

PWC CONNECTIONS

Your Link to News & Information from the Fayetteville Public Works Commission May 2023

Upcoming Events

Electrical Safety Month
May 1st - May 31st

Memorial Day
PWC Offices Closed
Monday, May 29th

SAVE THE DATE
18th Annual Public Works
Art Exhibit
Arts Council on Hay (301 Hay St)
FREE & Open to the Public
Friday, May 26th
6pm - 9pm

PWC Connections: The Podcast

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Watch *Your PWC Connections* anytime on your favorite streaming device in addition to daily airings on Fay TV – the City of Fayetteville's government access channel on Spectrum Cable channel 7. *Your PWC Connections* is also available on PWC's Youtube channel & website.



Drinking Water: PWC Committed to Quality

PWC, your hometown utility is committed to providing safe drinking water and our staff goes above and beyond to make sure our water exceeds water quality standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

In 2022, PWC treated more than 9 billion gallons of drinking water for our 90,000+ customers. During that same time, we administered more than 150,000 tests to ensure the safety of the water and that it meets EPA regulations. Every year, PWC publishes a water quality report outlining the results of those tests. Learn more about your drinking water in the most recent report at www.FayPWC.com/water-quality-report/



Fayetteville PWC Awarded Two United Way Spirit of North Carolina Awards!



Fayetteville PWC received state recognition for their support of the United Way when selected as a winner of the Spirit of North Carolina Award 17 times! The award provides state-wide recognition for outstanding commitment and support to communities through local United Way involvement.

In a first for the United Way, the non-profit presented PWC Communications/Community Relations Officer, Carolyn Justice-Hinson, as the United Way Community Ambassador Award in recognition of her years of dedication and support to the United Way's mission. Justice-Hinson also serves on the board for United Way and chaired this year's Over the Edge fundraiser. This is the first year the United Way Community Ambassador Award has been presented.

Meet PWC's Newest Commissioner

The Fayetteville City Council appointed former council member, Chris Davis, as the newest board member of Fayetteville PWC. Davis replaces former Commissioner Wade Fowler, whose term expired in September. The other commissioners on the four-member PWC Board are Ronna Garrett, Donald Porter and Evelyn Shaw. Davis was sworn in to the PWC Board on March 8, 2023, and will serve as Treasurer during fiscal year 2023. Read more about Commissioner Davis at www.FayPWC.com/christopher-davis/



Rain Sensors Save Money

PWC has a program to help you save money. Rain sensors are devices that can be attached to an automatic irrigation system to monitor rainfall levels. When the weather is wet, the sensor temporarily overrides the controller to prevent unnecessary irrigation, saving you money on your water bill! For a limited time, PWC is offering a bill credit of up to \$50 for installing a rain sensor on your irrigation system. www.FayPWC.com/rain-sensor-program/



Thinking about Charging Your Electric Vehicle (EV) at Home?

PWC now offers a Super Off-Peak electric rate which gives you the highest savings! The Super Off-Peak hours are 9 pm-5 am daily, so it's perfect for home EV charging. Scan QR code or visit www.FayPWC.com/ev-rates-2/ for more information.



Solar Scam Alert

Remember, if it seems too good to be true, it is probably not true. We have seen a rise in questions from customers being approached by door-to-door salespeople for rooftop solar panel installation. While these companies may be legitimate and not fall into the traditional scam category, it is important to note PWC does not partner with any solar panel installers. If you decide to install rooftop solar, make sure you contact PWC first and visit



our website for more information about permitting, other requirements and an interconnection agreement. If you are a PWC electric customer and want to learn more, please visit our Solar Options webpage before signing any contracts with installers. www.FayPWC.com/solar-options/

Spring Cleaning Tips for Energy Efficiency

With spring comes the annual ritual of spring cleaning. Hopefully, energy efficiency is part of your spring cleaning plans. If not, there are several small changes you can make at this time to save money and energy.



Community Art Shines Bright!

Fayetteville PWC is partnering with the Arts Council of Fayetteville Cumberland County to present the 18th annual Public Works Art Exhibit. Art created by local residents will be on display May 26 through July 22, at the Arts Council located at 301 Hay Street. Public Works is a community-wide art exhibit open to all artists of all ages. Learn more at www.TheArtsCouncil.com and search for "Public Works".



Spring cleaning is an excellent opportunity to clean your HVAC unit. An air conditioner's filters, coils, and fins require regular maintenance for the unit to function effectively and efficiently throughout its years of service. After pollen season may be a good time to clean your unit and have it serviced.

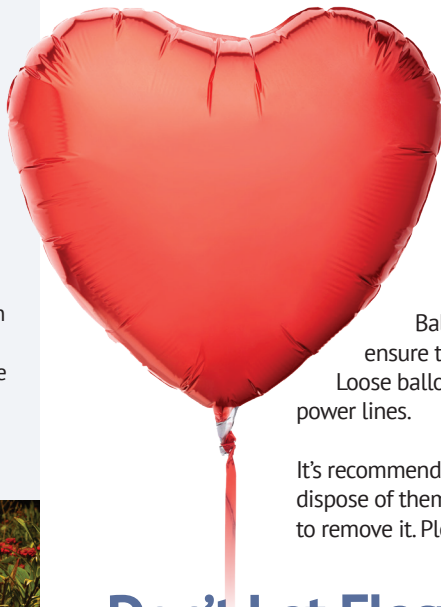
Washing windows and screens is also a good energy efficient routine to practice during spring cleaning. Clean windows and screens make the home brighter by allowing more daytime lighting into the home and reduce the need for using lighting, lamps and fixtures.

Clean screens also allow more fresh air into the home when the windows are open to bring fresh air in. Natural light and clean air are not only energy and money savers, but they also enhance overall health and productivity. So, take the time to give your home some love, and save money and energy in the process!



Brighten Outdoor Paths with Solar Lights

Lights can help outdoor paths feel safer, but they also require energy. Fortunately, there's an easy fix! Solar pathway lights can be installed anywhere the sun shines – no wiring required. Once in place, they use FREE energy from the sun to keep your paths lit at night.



Spotlight on Safety: Keep Balloons Away from Power Lines

As we enter celebration season (graduations, weddings, etc.) it is important to remember that mylar balloons cause thousands of power outages each year when they float away and come in contact with overhead power lines.

Balloons are fun and festive, but please remember to handle them properly to ensure they don't get released into the air by using weights to keep them in place. Loose balloons that strike power lines can cause explosions, power outages, or downed power lines.

It's recommended that you puncture the balloons to release the helium when it's time to dispose of them. If a mylar balloon does float away and gets stuck in a power line, don't try to remove it. Please call PWC at 910-483-1382 for assistance.

Don't Let Electricity Ruin Your Summer Plans

With the warmer weather, PWC would like to share some electrical safety tips to help ensure your outdoor activities don't result in injuries, or worse. Learn more at www.FayPWC.com/stay-focused-on-safety-this-spring/

