



Customer Pipeline

Emerald Coast Utilities Authority

ECUA BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 2018-2019

The ECUA held its Organizational Board Meeting for 2018-2019 on Thursday, November 15. Officers were elected among the Board to fill the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board. As such, Ms. Lois Benson, District Two, was re-elected to serve as Board Chairman and Mr. Elvin McCorvey, District Three, was elected to the Vice-Chairmanship.

Also re-elected to the following positions were:

- Ms. Vicki Campbell, District One, to the Chairmanship of the Citizens' Advisory Committee
- Dr. Larry N. Walker, District Five, to serve as the Vice-Chairman.

Ms. Deborah Benn, Mr. Chuck Kimball, Ms. Catherine Booker, Mr. Kevin Hammer, Ms. Pueschel Schneier, Mr. Randy Ponson, and Ms. Louise Ritz, were appointed to serve as members of the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

Finally, the Board unanimously approved the proposed meeting schedule for the Citizens' Advisory Committee and the full Board for the 2019 calendar year, which will be typically held at 3:00 p.m. on the third and fourth **Tuesdays** of the month, respectively. The Board considered a later time for these meetings, deciding on the 3:00 p.m. time-frame due to concerns expressed by citizens regarding safety and nighttime driving. The proposed schedule for the 2019 ECUA Board meetings is as follows:

January 22	February 26	March 26	April 23
May 28	June 25	July 23	August 27
September 24	October 22	November 19	December 17



Mark Your Calendars!

ECUA offices will be closed on **Monday, January 21**, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Sanitation Collection Schedules will not be affected by the holiday.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!

Dates to Remember...

In 2019, ECUA offices will be closed for the following holidays on these dates:

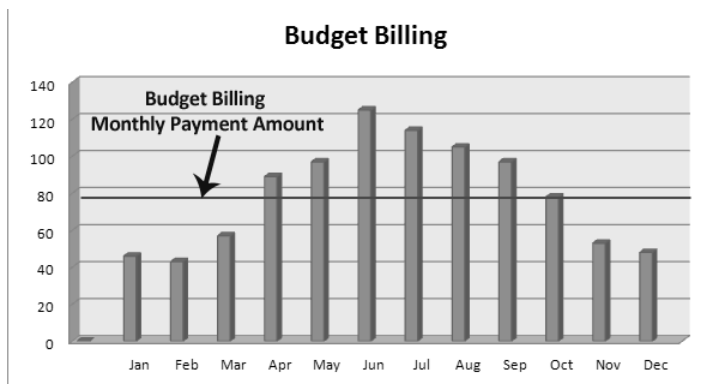
New Year's Day	Tuesday, January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 21
Presidents' Day	Monday, February 18
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27
Independence Day	Thursday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 2
Thanksgiving	Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29
Christmas Eve	Tuesday, Dec. 24
Christmas Day	Wednesday, Dec. 25

Please refer to the *Customer PipeLine* throughout the year to see if and how the holidays may impact various ECUA services or business hours.

Make Life Simpler This New Year!

The time of year and weather conditions typically have a big impact on the quantity of water you use, affecting the amount you pay each month for water and sewer services. For most customers, the highest bills are in the summer when water usage is at its peak due to irrigation combined with typically lower levels of precipitation. Perhaps you have a swimming pool to fill, and wash the car more often-- these fluctuating conditions lead to highs and lows in your monthly billing cycles.

You can say goodbye to those monthly peaks and valleys, and simplify your monthly budgeting-- and with a new year, it's a great time to start! The Budget Billing program allows residential customers to pay their ECUA bill at a similar amount each month, based on a monthly average of the previous year's water usage.



To be eligible to participate in this program, ECUA customers must have current accounts and a billing history of at least 12 months at the same location. Each customer's Budget Billing Plan payment amount is calculated based on the total bill charges over the 12 months prior to the sign-up date, and divided by 11, leaving the twelfth month as the "settle-up" month. The Budget Billing payment is then made monthly until the settle-up month, at which point any credits or balances due are "settled-up." Then, the process begins again, perhaps with a newly-determined monthly Budget Billing amount, based on the latest 12-month period. Our aim is to make the Budget Billing amount as accurate as possible, and effectively even out the highs and lows of your monthly utility bill through the year.

For more information, please visit our website at www.ecua.fl.gov, or call the ECUA Customer Service Department at 850-476-0480.



Did You Know? These Items Are Recycling No-Nos:

In September 2016, the ECUA proudly kicked-off its new state-of-the-art Materials Recycling Facility (MRF). As a regional facility, our MRF provides a recycling processing solution for the entire panhandle area, with the capacity to process up to 165 tons of recyclables per day, and 40,000 tons annually! We need your help to keep our processing equipment in tip-top shape and maximize the facility's processing capabilities. Please make sure that you do not place any of the following 'No-No' items in your recycling bin.

- Plastic Shopping Bags
- Plastic Film/Shrinkwrap
- Yard Waste
- Garden Hoses
- Food Waste
- Artificial Christmas Trees
- Christmas Lights

For a complete list of accepted and not accepted items, more information on ECUA's recycling program, or to sign-up for recycling service, go to www.LiveGreenECUA.com or www.ecua.fl.gov/green/recycling.

Be a recycling champion!

