

Straight to the Point



Meter Services Division

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Special points of interest:

- Drive safely all the time and buckle up. It's the law.
- Next issue June 2013
- Team Quote for encouragement
- Inspect your City Vehicle daily and submit your daily walk around
- Professional Expectations

WELCOME!! To a New Year (2013).

I feel privileged in many ways to be a part of an outstanding Meter Services team. It is crystal clear that we all share one thing in common-the desire to do a good job while serving the public. As we look to the future, we will see some changes coming.

In many of my meetings, I have expressed that we are a Department on the move and becoming more and more visible as we continue to improve on what and how we work. For example, participating in the Utility Locating Rodeo Competition will show the caliber of work we produce. It will also help our team to remain in the forefront of the industry.

Thank you again for all you do for our department and the citizens of East Point.

Kelvin Miller, Superintendent

Meter Services' Professional Expectations

Meter Services employees are the eyes and ears of the City and our tasks are crucial. Completing all work expeditiously and accurately is our number one goal. All employees in the Meter Services Division shall be held to the following standards:

- Appearance
- Attendance/Punctuality
- Attitude
- Complete Tasks
- Follow instructions
- Integrity

- Timeliness
- Quality of work
- Initiative
- Safety
- Communications
- Teamwork



Birthday Celebrations



January
Kelvin Miller (1/26)

Safety Tip of the Quarter

EYE STRAIN

Eye strain is an extremely common eye disorder. Each person has different symptoms when they experience eye strain but it can broadly be defined as anything that causes discomfort or pain to your eyes while viewing something. Eye strain is caused by your eye muscles becoming fatigued due to the overuse of your eye muscles during intense tasks such as working on the computer. While the effects of eye strain can often leave people feeling debilitated, preventing eye strain from occurring is extremely easy.

Symptoms of Eye Strain

. The most common symptoms

of eye strain are:

- General soreness in the eyes
- Dry eyes
- Itchy eyes
- Visibly red eyes
- Blurry vision (especially when trying to focus)
- Spasms or twitches around the eyes
- Watery eyes
- Burning eyes
- Double vision
- Head aches

Effective Methods of Prevention

- Your computer screen should be below your eye level at about 20 degrees.

- Ensure your work station doesn't face a window or bright light.
- Regularly clean your monitor of all dust.
- Take regular short breaks of 10-15 minutes every two hours to rest your eyes and your body.
- Eliminate all glare and screen reflections by purchasing an anti glare screen protector.
- Make sure you have a lamp that can be redirected so as to not produce any glare.

Follow The 20/20/20 Rule:

When working on a computer, you can follow this simple rule. Every twenty minutes focus on an item twenty feet away for twenty seconds. This allows your eyes to refocus and relax.

TEAM
"Life is a series of experiences, each of which makes us bigger, even though it is hard to realize this. For the world was built to develop character, and we must learn that the setbacks and grieves which we endure help us in our marching onward."

Kelvin Miller

What is a Double Check Valve Assembly?

A double check valve or double check assembly (DCA) is a backflow prevention device designed to protect water supplies from contamination. It consists of two check valves assembled in series. This employs two operating principles: firstly one check valve will still act, even if the other is jammed wide open. Secondly the closure of one valve reduces the pressure differential across the other, allowing a more reliable seal and avoiding even minor leakage. The double check valve assembly is suitable for prevention of back pressure and backsiphonage, but is not suitable for high hazard applications. Additionally, there are resilient sealed test cocks for testing of the assembly.



Double Check Valve Assembly

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

The following individuals have successfully passed the State Exam for Water Distribution Operator License



Antonio Sneeze

"Outstanding Achievement"
-John Martin

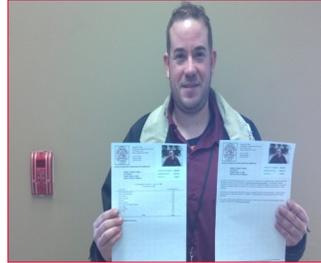
"True dedication=True Success"-Kelvin Miller



Charles Treiber

"Great Work! Congratulations!"
-LaTonya Wilson

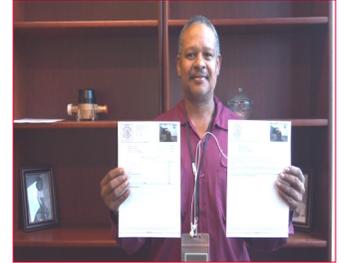
"Kudos to a wonderful team"
-Robert Jones



Tommy Disieno

"Good job."-J. Hernandez

"CONGRATULATIONS!!!"
-Kelvin Miller



Lorenzo Presley

"Wonderful news. Keep up the good work" -Wyndra Carter

"AWESOME!!!" -James Hammond

Michael Williams

New Certified Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester

New Employee



Levar Morris



"AWESOME!!!"-Wyndra Carter

"CONGRATULATIONS!"-LaTonya Wilson

"Great job done. I am so happy for Michael"-Carolyn Grant

East Point Water Filter Plant News



The City of East Point Water Filter Plant provides roughly 13.9 million gallons per day (peak capacity) of treated and purified drinking water to nearly 70,000 customers (including parts of College Park). Drinking water provided by the City of East Point comes from Sweetwater Creek in Douglas County. Water from the creek is pumped to the Ben Hill Reservoir, a man-made lake located five miles from the creek. From the lake, water is pumped to the East Point Water Treatment Plant at 2001 Headland Drive.

