

OWASA's Open House Events

This fall, we celebrated **OWASA's 40th Anniversary** with Open Houses at the Cane Creek Reservoir and at our Jones Ferry Road complex in Carrboro. Thanks to those that came out! We enjoyed showing off what we do, answering questions and receiving feedback.

Touch-a-truck was a hit with the kids!



The community learned about OWASA's services, including tours of the Jones Ferry Road Water Treatment Plant.

Kids learned about the dos and don'ts of using the toilet.



Español

Este boletín informativo contiene información sobre los servicios de agua y alcantarillado de **OWASA**. Para obtener una traducción, por favor llame al **919.537.4221** o mande un correo electrónico a: **info@owasa.org**. ¡Muchas gracias!

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Raymond DuBose and John Morris Join the OWASA Board of Directors

Raymond DuBose and **John N. Morris** took the oath of office as new OWASA Board Members in July.

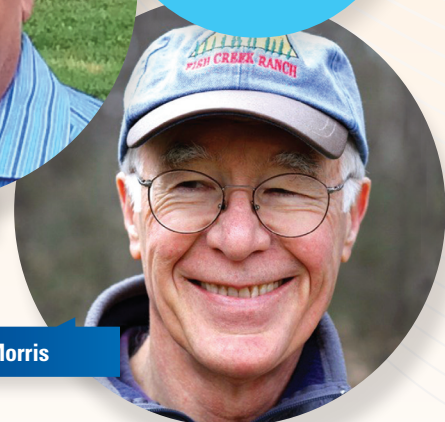
Appointed by the Orange County Commissioners, **Ray DuBose** is a licensed Professional Engineer (PE). He retired from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as the Director for Energy Services with more than 37 years of service.

His responsibilities at UNC included managing energy, water, sewer, reclaimed water and stormwater services; serving on the Sustainability Coalition and Sustainability Advisory Committee; leadership in creating the UNC Climate Action Plan and managing its implementation; and leading the UNC team which contracted with Orange County to use gas from the County's landfill as an energy source for the North Campus.

Appointed by the Chapel Hill Town Council, **John Morris** served as Director of the NC Division of Water Resources from 1980 until retirement in 2008 and since has been a water resources consultant. He has resided in Chapel Hill since 1959.



Ray DuBose, PE



John Morris

Welcome
Ray and
John!

At the NC Division of Water Resources, he was responsible for river basin water supply planning, water use permitting, drought response assistance to local governments, management of state participation in planning and funding navigation and flood control projects, and development of proposed legislation and administrative rules on water management.

OWASA Resumes Fluoridation of Drinking Water to Help Protect Dental Health

On October 9, 2017 we resumed fluoridation of our drinking water following completion of improvements to the fluoride feed system at our Jones Ferry Road Water Treatment Plant.

We had temporarily stopped fluoridation on February 2, 2017 following an overfeed which was contained within the water plant. The water plant shutdown and an unrelated break in a water line in east Chapel Hill led to the interruption of service for about 25 hours on February 3rd and 4th.

The US Centers for Disease Control, American Dental Association, NC Division of Public Health, Orange County Board of Health and other organizations recommend that water utilities add fluoride to drinking water.

These agencies have the scientific data and expertise, and in some cases the statutory responsibility, to advise the public on health issues. We count on them to guide OWASA and other water utilities on fluoridation.

After receiving extensive comments and information from citizens, the OWASA Board decided to continue fluoridation on March 9, 2017.

OWASA staff will stay abreast of developments in scientific

research and accepted public health policy and practice related to public water supply fluoridation.

We respect and understand that some members of the community do not agree with OWASA's decision to follow the advice of public health organizations regarding fluoridation.

The OWASA Board and staff continue to invite feedback and information regarding fluoridation or any of OWASA's services, policies and practices.

OWASA fluoridates drinking water to the level of 0.7 ppm as recommended by the US Public Health Service. The federal limit on fluoride is 4 ppm.

Drinking water has been fluoridated in our community since 1964 (OWASA began operation in 1977).

For more information on our website, go to **owasa.org** and do a search for **Fluoridation**.



To conserve water, please turn
the water off while brushing.