



RECYCLING VOLUME & PARTICIPATION RATES REMAIN STRONG:

For the first six months of the HCUA FY 2019 (October 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019), tonnage of recycled materials increased over 18% to 2,009 tons over the same period in FY 2018. In addition, 19 of the 30 recycle/garbage routes performed above the average participation rate of 29%. City statistics of note during this period included:

- 1) Biloxi had 7 of its 8 routes perform above average, with a participation high of 46.6%.
- 2) D'Iberville recorded the route with the highest single month participation rate of 49%, with nearly 1 of every 2 households recycling in December 2018.
- 3) Long Beach and Pass Christian participation rates ranged averaged 32.7%, with a high of 46.5% during the six month period.

To continue to improve recycling volume and participation, HCUA is issuing an 'Earth Day Challenge' to all residents. HCUA will be appealing to its customers to increase participation rates and tonnage totals by 10% during the month of May. This would increase the number of residents recycling to over 15,000 households and a monthly total of 367 tons of recycled material diverted from area landfills. To participate and learn more about materials that can and can't be recycled, please visit www.hcua-ms-us and our Facebook page (@harrisoncountyutilityauthority).

WASTE MANAGEMENT / PELICAN WASTE'S PERFORMANCE RATES HIGH; CALLS/ COMPLAINTS DOWN

HCUA's solid waste vendors scored a 99.98% performance rate of successful service pickups from October 2018 through March 2019. Out of the 3.5 million pickups during this period, 726 complaints were received. Only 8 of these issues were not resolved by the contractors during the allotted period under HCUA's contract, and penalties were assessed and collected from the vendors. HCUA continues to see the benefits of new technology, such as trucks equipped with cameras and carts equipped with RFID tracking chips, along with improved customer service, that has helped reduce the number of calls for service.

HCUA RECEIVES GRANT FOR MASTER PLANNING

HCUA has received a planning assistance grant of up to \$305,000 from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to provide assistance in the development of Phase II of the regional master plan for its water and wastewater facilities. The planning is anticipated to begin in April 2019.

CONSTRUCTION FOR NEW SEWER PROJECT ADVERTISED

HCUA will be advertising for the construction of a sewer project to serve the West Fritz Creek area of Gulfport early this summer. The project will cost an estimated \$1.7 million dollars and should be completed within 1 year.

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE CONTRACT RENEWAL

HCUA's Operations and Maintenance (O&M) contract with its current wastewater vendor will be expiring at the end of 2019. In accordance with public purchasing requirements, HCUA will be seeking proposals from qualified companies to provide these O&M services beginning January 1, 2020. The request for such proposals is expected to be advertised within the next 30 days.

KEY DISCHARGE PERMITS RENEWED

After submittal of a permit renewal application and a public notice period through the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, the NPDES wastewater discharge permit for the West Biloxi Wastewater Treatment Facility has been reissued. This permit will remain in effect until 2023.

DID YOU KNOW?

HCUA OVERSEES THE FOLLOWING ASSETS:

- 12 Water Tanks
- 14 Water Wells
- 80 Miles of Water Lines
- 10 Wastewater Treatment Facilities
- 52 Sewer Pump Stations
- 100 Miles of Sewer Lines



EMPLOYEE ACCOLADES:



JENNIFER DELOACH RECEIVES PARENT OF THE YEAR AWARD:

Administrative Clerk Jennifer DeLoach was selected by North Gulfport Middle School as their 2019 Parent of the Year.

Congrats Jennifer!



ALAN LANE JOINS HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S RESERVE PROGRAM:

Solid Waste Coordinator Alan Lane recently graduated from the Harrison County Law Enforcement Training academy and is now a Harrison County Reserve Deputy Sheriff. At graduation, he also received two awards: the Highest Academic Achievement Award and the Deputy David J. Bradley Memorial Award for individual excellence in all areas of training.

Congrats Alan!

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES: (APRIL – JUNE)

David Perkins, Water Coordinator – April 23, 2013
Richard Farris, Solid Waste Technician – May 25, 2015
Joey Pickich, O & M Manager – May 30, 2016
Marie Ostrander, Accounting Assistant – June 13, 2016

GET INVOLVED:

Monthly Household Hazardous Waste Event

Saturday, April 13, 2019

Saturday, May 11, 2019

Saturday, June 8, 2019

8am to 12pm

Harrison County Road Department, Gulfport

Learn more: (228) 214-1405

Earth Day - Monday, April 22, 2019

24th Annual 'Bring It' Household Hazardous Waste Event

Saturday, April 27, 2019

8am to 1pm

MS Power Plant Watson, Gulfport

Learn more: (228) 214-1405

'State of Our Coast' Event

Hosted by MS Dept of Marine Resources

Monday, May 6, 2019

7:30am to 5:30pm

IP Resort & Casino, Biloxi

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