

TOWN MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS ...

- ✓ **Memorial Day Service:** Sunday, May 24th, 1:30 PM, The Circle
- ✓ **Town Offices Closed:** Monday, May 25th, in observance of Memorial Day
- ✓ **Town Council Meeting:** Wednesday, May 27th, 7:00 PM, Regular Meeting, Town Hall
- ✓ **Sussex County Association of Towns:** Wednesday, June 3rd, 6:00 PM, The Rookery North, Hosted by Milford

UPDATES FROM DEPARTMENTS ...

Finance

- As of May 20th, the Town has collected \$779,003 (89%) of the April 2015 Utility Billing (\$877,309)
- As of May 20th, the Town has collected \$332,223 (22%) of the FY 2016 Tax Billing (\$1,511,679)

Wastewater

- Lagoon depths: Large Lagoon is 14 feet and Small Lagoon is 6.00 feet
- W G Malden completed all calibrations on flow meters
- Pulled and repaired chlorine pump (broken wire)
- Town field sprayed with herbicide by farmer – 21 days until crop can be cut

Police

- Significant Incident Reports and Press Releases distributed as prepared
- Special Press Release on Phone Scams occurring in the Georgetown Area
- Officers assisted with Wilmington University and Delaware Technical Community College graduation ceremonies

Public Works

- Installed 2015 Flags for Heroes display – 175 flags on display (see photo 1)
- Weed killer has been received – application will begin shortly
- Started storm water catch basin inspections and clean out
- Ditch clean up, with DOC assistance, along Waples Drive

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Planning

- Burger King submitted concept/preliminary plan for location remodel
- Draft Ordinance for Removal of Concept Plan completed and distributed for review
- Planning Commission
 1. 20663 DuPont Boulevard (Burger King), seeking waiver of required loading space – **Forward to BOA**
 2. Historic Review – 100 South Bedford Street (Electronic Message Board Sign) – **Approved**
 3. Site Plan Amendment – 21150 Airport Road, Sussex Academy – **Tabled**
 4. Site Plan Review – Southwest Corner US 113 and Route 18, 22,500 SF Retail – **Approved**

TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE ...

- Finalized program and planning for the 2015 Memorial Day Service with representatives of Georgetown Kiwanis and Korean War Veterans (Shirley Dennis, Gene Dvornick, Walter Koopman, Holland VanValkenburgh)
- Completed interviews for Code Enforcement Officer vacancy (Gene Dvornick, Laura Givens, Interim Chief Holm)
- Participated in a webinar with CGI on updates and enhancements to the Video Tour placed on our website (Gene Dvornick, Angie Townsend)
- Provided information on various office space contacts to non-profit organization looking to add a presence in Georgetown
- Finalized Ordinance for Removal of Concept Plan – scheduled for presentation to the Planning Commission on June 17th, 2015 (Jamie Craddock, Gene Dvornick, Jocelyn Godwin)
- Provided interview with WBOC regarding current growth being experienced and the Seashore Crossing project (Route 113 and 18/404)
- Handled several code violations – either by personal contact or Notice of Violation, Followed up on previously recorded violations
- Held follow up planning with HUD regarding June 18th (tentative) event as part of the Mayor's Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness (Gene Dvornick, Jocelyn Godwin)
- Represented the Town at Delaware League of Local Governments. Presentation by Congressman John Carney (Federal Transportation Trust Fund) and Maria Bynum (Mayor's Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness)
- Playground equipment installation at North King Street park completed (see photo 2)
- 2014 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) has been posted on the Town website, at the Georgetown Library, Georgetown Police Station, and post office
- Received notification from Delmarva Power that tree maintenance will be taking place late this month through July in selected areas throughout Town

