

V&E Greenline Committee honors MLGW employee

For years, Cecil Barrett with Building Services and Grounds has helped make sure that residents can enjoy the 1.7 mile dirt path of the V&E Greenline by doing his part. The V&G Greenline Committee recognized Barrett for his dedicated service to maintaining MLGW's greenspaces



Cecil Barrett

around the pumping stations and access sites within the area of the Vollintine Evergreen Community Association. By making sure contractors are mowing the areas, Barrett makes "our little part of the world a much better place in which to live, work and play," committee member Kevin Scott McDermott said.

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Community Calendar

Sept. 29: Annual UNICO and Grand Krewe of Sphinx Charity Golf Tournament to benefit local charities; 12:30 p.m. shotgun start; Stonebridge Golf Club, 3049 Davies Plantation Rd., Lakeland. Info: 382-1886 or unicomemphischapter.org.

Sept. 30: "Superheroes Among Us" for The Arc Mid-South awards banquet with silent and live auctions from 6 – 8 p.m., The Guest House at Graceland. Info: 327-2473 or thearcmissouth.org.

Sept. 27-30: Over 16,000 books on sale at the Collierville Library. Info: colliervillefriends.org for times.

Oct. 4: Senior Safari at Memphis Zoo, Overton Park from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Admission, parking and tram rides free for those 55 and older.

Oct. 15: Step UP for Down Syndrome Walk from noon to 4 p.m. at Christian Brothers University, 650 E. Parkway South. Info: dsamemphis.org.

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MLGW President and CEO to retire at the end of the year

On Aug. 4, MLGW President and CEO Jerry Collins Jr. announced he would be retiring as head of the utility company effective Dec. 19.



Jerry Collins Jr.

"Working for MLGW and the City of Memphis has been a great experience. However, after 30 years of public service, it is now time for me to spend time with my family," Collins said. "I'd like to thank the 2,500-plus employees who I have enjoyed serving with to improve the quality of life for residents through the efficient and safe delivery of electricity, natural gas and water the last 10 years."

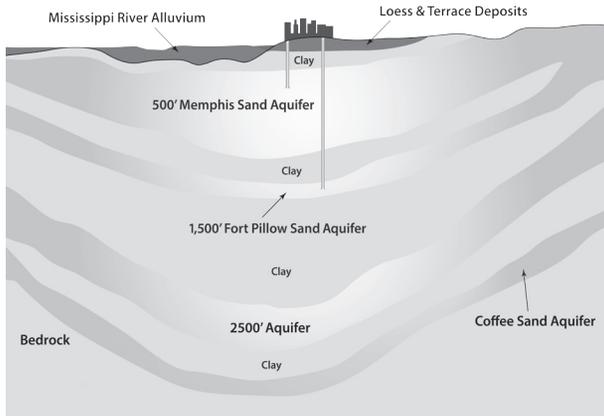
Collins has served as President and CEO of MLGW since 2007. He is the 10th person to lead the utility. A native Memphian, Collins previously served as Director of Public Works for the City of Memphis.

Water Watch

In spite of water making the news recently, MLGW's tap water continues to be safe, pure and abundant.

Federal authorities found contaminants in the Memphis shallow water aquifer in two locations. The Tennessee Valley Authority found arsenic and other toxins in shallow aquifer monitoring wells at the Allen Fossil Plant.

The Environmental Protection Agency also found toxins in the shallow water aquifer at the site of the old Custom Cleaners business and announced that the area is now a Superfund site.



(L to R:) Standing: MLGW's Alonzo Weaver and Odell Johnson. Seated: Shelby County health official Tyler Zerwekh

Luckily, MLGW draws no water from the shallow aquifer. The purpose of such monitoring wells is to identify any contaminants that might pose a threat to the deeper aquifer systems so that remediation can occur. MLGW pumps from the Memphis Sand and Fort Pillow aquifers, which are between 500 to 1,500 feet below ground.

Independent lab tests and MLGW water tests show no traces of contaminants in MLGW's drinking water from either TVA's site in Southwest Memphis or from the former dry cleaner site near the University of Memphis.

MLGW President and CEO Jerry Collins Jr. said if contamination appears, the wells would be shut down. The EPA began its initial investigation at Custom Cleaners in 2013. It removed the building,

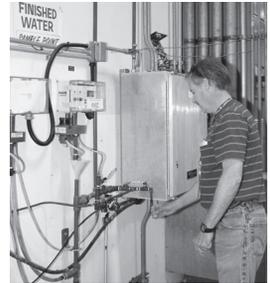
the concrete slab and 18 feet of dirt that contained high levels of the toxin perchloroethylene, or PCE.

During National Night Out held on Aug. 1, the Jeff Jolly Block Club in Whitehaven invited MLGW officials to talk about water. "There's no arsenic detected in your water," MLGW's Vice

President of Engineering and Operations Alonzo Weaver said. "We conduct 3,000 to 4,000 tests each month. Your water is safe, inexpensive and well regulated. We've got eyes on this water all the time."

Shelby County Health Department Environmental Health Services Bureau administrator Tyler Zerwekh added that TVA will continue to test the wells and do soil borings. In addition, he said U of M and U.S. Geological Survey officials will perform computerized models to predict if the contamination plume is moving or staying still.

Jeff Jolly Block Club President Percy Hunter believes the meeting helped residents understand the issue. "We were concerned," he said. "Now, everybody is totally satisfied that our water is safe."



Rob Roberts samples water at the Davis Pumping Station.