



“IT’S EASY TO BE UNGREASY”

PROGRAM SELECTED FOR NATIONAL AWARD

MAWSS’ grease recycling program, “It’s Easy to be Ungreasy,” received a National Environmental Achievement Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA). The recognition, in the category of Outstanding Education Programs, was presented at NACWA’s 2010 Summer Conference.

The upbeat multi-media campaign, developed for MAWSS by Lewis Communications, has effectively helped to educate and encourage the public to recycle household cooking grease and not pour it down the drain, a practice that often results in blockages and overflows in the sanitary sewer system. Since starting the program in 2006, MAWSS has seen an almost 75 percent reduction in sewer overflows caused by grease blockages. At the same time, the gallons of grease recycled each year continue to grow. We thank those who are participating and encourage them to keep recycling to keep our environment and waterways clean.

Free grease containers are available at recycling cages located around town and we gladly accept other containers, so long as they are sealed and leak proof. The grease is recycled by Birmingham Hide and Tallow into industrial lubricants, animal feed and bio diesel fuel. For more information on the program as well as recycling locations, visit www.itseasytobeungreasy.com or call 694-3100.

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A park visitor enjoys reading the newly installed signs at Mobile's Tricentennial Park.

Nature Signs Complete MAWSS Project at Tricentennial Park

Visitors to Mobile’s Tricentennial Park will know a little more about the history and habitat of their surroundings thanks to new signage along the park’s walkway. The signs are the finishing touch to a demonstration project funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (MAWSS) that included ways to make the waterfront more accessible to the community. Researched and developed by the Alabama Coastal Foundation (ACF), the signs highlight the wildlife and fauna in the park. They also tell the story of Day Lake, named for Rev. Joseph Day, a long time Toulminville resident, who fought to protect the lake from being destroyed in the 1980’s.

Water Quality Reports Available

2009 Water Quality Reports were mailed to MAWSS customers in June. This annual report card shows that our drinking water meets or exceeds all federal and state regulations and provides detailed information on substances tested for on a regular basis. The report is also available on our website at www.mawss.com.

"Fun with Water" Watercolor Contest Winners



L to R: Shelby Mitchell, contest judge, stands with winners, Ella Bedford, Erin Rockwell and Overall winner, Leslie DeVoe.



Peyton Thomasson, from McGill-Toolen with her winning entry titled "Pool Jump in a Summer Sunset."



Rebekah Vrachaulus, of Causey Middle School, with her winning entry titled "Sailing at Middle Bay Light."

Mascot Willy Water congratulates the winners of the 2010 MAWSS "Fun with Water" Watercolor Contest. Pictured with contest judge Shelby Mitchell of WKSJ Radio are Ella Bedford of Knollwood Christian School, winner in the 6-8 year old group, Erin Rockwell of Murphy High School, winner in the 15-18 year

old group and Overall winner Leslie DeVoe of McGill-Toolen Catholic High School. Other judges included Thomas Harrison, Mobile Press Register, Varion Walton of WPML NBC15 and Devon Walsh of WKRK-TV.

Peyton Thomasson of McGill-Toolen Catholic High School won the 12-14 year age group for her painting, "Pool

Jump in a Summer Sunset."

Rebekah Vrachaulus of Causey Middle School is the winner in the 9-11 age group for "Sailing at Middle Bay Light." All winners received gift cards from Bel Air Mall. Winning art will hang in MAWSS' Catherine St. lobby and can be seen on our website, www.mawss.com.

Hurricane Season Preparations

Storing your own tap water is the most economical way to make sure you have safe water during an emergency. Here are some helpful tips on how much to store and how long to keep it:

Store one gallon of water per person per day. Plan for at least 3 days. Don't forget about water for your pets.

Tap water stored in clean, airtight containers in a cool location should remain safe indefinitely. However, you may want to change it every six months to ensure freshness. For more tips, visit our website, www.mawss.com.

Change in Credit and Debit Card Policy

Beginning October 15, MAWSS will no longer accept credit or debit card payments in our lobbies or drive thru. These payment options will still be available when paying by phone or internet but a service fee will be applied by KUBRA, an automated payment service that is not affiliated with MAWSS. KUBRA allows you to pay your bill by debit or credit card 24 hours a day. You can access this service by calling 694-3100 and choosing the Express Pay option.

New Places to Pay

MAWSS is pleased to announce the addition of several new locations to pay your MAWSS bill. Global Express will now accept payments at Mobile area Bruno's and Food World Stores. All area Walmarts will also accept payments. The new locations allow you to pay your bill where you shop and offer extended hours including weekends, nights and holidays. A small service fee is charged by each provider. Delinquent bills cannot be paid at these locations. For a complete list of locations, visit our website, www.mawss.com.



MAIN OFFICE: 207 North Catherine Street
WEST MOBILE OFFICE: 4725-B Moffett Road
 in the Park Forest Plaza Shopping Center.

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