



“RE-BUILDING THE CITY’S WATER SYSTEMS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY”

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National Drinking Water Week On Tap First Week Of May

New Orleans, LA--- The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans in conjunction with the American Water Works Association (AWWA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the national water professionals’ community will celebrate National Drinking Water week May 1-7, 2016.

National Drinking Water Week highlights the importance of tap water and the need to reinvest in our water infrastructure. Tap water plays a critical role in the success of a society, from meeting the basic public health needs of providing safe drinking water and adequate sanitation, to promoting dental health (through fluoridation) and supporting industrial, agricultural, medical, and recreational activities.

Monday through Friday, May 2nd-6th, customers can enjoy a photographic exhibit illustrating “How Water Works from Source to Tap and Back.” at the S&WB main office located at 625 St. Joseph Street. Customers who visit the main office or the Algiers office located at 4021 Behrman Place, Suite M-2 will receive educational materials and free apps, iHydrate and Daily Water, which will teach you how to stay hydrated during the hot summer months.

Tuesday, May 3, customers will be encouraged to “Go Green with a Water Smart Lawn.” Customers who visit the main office or Algiers office will receive a brochure with tips for a water smart lawn and a free rain gauge.

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Wednesday, May 4th, customers who visit the main office or Algiers office will be reminded that “Clean Water Means Jobs”. Customers will receive information about job training for the S&WB through Strive NOLA and Job 1 and the types of job openings at the Board.

Thursday, May 5th, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. the Sewerage and Water Board will conduct public tours of the Carrollton Water Purification Plant at 8800 S. Claiborne Avenue. Individuals interested in a tour must call to reserve a space. The number to call to make a reservation is 585-2169.

Friday, May 6th, customers who visit the main office or Algiers office will be reminded that “Water is Life” by advising them that we use water to sustain our lives, for fire protection, to rinse our produce, clean dishes and clothes, water plants and landscapes and wash our cars and in many other ways.

For more than 36 years, the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, AWWA, its member utilities and drinking water organizations have celebrated Drinking Water Week – a unique opportunity for both water professionals and the communities they serve to join together to recognize the vital role that water plays in our daily lives.

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