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The Year in Review

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We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have. —Frederick Keonig

Dear Readers,

Inside this issue of the Straight to the Point newsletter, we will reflect on friends, co-workers, achievements and accolades throughout the year of 2012. The above quote points out the success, guidance, and patience due in part to the many who contribute to its production.

Thank you for the support and love throughout the year,
Meter Services 2012

Birthday Celebrations



October

Tommy Disieno (October 6)

Robert Jones (October 6)

December

Jesus Hernandez (December 25)

Safety Tip of the Quarter

Foot protection means guarding your toes, ankles and feet from injury. Believe it or not, your feet have 26 bones for support and 38 joints for movement — in each foot. Feet also have blood vessels, ligaments, muscles and nerves, which is why it hurts when you stub your toe or drop something on your foot. Your feet are a critical part of your body that you use every day and, in some cases, enable you to do your job effectively.

Protective footwear worn in the workplace is designed to protect the foot from physical hazards such as falling objects, stepping on sharp objects, heat and cold, wet and slippery surfaces, or exposure to corrosive chemicals.

There are two major categories of work-related foot injuries. The first category includes foot injuries from punctures, crushing, sprains, and lacerations. They account for 10 percent of all reported disabling injuries. The second group of injuries includes those resulting from slips, trips, and falls. They account for 15 percent of all reported disabling injuries. Slips and falls do not always result in a foot injury but lack of attention to foot safety plays an important role in their occurrence.

Meter Services Can-A-Thon

Due to the economic climate, area food banks are struggling to keep pace with the rising demand for their service. To provide assistance, especially as the holidays approach, Meter Services decided to create a can drive to aid the East Point community through these difficult times. Can goods were collected from each worker to distribute. This year, Fellowship of Faith Church International Food Pantry was chosen as the recipient of the collected contributions.

Since 1982, Senior Pastor Wayne C. Thompson established the food pantry at a Cascade location until finally being at the church location on Connally Drive. This was his vision for feeding the hungry. It is a member-funded ministry consisting of a 30 plus staff that receives donations of food and money. Every Tuesday and Thursday non-perishable goods are distributed to the community. On Thanksgiving, families will receive enough food to make a dinner.

On November 20, Meter Services thanked Pastor Nelson Dean and staff for accepting our help to provide meals for needy families as well as giving them hope that wishes and dreams do come true.



Back Row (Left to right): Willie Smith, Charles Trieber, Antonio Sneeze, Roderick Pullins, Robert Jones, and Bro. Thomas Maddox. Front Row (Left to right): Jesus Hernandez, Tonicka Mobley-Intern, John Martin, Pastor Nelson Dean, Sis. Betty Alston, Sis. Janis Odom, Tommy Disieno.

Reggie Taylor
East Point City's New City Manager

On November 12, 2013, the East Point City Council announced that Reggie Taylor will be the new East Point City Manager. Taylor was unanimously selected to hold the post and brings years of municipal experience from previous positions in Georgia as well as Illinois.

Prior to being named city manager, Taylor worked for the Marietta Redevelopment Corporation, which he joined in 2008 as executive director. Professionally he has more than 10 years of urban planning, community and economic development as well as affordable housing experience. Before his appointment as the executive director of the MRC he served as a public service administrator with the state of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, serving the northern state line region.

Taylor is also a former two-term member of the Illinois Winnebago County board serving the citizens of District 12 from 2000 to 2004. While on the county board, he served as chairman of the legislative committee and a member of the public safety and economic development committees. He is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.



Congratulations!

