

PWC CONNECTIONS

Your Link to News & Information from the Fayetteville Public Works Commission Apr/May 2018

Your PWC Connections

is a bi-monthly newsletter for PWC customers and the community. If you have comments, concerns or suggestions for upcoming issues, please contact PWC's Communications/Community Relations Office.



Upcoming Events

Safe Digging Month

April 1 - 30

4th Friday

Downtown Fayetteville

April 27 & May 25
theartscouncil.com

APPA Lineworkers Rodeo Raleigh & Wake Forest, NC

April 27-28

Dogwood Festival Festival Park

Visit PWC's booth Saturday & Sunday
April 28-29
faydogwoodfestival.com

National Drinking Water Week

May 6-12

Public Works Art Exhibit The Arts Council

Free Admission
Opens May 25
theartscouncil.com

Memorial Day PWC Offices Closed

Monday, May 28

Building Business Rally FTCC Gymnasium

Tuesday, May 22
Free and Open to the Public
www.faypwc.com



PWC On the Air

You can watch *Your PWC Connections* anytime on PWC's website and YouTube Channel, or watch nightly on Fay TV (the City of Fayetteville's government access channel on Spectrum Cable channel 7).



PWC Awarded for Excellence and Charitable Giving

PWC took home four Public Power Awards of Excellence in February. The awards were given by Electricities of North Carolina, Inc. and honor public power communities across the state for outstanding performance in five key areas: workforce development, grid modernization, value of public power, wholesale power cost and continuous improvement.

PWC was awarded the following:

- *Value of Public Power* – communicate the value of electric system ownership to key stakeholders.
- *Grid Modernization* – promote investment in public power communities' electric distribution systems and in technology to ensure safety and reliability and exceed customer expectations.
- *Continuous Improvement* – constantly review and enhance all aspects of public power; focus on cost reduction and increased efficiencies in current and future operations.

- *Workforce Development* – promote a workforce plan to attract, develop and retain the necessary human talent to provide safe, reliable power and lead public power forward.

Fayetteville PWC also received state recognition for their support of the United Way when selected as a winner of the *Spirit of North Carolina Award*. The awards are sponsored annually to provide state-wide recognition for outstanding commitment and support to communities through local United Way involvement.

This year, PWC employees pledged over \$122,000 and will impact the lives of thousands in Cumberland County! This is PWC's 12th *Spirit of North Carolina Award*. PWC was also the recipient of the *Marquis Award* for promoting leadership giving and the *Community Award* for showing continuous support of the community. Mark Brown, PWC's Senior Customer Program's Officer, was given the *Volunteer of the Year* award.



PWC Presents "Public Works"

Join Fayetteville PWC for 4th Friday on May 25th at the Arts Council's largest art show of the year during National Public Works Week! "Public Works" features unique works from local artists of all ages. Make your vote count and help select this year's winner. For more information, including info on how you can submit your very own work of art, visit www.theartscouncil.com.

In addition to viewing amazing artwork in the gallery, you'll have an opportunity to get a close look at some of the trucks and equipment we use every day to ensure that our customers have reliable power, water and wastewater services. Plus, meet some of the Water Construction employees who make it happen every day!



Attention PWC Water Customers

PWC's annual *Water Quality Report* as required by the EPA will be available on May 1, 2018. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. Included are details about your sources of water, what it contains and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. Look for it online at www.faypwc.com. To request a copy by mail, please call 910-223-4009.



Save the Date! Outdoor Watering Schedules

The Odd/Even watering schedules for Fayetteville PWC customers are year round. Following these guidelines is a simple step that goes a long way to conserve our precious water supply and manage our daily water use.

- Think before you water and don't just water because it is your watering day.
- Adjust your sprinklers to water only the landscaping in your yard and be sure not to overwater. One inch of water is usually enough.
- Always remember to turn off your sprinklers when it rains.
- Take advantage of PWC's Rain Sensor Incentive Program to avoid unnecessary watering.
- Don't water when it's windy or during the hottest times of day.



Work Zone Safety Is In Your Hands

Each year in the spring, National Work Zone Awareness Week is held to bring national attention to motorist and worker safety. While road work may be a hassle, please be courteous to other drivers who are navigating the roads with you and respect the workers present in and around the roadway. Here are some additional safety tips to keep in mind when you encounter the work zone:

Minimize your distractions

Distraction-free driving is always important, but this is especially important when you're driving in a construction zone, where it's imperative that you're on high alert. When you enter a construction zone or see that one is approaching, turn down (or turn off) your radio, end any cell phone calls and keep both hands on the wheel and eyes on the road. Now is not the time to be fidgeting with your radio dial or checking your Facebook page on your phone.

Look for the orange diamonds.

Several of these signs will be placed along the side of the roadway well before the actual construction zone to warn drivers. As soon as you see a "work zone ahead" sign, reduce your speed and be on the lookout for workers, machinery and obstacles.

Orange cones and are used to direct the flow of traffic in work zones.

Do not steer into or run over these objects. You will be responsible for any damage to your vehicle if you make contact with construction cones or barrels.

Flaggers are often used to stop and direct traffic in work zones.

Their instructions supersede any posted or implied traffic signals. Their presence will be announced by orange construction signs that say "flagger ahead." Keep an eye out for flaggers in all construction zones and keep your vehicle as far away from their bodies as possible.

Info courtesy of driving-tests.org

Dangerous Statistics

- In 2015, there were over 96,626 crashes in work zones in the United States.
- Although the percentages of those crashes that led to fatalities was extremely low, 73% resulted in damage to one or more automobiles.
- Around 70% of work zone crashes occur during daytime hours.
- There were 25,485 injuries in work zones in 2015. This equates to one work zone injury every 5.4 minutes and at least 70 people were injured every day.
- In 2015, 642 motorists (drivers and/or passengers) were killed in work zone accidents.

Required Outdoor Watering Schedules for PWC Water Customers

	M	T	W	T	F	Sa	Su
Even Water Monday, Wednesday, Saturday if street address ends in even number	Water		Water		Sprinkler's Day Off	Water	
Odd Water Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday if street address ends in odd number		Water		Water			Water

Exercise Caution Around Electricity

May is the National Electrical Safety Month. PWC has some great tips that will keep you and your family safe around electricity:

- **Outlets:** Check for outlets that may have any loose fitting plugs, which can overheat and lead to a fire. Replace any missing or broken wall plates. Teach children to not insert any objects inside outlets and use outlet covers if you have very young children.
- **Cords:** Make sure cords are in good condition, not frayed or cracked. Be sure they are placed out of traffic areas and never nail or staple a cord to the wall. When unplugging an object, pull by the plug and not the cord.
- **Extension Cords:** Check to see that cords are not overloaded. Only use extension cords on a temporary basis, as they are not intended to be used as permanent household wiring.
- **Plugs:** Make certain your plugs fit your outlets. Never remove the ground pin (the 3rd prong) to make a three-prong fit a two-conductor outlet. Instead, purchase an adaptor.
- **Light Bulbs:** Check the wattage of all bulbs in light fixtures to make sure they are the correct size for the fixture. Never leave light bulb sockets empty and replace burned-out bulbs immediately.

