Fairfax Water Bids Farewell to Hunter Mill District Board Appointee

After almost 15 years of service, Linda A. Singer resigned in January as Hunter Mill District representative on Fairfax Water’s Board of Directors.

First appointed in 2004, Mrs. Singer served six years as treasurer and four years as vice chairman to the Board. Her service included membership on several committees, including those dealing with finance, government relations, human resources, and bylaws.

Mrs. Singer’s life has been dedicated to public service. Her tenure on the Fairfax Water Board caps a lifetime of community involvement and the Fairfax Water Board has officially commended her in a formal resolution that can be read here: https://tinyurl.com/ycmhr6cy

Water Supply Stakeholder Outreach Grants Now Available

Through the Water Supply Stakeholder Outreach Grant Program, Fairfax Water offers watershed and water supply education grants to support community efforts to protect our source water and water supply.

Homeowners associations, civic groups, and not-for-profit organizations may apply for Fairfax Water’s assistance through direct funding or the provision of technical services.

Grant requests must address water supply or watershed issues within Fairfax Water’s service and watershed areas in Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, or Fauquier Counties.

Projects Include*

- Education Efforts
- Source Water Protection Projects
- Water Quality Monitoring Projects
- Occoquan Reservoir Shoreline Stabilization

The program guidelines and application forms are available online at http://www.fairfaxwater.org/grants. For further information or to receive an application by mail or email, contact our watershed protection specialist at (703) 289-6303 or outreach@fairfaxwater.org. Applications must be postmarked by May 15, 2019.

*Note: Only the types of projects listed above are eligible. This grant program does not assist homeowners with payment of water bills.
Each spring we clean our water mains during our spring flushing program. We open all fire hydrants to let them flow freely to clean the water mains.

Our spring flushing program has many benefits. It helps ensure high-quality water at all points throughout our system. We add free chlorine instead of the usual chloramines to better clean the pipes.

The flushing program also lets us know that our hydrants are working properly and helps identify hydrants in need of maintenance or painting.

You can read more about chlorine at [www.fairfaxwater.org/current/free_chlorine.htm](http://www.fairfaxwater.org/current/free_chlorine.htm).

This program will not affect your service, but you may notice some slight changes in your water. It might taste or smell more like chlorine. Don’t worry, though. The water is safe to drink. To reduce the smell or taste of chlorine, keep a pitcher or other open container of water in your refrigerator. This will allow the chlorine to dissipate. Be sure to change the water weekly.

If you have an aquarium or pond, always test the water you add to it to make sure that it does not contain chlorine. Also test aquarium or pond water before adding fish, plants, or other animals that could be harmed by chlorine.

*If you have questions about this program or the work being conducted in your area, call customer service at 703-698-5800, TTY 711, during business hours. After business hours, please call the after-hours line at 703-698-5613, TTY 711.*
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Fairfax Water bills include publications about your tap water. Talk to your apartment manager and ask that any included information be posted for everyone to read. You can also read the latest Fairfax Water news at our official website: [www.fairfaxwater.org/news](http://www.fairfaxwater.org/news).

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### 2019 Water Quality Report

Our annual water quality report will be published this June. This report provides important information about your water quality and Fairfax Water's services. Under federal law, we are required to provide this information to our customers every year before July 1. We are proud to do so. We also offer to mail the report to customers who request a printed copy. To request a copy, send an e-mail to waterqualityreport@fairfaxwater.org or call 703-289-6285, TTY 711, and provide your name, mailing address, and phone number. A report will be mailed to you.

If you prefer to read the report online, it will be available on our website in mid-June at:

[https://www.fairfaxwater.org/waterqualityreport](http://www.fairfaxwater.org/waterqualityreport)

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### Glad You Asked!

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### Kids' Art Contest

**Topic:** How do you enjoy water?

- **March 5, 2019** - Submissions accepted
- **June 8, 2019** - Deadline for submissions
- **June 11, 2019** - Judging begins
- **Aug. 2, 2019** - Prizes shipped
- **Fall Newsletter** - Winners formally announced

**Rules and restrictions:**
- Contestants must be between ages 4 and 12.
- Parental permission is required. Please include parent or guardian name, address, phone number and e-mail address. Must be a Fairfax Water customer.
- One entry per applicant will be judged. Team submissions may be accepted with no more than three applicants per team.
- Any combination of crayon, ink, colored pencil, charcoal, paint, chalk, or watercolor on 8.5 x 11 paper (any color) is acceptable. Please avoid folding art if possible.
- Art will belong to Fairfax Water and is subject to future publication or reproduction.

Visit our webpage for Prizes & Info!
We Want to Know . . .
If you have comments or suggestions about the newsletter, please send an e-mail to pr@fairfaxwater.org, call us at 703-289-6291, or write to us at this address:
Straight From the Tap Editor
Fairfax Water
8570 Executive Park Avenue
Fairfax, VA 22031

Important Numbers

**Fairfax Water Services**
Questions about water service
703-698-5800
After hours/emergencies
703-698-5613
To report a water main break
703-698-5613 or e-mail watermainbreak@fairfaxwater.org
Questions about billing
703-698-5800
All other Fairfax Water departments
703-698-5600

**Sewer Services**
Fairfax County
Department of Public Works
Wastewater Trouble Response Center
703-323-1211
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/wastewater
City of Falls Church
Department of Public Works
703-248-5350
www.fallschurchcity.gov
City of Fairfax
Department of Public Works
703-385-7810
www.fairfaxva.gov

**Dig with C.A.R.E.**
Miss Utility at 1-800-552-7001 or 811, http://va811.com/homeowners/how-to-when-to
Use TTY 711 (Virginia Relay for all numbers unless stated otherwise.

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**Kids' Corner**

Who makes the water we drink?

Water continually recreates itself through recycling. We at Fairfax Water only clean the water. So where does water come from?

Earth’s water is always changing forms between liquid, gas (vapor) and solid (ice). As it changes, it moves up, over, and down the surface of the Earth in a cycle over and over again. This is called the water cycle and it’s happening all over the Earth, all the time.

Learn more about the water cycle with NOAA’s (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) detailed water cycle here: https://tinyurl.com/y9ja63rn

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**Water-Saving Tip**

Fairfax Water is a public, non-profit water authority serving nearly two million people in the Northern Virginia communities of Fairfax County, Loudoun, Prince William, Fort Belvoir, Herndon, Dulles, Vienna, Alexandria, Falls Church, and Fairfax City.

Know where your emergency shut-off valve is located. Seconds of uncontrolled water use could be costly. For more tips on saving water, visit www.wateruseitwisely.com