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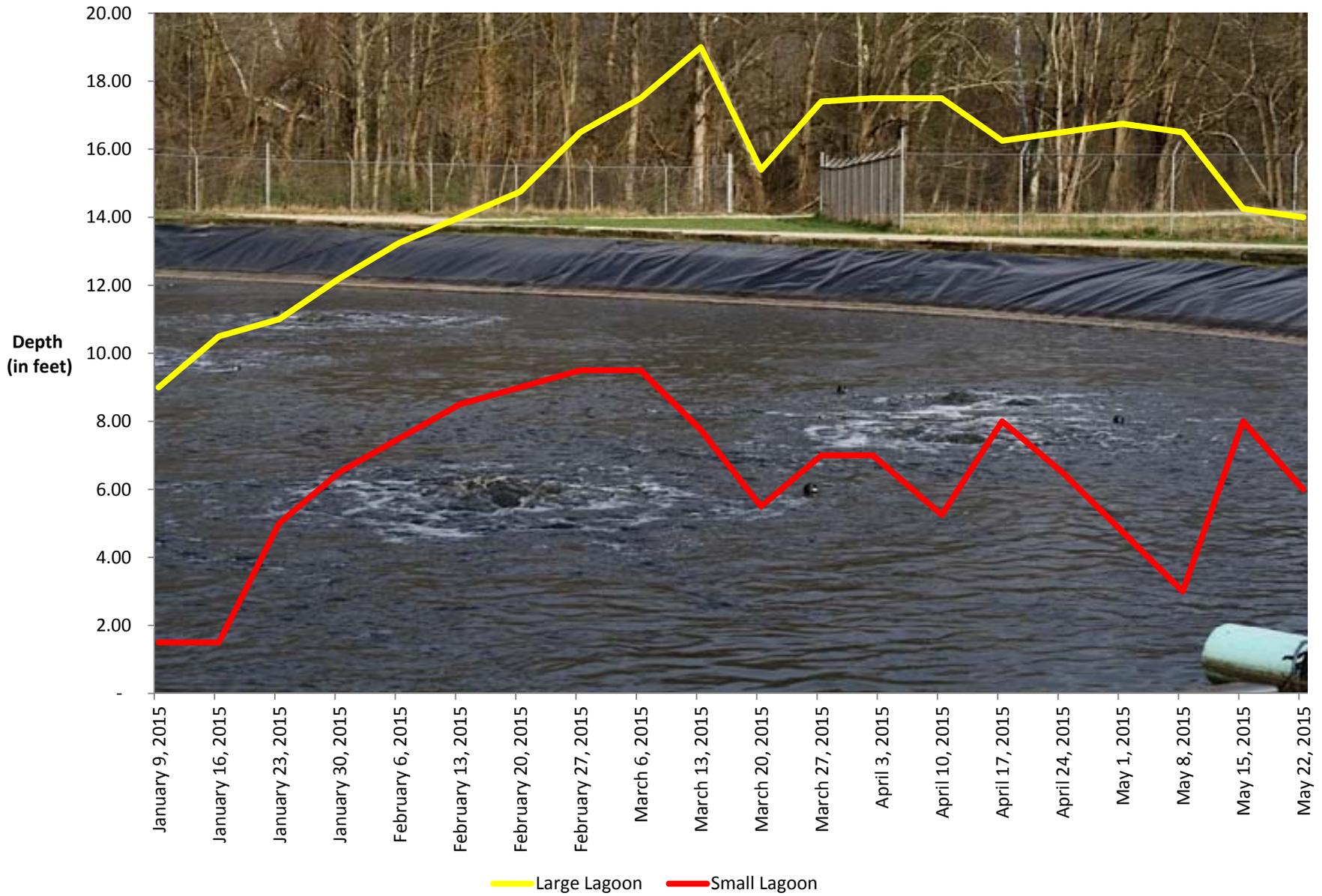
Photo 1 – “Flags for Heroes” Display



Photo 2 – Playground Equipment – North King Street

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WWTF Lagoon Depths



GEORGETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

The Georgetown Police Department is investigating two types of phone scams that have occurred in Georgetown. Two involve a subject claiming to be from the Sussex County Sheriff's Office calling and advising the answering party that there is a warrant out for their arrest for missing jury duty. The caller advises that the answering party to respond to Wal-Mart and obtain money orders or gift cards in a certain amount of money. They are then to make arrangements to turn the money orders over or give the caller numbers from the gift card so they can get the money. Once this is done the subject advises the answering party the warrants will be cleared. The two answering subjects hung up and did not obtain any money for the caller.