On Behalf of Meter Services

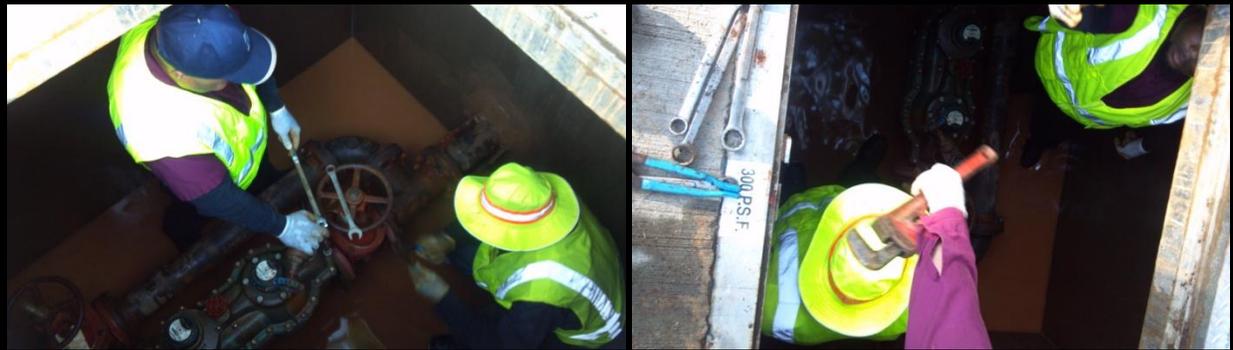
Welcome Aboard!!



Front Row (Left to right): John Martin, *City Manager*-Reginald Taylor, Jesus Hernandez, Willie Smith, Roderick Pullins. Back Row (Left to right): Antonio Sneeze, Charles Treiber, *Manager*-Kelvin Miller, *Intern*-Tonicka Mobley, Tommy Disieno, Lorenzo Presley

Meter Calibrations

Meter Calibrations are done to ensure the accuracy of compound water meters so that customers are not being overbilled. Our normal accounts are done yearly and our large accounts are calibrated on a bi-annual schedule.



NEW EMPLOYEE



Meter Services would like to welcome Michael Williams as the newest Water Meter Mechanic. Michael will bring a wealth of knowledge and energy to the division.

Again-WELCOME!!

SPECIAL RECOGNITION



In honor of his outstanding performance and dedication for the most installed residential backflow preventers in one week - the award was presented to Water Meter Mechanic:

Antonio Sneeze

(33)

Antonio has been employed with the City of East Point for nine years.



WATER DISTRIBUTION CLASS

The following Water Meter Mechanics will attend the Water Distribution Class at the Georgia Waste/Water Institute in Carrollton, Georgia from November 5-8, 2012.

Tommy Disieno

Lorenzo Presley

Charles Treiber

The class will enable them to become water distribution system operators to operate, maintain, repair, and manage these facilities. **GOOD LUCK!!!**

*****IMPORTANT BACKFLOW INFO*****

Public health officials have long been concerned about cross-connections and backflow connections in plumbing systems and in public drinking water supply distribution systems. Such cross-connections, which make possible the contamination of potable water, are ever-present dangers. One example of what can happen is an epidemic that occurred in Chicago in 1933. Old, defective, and improperly designed plumbing and fixtures permitted the contamination of drinking water. As a result, 1,409 people contracted amebic dysentery; there were 98 deaths. This epidemic, and others resulting from contamination introduced into a water supply through improper plumbing, made clear the responsibility of public health officials and water purveyors for exercising control over public water distribution systems and all plumbing systems connected to them. This responsibility includes advising and instructing plumbing installers in the recognition and elimination of cross-connections.

Cross-connections are the links through which it is possible for contaminating materials to enter a potable water supply. The contaminant enters the potable water system when the pressure of the polluted source exceeds the pressure of the potable source. The action may be called backsiphonage or backflow. Essentially it is reversal of the hydraulic gradient that can be produced by a variety of circumstances.

It might be assumed that steps for detecting and eliminating cross-connections would be elementary and obvious. Actually, cross-connections may appear in many subtle forms and in unsuspected places. Reversal of pressure in the water may be freakish and unpredictable. The probability of contamination of drinking water through a cross-connection occurring within a single plumbing system may seem remote; but, considering the multitude of similar systems, the probability is great.

Holiday Festivities with Friends

The next few pages will feature an array of photos from the Meter Services Photo Gallery. In 2012, we enjoyed some good times and we endured some bad times. But it eventually worked its way out. So we will see you in 2013. Hooray!!!!