The East Point Flash



The 2012 Fall Conference & Expo and Laboratory Symposium was held at the Northwest Georgia Trade & Convention Center in Dalton, GA. On Tuesday, November 13th, the City of East Point Water Filter plant participated in the Model Race Car Competition in the Exhibit Hall. The racetrack and cars were similar to a Pine Wood Derby.

The Race track is approximately 30' long and individual lanes are 10.5 wide. There are 2 tracks. The car requirements were:

- Competitors must build a race car individually.

- Race cars must use at least 3 supply parts related to a water/wastewater plant.
- All cars must be 18" or less in length.
- Width-maximum 6"
- Height-maximum 6"
- Weight-maximum 1lb 8oz (24 ounces). Cars will be weighed.
- Race cars can only be gravity powered.

With elimination races taking place throughout the day, the East Point model race car (The East Point Flash) made it to the Grand Finale Races. Most people at the Finale race cheered for Ole No.10 as it came down

to the last race. The East Point Flash won 2nd place and earned plenty of respect.

Attendees at the conference:
 Mac Mattox
 Ken Davis
 Roel Torres
 Eugene Patterson



Congratulations!!!

to

Eragbai Aisiku

for successfully passing the
**State Exam for
 Class I
 Water Operator**



Best Tasting Tap Water In Georgia Contest

The City Of East Point Water Filter Plant is gearing up to enter into this year's "Best Tasting Tap Water in Georgia" contest. This taste competition is being sponsored by the Georgia Section of the American Water Works Association (GAWWA) who represents all of the 8 GWAP Districts.

The event will be held at the 2013 Spring Conference in Macon, GA on Tuesday, April 16. East Point City supports you—**GOOD LUCK!!**



East Point Waterline & Sewerline

Dominique Carreker



Hats off to Ms. Carreker from DeKalb County for conducting the Water Distribution classroom training in order to educate our staff for the State examination. Ms. Carreker has extensive knowledge in all areas of Water Distribution, Wastewater Collection, Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment. She has equipped many employees with the necessary skills to carry them full steam ahead in any municipality and /or public utility.

Thank You So Much for helping East Point Water and Sewer

One of the responsibilities of the Water Line Maintenance Division is to perform emergency repairs to water transmission mains, individual water services, broken fire hydrants, leaking valves, broken meter vaults and any other part of the distribution system that fails. This division is committed to providing the best possible water service to our customers.



Steven Jackson
Construction Manager



Machine Operator
James Keen



The new water foreman, Don Weatherspoon (Left) and crew (2nd left to right), Michael Chiulli, Warren Sheppard and Barron Strickland remove and replace a 2' water line.

KEEP EAST POINT BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN'S WATER FESTIVAL 2013

On March 7, 2013, Keep East Point Beautiful hosted the 6th Annual Children's Water Festival at Point University. The theme was "Brainstorming A Children's Water Festival." Ms. Frances Kennedy hosts this festival every year with presenters, presenter assistances, class room guides (escorts), lunch servers better known as brain feeders and runners. These volunteers help in a variety of tasks that ensures this event is a success.

This educational event is open to all fourth-grade teachers and their classes in the City of East Point. The Water Festival will explore water through interactive activities. This event brings the topics of drinking water, groundwater, watersheds, surface water and water quality alive for students. Participants will have an opportunity to understand their water supply and realize what a precious resource it truly is.

The East Point Fire Department was also present educating the youth about fire safety.



Meter Services Division featured Buster the Backflow, Sid the Science Kid and films on water quality. Presenters were: John Martin (Backflow Technician), Kelvin Miller (Superintendent) and Charles Treiber (Meter Services Representative). Photos shown below.



Frances Kennedy
Director of
Keep East Beautiful

Melissa Echevarria (FOG Coordinator) and Intern (Jasmine Grigley) educated the participants on the meaning of FOG (Fats, Oils and Grease) which is a byproduct of cooking. This substance causes sanitary sewer overflows/backups (SSO's). The heroic defender, Captain Splash is always ready to fight for the citizens of East Point. Photos shown below.



Roy Barnes (Director) shows his model display of a filter plant and the water distribution system. The participants were awed at the detail of the model and the process it takes to have clean drinking water delivered to the customers. Photos shown below.