Contact was made with the Sussex County Sheriff's office and Sheriff Lee confirmed that his office does not contact anyone for any type of payments for missing jury duty. He also confirmed this is no type of duty his deputy's would handle and if anyone receives any calls claiming they are from his office and asking for money from his office it is definitely a scam. Contact was also made with the Sussex County Superior Court and they also advise that they do not contact any parties involved in any type of jury duty to pay a monetary fee over the phone for missing jury duty and this has never been a practice of the court.

The other type of scam that is being investigating deals with a subject claiming to be from the IRS and advising the answering party that they are wanted due to owing the IRS money. In this scam people are being advised to obtain a money order and make arrangements to get the money to them to clear out the warrant. At this time nobody has paid any monies to the caller claiming to be from the IRS. The IRS does not call to have anyone make cash payment by telephone.

The Georgetown Police Department reminds the public that they should never send cash, money orders, or any other type of payment method to any subject claiming to be from the sheriff's office or IRS until it can be confirmed that it is a legitimate call. It is recommended that you make contact with your local police to assist with confirming any information on any such calls. Never give out any personal information over the phone such as date-of-birth, Social Security number, bank account information, or credit card information.

These cases are still under investigation and the public is urged to contact their local police department if they feel they are victims of these types of phone scams.

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TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

2014 WATER CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947

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We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?

The water supply for the Town of Georgetown is groundwater pumped from our wells that draw from the Columbia and Manokin Aquifers. The Town operates and maintains six groundwater wells (4 in the Columbia, 2 in the Manokin) throughout the Town.

This report contains very important information about your drinking water. Translate it, or speak with someone who understands it.

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su aqua beber. Traduzcalo o hable cont alguien que lo entienda bien.

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control in conjunction with the Division of Public Health has conducted a source water assessment. If you are interested in reviewing the assessment, please contact the Town Hall at 302-856-7391 regarding its availability and how to obtain a copy. You may also review this at <http://www.delawaresourcewater.org>. It provides information such as potential sources of contamination. Overall, Georgetown Water has a moderate susceptibility to nutrients, a moderate susceptibility to pathogens, a very high susceptibility to petroleum hydrocarbons, a moderate susceptibility to pesticides, a moderate susceptibility to PCBs, a very high susceptibility to other organic compounds, a moderate susceptibility to metals and, a moderate susceptibility to other inorganic compounds.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

The Town of Georgetown is pleased to be your water service provider and the Town Council welcomes your input on how we can provide the safest drinking water supply to our citizens. The Town Council meets at the Town Hall, 39 The Circle, Georgetown, Delaware on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and is happy and willing to accommodate your comments. In addition, we are pleased to give guided tours of our water system to our customers during our normal business hours. Should you wish to schedule a tour or have any additional questions or comments regarding this report or your water quality, please feel free to contact **Bill Bradley at 302-856-6045**. There were few errors in last year's CCR such as missing SWA web site and a statement for using results older than one year.

Public Health, Office of Drinking Water routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, **2014**. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The “Maximum Allowed” (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The “Goal”(MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

TEST RESULTS						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants						
9. Arsenic ²	N	0.5 0-0.5 (2009)	ppb	n/a ²	10 ²	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
11. Barium	N	0.0681 0.0542- 0.0681 (2009)	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chlorine	N	2.9 0.52-2.9	ppm	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes
14. Chromium	N	8.1 4.3-8.1 (2009)	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
15. Copper	N	0.16 0 Samples above AL	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
17. Fluoride	N	1.21 0.72- 1.21	ppm	0.8 -1.2	2	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
20. Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	N	2.9 1.3-2.9	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Volatile Organic Contaminants						
68. methyl-t-butyl ether (MTBE)	N	0.88 0-0.88	ppb	0	10	Fuel oxygenate added to fuel to increase its oxygen
70. Tetrachloroethylene	N	1.62 0-1.62	ppb	0	5	Discharge from factories and dry cleaners
75. TTHM ³ [Total trihalomethanes]	N	13.9	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	N	4.2	ppb	60	60	

