hosting the third annual Cubihatcha Kids Fishing Day on Saturday, June 8.

This free family fishing day will be held at the Cubihatcha Center and adjacent Long Branch Reservoir, located at 100 Collins Way in Locust Grove.

- Check-in begins at 6:30 a.m.
- Fishing starts at 7:00 a.m.
- Weigh-in will be at 11:00 a.m.
- Lunch is at 11:30 a.m.

The friendly competition is open to kids between the ages of 3 to 17. Prizes will be awarded for the biggest catch of the day, as well as the biggest catches within three age group categories.

The goal of the annual Cubihatcha Kids Fishing Day is to engage our youth in outdoor recreation, encourage physical wellness, build their social skills, as well as provide emotional benefits to all through fellowship with family and friends.

For more information, including pre-registration or sponsorships, please visit our website at www.hcwa.com, or contact us at education@hcwa.com or 678-583-3930.



This year's Cubihatcha Kids Fishing Day will take place at the Cubihatcha Center and adjacent Long Branch Reservoir in Locust Grove on Saturday, June 8.

"Water Works" Summer Camp Coming July 9-12

The HCWA will be hosting its second annual "Water Works" summer camp during the week of July 9-12, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The main intent of the summer camp is to introduce students to what it's like to work in the water industry in hopes they may consider a career in the field. In addition, students will learn about watershed protection, water treatment and collection, and professional skills beneficial to their career development.

The four days of the summer camp will feature fun, interactive activities such as: a boat ride tour of a reservoir, tours of water and wastewater plants, water testing in a water quality laboratory, as well as financial training and interview skills with water professionals.



Brock Biles (far left), HCWA Water Loss Manager, teaches students in last year's Water Works summer camp how the Authority detects leaks within its system.

Participants in the Water Works experience must be a rising 9th grader in a Henry County public, private, or home school. Admission is free and breakfast will be provided each day.

Registration forms are available on our website at www.hcwa.com, and space is limited. For more information, contact us at 678-583-3809 or education@hcwa.com.

Help us protect our waterways from yard waste

Did you know that yard waste – such as grass clippings, limbs, leaves, etc. – can be harmful to our water resources?

Yard waste can be composted or properly disposed of in places such as the Henry County Recycling Center (<https://www.henrycountyga.gov/325/Recycling-Center>); but they should never be put down storm drains or thrown into fresh water resources, such as lakes, rivers, or streams.

One of the primary problems caused by yard waste in our local waterways is its impact on the water's chemistry. The nutrients from decaying leaves, for example, can feed algae in fresh water and promote certain types of bacteria that are harmful to our health. In addition, yard waste can clog storm drains, cause flooding issues and other stormwater damage, as well as increase soil erosion.

Help us protect our raw water resources and our water quality by properly disposing of yard waste.

For more information, please visit our website "Education" pages at www.hcwa.com.



HCWA Recognizes Winners of Annual Art Contest

The HCWA has announced the winners of its 2024 Art Contest, which challenged Henry County students in grades K-12 to illustrate: "Why Do You Love Water?"

The winners of this year's Art Contest include:

- K-2 Grade Winner: Presley Mayo, a student of teacher Julie Toms at New Hope Elementary School.
- 3-5 Grade Winner: Kenley Gunter, a student of teacher Cheryl Greer at Tussahaw Elementary School.
- 6-8 Grade Winner: Myanna Richardson, a student of teacher Darsha Jackson at Locust Grove Middle School.
- 9-12 Grade Winner: Riya Puri, a student of teacher Kellee Robertson at Stockbridge High School.
- People's Choice Winner: Kaylani Do, a student of teacher Christine Thompson at Luella Middle School.
- Teacher Participation Winner: Ms. Darsha Jackson, a teacher at Locust Grove Middle School.

For the complete feature on the HCWA 2024 Art Contest Winners, please visit the News archives on our website at www.hcwa.com.



Contest Winner K-2
Presley Mayo (right)
with her teacher
Julie Toms.



Contest Winner 3-5
Kenley Gunter (right)
with her teacher
Cheryl Greer.



Contest Winner 6-8
Myanna Richardson (left)
with her teacher
Darsha Jackson.



Contest Winner 9-12
Riya Puri (left) with
her teacher
Kellee Robertson.



Contest Winner PC
Kaylani Do (right)
with her teacher
Christine Thompson.

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