

Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (MAWSS)

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MAWSS Closing Entrance at Forest Hill Drive for Tank Construction



Photo:Bienville gate

MAWSS is set to begin construction on a new water tank to replace the Bienville Reservoir. The historic gate arch will be saved.

Mobile Area Water and Sewer System (MAWSS) will close the Forest Hill Drive entrance to the MAWSS Park Forest Plaza parking lot next week as contractors get ready to replace the historic Bienville Water Reservoir. Constructed in the 1890's, the 10 million gallon storage facility located at the corner of Forest Hill Drive and Moffett Road near the parking lot of MAWSS Park Forest Plaza, was taken out of service last October after a storm tore the basin's inner liner and cover. Rather than replace and repair the lining at a cost of \$1.5 million, the decision was made to build a new 6 million gallon ground level pre-stressed concrete tank instead. The tank will have a life expectancy of 50 to 100 years, will be more economical to maintain and more durable in hurricanes and high wind storms.

Crom Corporation is the lead contractor on the \$3.25 million project. Construction is expected to take the rest of the year. The historic iron gate arch that bears the name the Mobile Water Works will be saved and placed in a landscaped area facing the intersection of Moffett Road and Forest Hill Drive. Landscaping and architectural features of the tank are expected to enhance the aesthetics of the intersection.

MAWSS customers are asked to enter the Park Forest Facility from the main entrance on Moffett Road during construction.