Unregulated Inorganic Contaminants						
79. Iron (Fe)	N	0.1967 0-0.59	ppm	0	0.3	
80. Sodium (Na)	N	37.56 21.8-55.5	ppm	0		
81. Alkalinity (Alk)	N	70.53 22.2-119	ppm			
82. pH	N	6.33 5.5-7	ppm		6.5 – 8.5	
83. Chloride (Cl)	N	16.95 12-25.1	ppm		250	
84. Hardness	N	15.867 10.2-26.4 (2010)	ppm			
90. Sulfate	N	8.65 2-21.4	ppm			

*** All other contaminants were in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act.**

As authorized and approved by EPA, the state has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less often than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of our data [e.g. for Organic Contaminants], though representative, is more than one year old.

Lead: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Town of Georgetown is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791 or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

What does this mean?

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water is drinkable at these levels.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. In order to insure tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations established limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- 1) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operation, and wildlife.
- 2) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharge, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- 3) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources, such as agricultural, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- 4) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- 5) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

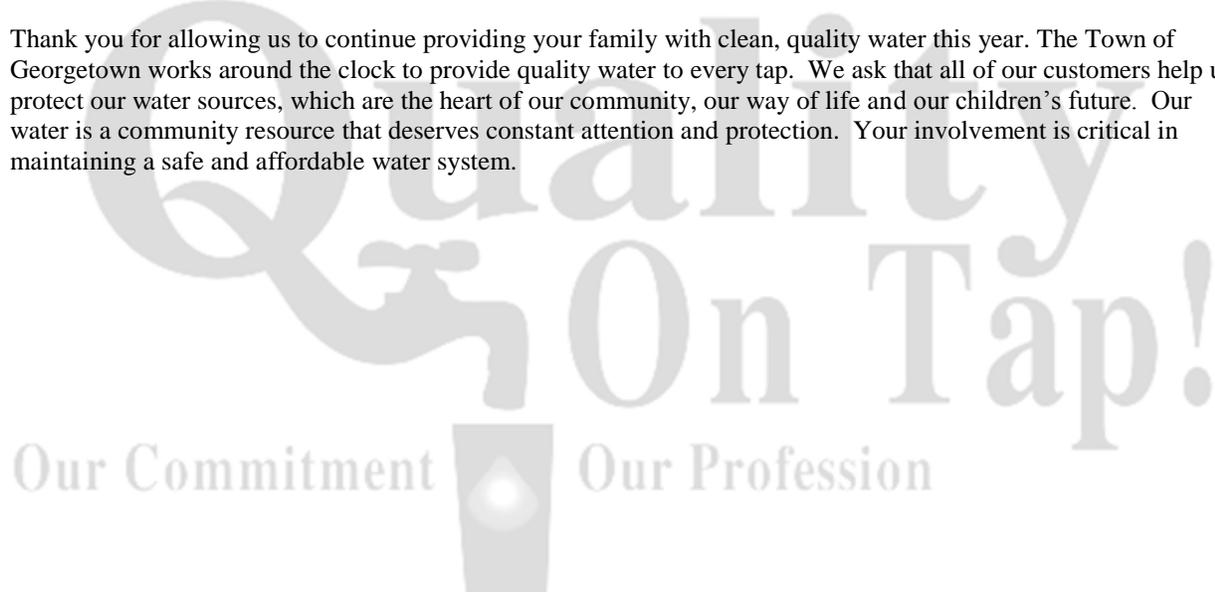
MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments. Thank you for understanding.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Please call our office if you have questions.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. The Town of Georgetown works around the clock to provide quality water to every tap. We ask that all of our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future. Our water is a community resource that deserves constant attention and protection. Your involvement is critical in maintaining a safe and affordable water system.



Our Commitment

Our Profession

