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Port Royal Community Charitable Fund awards \$5,000 grant to Project SAFE

The Port Royal Community Charitable Fund recently awarded a \$5,000 grant to Project SAFE (Sewer Access for Everyone) to help income-qualified homeowners connect to the Hilton Head PSD public sewer system.

Project SAFE is a charitable fund of the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry. Since its inception in 1999, SAFE has helped more than a thousand homes connect to the sewer system, ending reliance on septic systems that often fail on Hilton Head Island due primarily to unsuitable soil conditions.

PSD Commission Secretary Patti Soltys, a Port Royal resident, requested the grant on SAFE's behalf.



Lou Benfano of the Port Royal Community Charitable Fund presented PSD Commission Secretary Patti Soltys with a grant for \$5,000 for Project SAFE.

"The sewer connections made through Project SAFE not only benefit public health and environmental protection, but also workforce housing," said Soltys.

"Project SAFE and our PSD customers are very grateful for the generosity of the Port Royal Community Charitable Fund," said PSD General Pete Nardi. "It is yet another great example of neighbors caring for neighbors on Hilton Head."

PSD customers can learn all about SAFE and other sewer connection topics

by visiting the PSD's "Connect Now" webpage.

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**Hilton Head PSD's
General Manager,
Pete Nardi, named
chair of AWWA's
Water Conservation
Division.**



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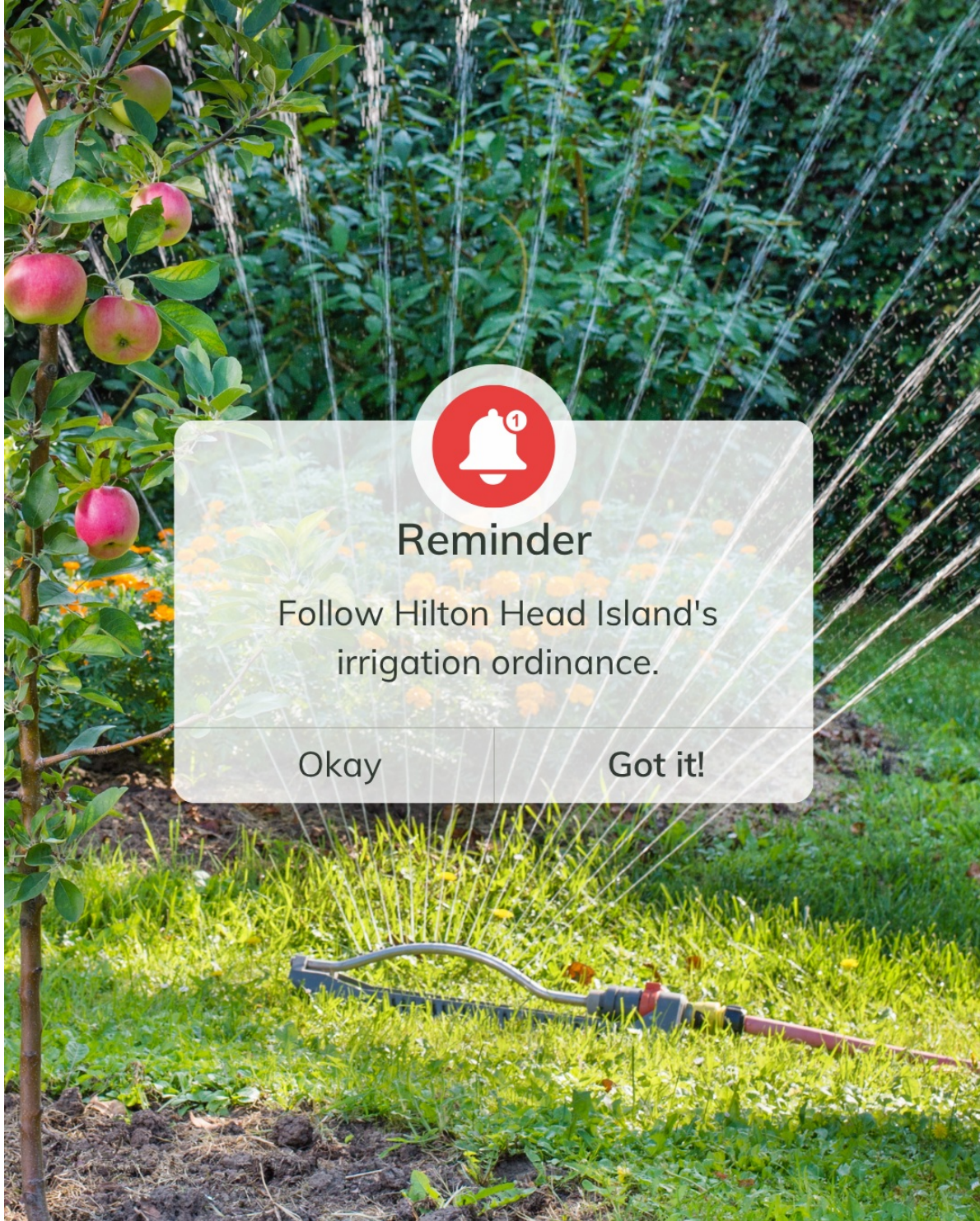
American Water Works Association President Heather Collins, left, and Cindy Mack, right, U.S. EPA Program Manager, presented Hilton Head PSD General Manager Pete Nardi with the Partnership for Safe Water 5-Year Directors Award for optimization of the Hilton Head PSD water distribution system.

Hilton Head PSD earns 5-Year Partnership for Safe Water Directors Award

Hilton Head Public Service District (PSD) has earned the 5-Year Directors Award from the Partnership for Safe Water for its efforts toward optimization of its drinking water distribution system. The award recognizes the PSD's ongoing, rigorous self-assessment of its drinking water system. The award is earned via review by utility peers from around the country. PSD Water Quality Supervisor Sarah Hickman leads the self-assessment program.

The Partnership for Safe Water is an alliance of seven, national drinking water organizations, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the American Water Works Association, and more than 500 water utilities. The goal of the Partnership is to optimize the protection of public health by improving utility performance beyond regulatory requirements.

"The PSD team is committed to providing the highest-quality water to our customers 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. We're very proud to be members of the Partnership for Safe Water," said General Manager Pete Nardi. "Earning the peer-reviewed 5-Year Directors Award is recognition of the team's commitment to quality for our customers and community."



July is Smart Irrigation Month!

Please make sure you're following Hilton Head's local ordinance on irrigation!

This ordinance limits outdoor irrigation to just two days a week—with even-numbered homes watering on Tuesdays & Saturdays and odd-numbered homes on Wednesdays & Sundays. Commercial properties have their own schedule, too.

Plus, all new irrigation systems must include a working rain sensor to prevent watering right after rainfall. That's a smart way to avoid waste — and it's the law!

Why does this matter? Residential irrigation accounts for a whopping 40–60% of our treated water use here on the island. By sticking to the rules — setting timers for early morning or evening and maintaining rain sensors — we help protect our local

water supply and environment.

Water Smarter by following these water tips:

- Avoid watering during the heat of the day — set your irrigation timer to the early morning or late evening hours.
- Make sure you're not watering the sidewalk, driveway or road — direct your sprinklers to only water your lawn and/or plants.
- Upgrade to a WaterSense-labeled irrigation system or hire a pro to help with your irrigation plan/make sure your system is working efficiently

**More Water Efficiency
Tips**

Stay storm ready this hurricane season.

Keep your hurricane supplies stocked through November.



Hurricane season runs through November. Stay prepared in case a storm does head our way:

- ☐ **Prep your water** – stock 2 quarts per person/day (plus pets!), store in clean sealed containers, and keep extras for flushing or washing.
- ☐ **Know your valves** – learn where your main and appliance shut-offs are (e.g., water heater, washer) and how to use them before a storm.
- ☐ **Keep your emergency kit stocked** – include non-perishables, meds, flashlights, chargers, hygiene items, pet supplies, and important docs.
- ☐ **Secure your space** – clear yard debris, check foundations, roofs, gutters, trim trees, and secure sheds or loose items.

Hilton Head PSD is trained and ready ☐ — but having your own backup plan is key to riding out any outage, boil-water alert, or service delay.

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LOVE GOLF ON HILTON HEAD?

WE HELP KEEP 12 ISLAND
GOLF COURSES GREEN



Hilton Head's lush golf courses aren't just beautiful — they're sustainable. Thanks to the PSD's Recycled Water Program, we save over 1 billion gallons of drinking water each year.

This treated water is used to irrigate 12 local golf courses, as well as nourish multiple wetlands on Hilton Head.

That means greener fairways and smarter water use for our island.

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Cover it. Check it. Conserve it.

Pool water efficiency starts with you.



This summer, follow these tips from our WaterSense Partner to help you save water and keep your pool running efficiently.



**DONATE YOUR POP TABS TO
SUPPORT FAMILIES AT THE
RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE**



**HOUSING FOR FAMILIES WITH
SERIOUSLY ILL CHILDREN.**

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Hilton Head PSD customers have been collecting pop tabs to support families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Savannah — and it's making a real difference. Every little tab adds up to help cover the cost of housing for families with seriously ill children.

Want to pitch in? Drop off your pop tabs in a sealable plastic bag at the PSD drive-through or Customer Service lobby (21 Oak Park Dr, 8AM–4PM).

Let's keep those families close when it matters most. ☐

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Don't waste water this summer!

Use our online water usage portal to keep track of your household's water use — and sign up for automatic bill pay.

This system can also flag any potential leaks in your home if it notices a major increase in water use.

If you do find & fix a leak in your home, you could qualify for reimbursement. Learn more about leak adjustments on our website by clicking the button below.

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WIPES CLOG PIPES



So-called "flushable" wipes don't break down in the sewer system, causing costly damage to our sewer lift station pumps.



Learn more at hhpsd.com

Help protect our island's sewer and waterways!

Please never flush wipes (even “flushable” ones), paper towels, cotton swabs, meds, hair, grease, kitty litter, or cigarette butts. These items can damage pumps, cause backups, and harm wildlife — costing thousands in repairs and risking environmental damage.

Instead, toss them in the trash.

Please also safely dispose of unused meds at Beaufort County drop-off boxes — no ID needed, just drop, seal, and done! Medication should never be flushed or thrown in the trash.

Tip: Only flush the “4 Ps” — pee, poo, toilet paper, puke.

Let's keep Hilton Head beautiful—one flush at a time!

Learn more — and find free resources — on our website.

What Not To Flush

ADD NATIVE PLANTS TO YOUR SUMMER LANDSCAPING!



Adding new plants to your summer landscaping?

Bask in water savings by selecting varieties that are native to your area to reduce irrigation needs even with the summer heat.

Learn more Landscaping Tips from our WaterSense Partner at the link below.

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Community Happenings



HarbourFest at Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina is a weekly celebration during the summer with live music & entertainment, arts & crafts, kids' activities & Tuesday night fireworks.

[Learn more here.](#)

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