

Watershed Update – June 2008

NPU B Board Members,

At Tuesday's meeting quite a few questions came up regarding the Department of Watershed's budget, the Outdoor watering restrictions and the "Water Police". Below are the questions and my researched responses. Please let me know if you need any additional information or further clarification.

1. Who decided for the park pools to be filled and open during the drought?

The State exempted pools.

2. Of the 148 positions that were eliminated from the Watershed Budget how many of these pertained to the water police program and how does this program work exactly?

None of the eliminated positions were on the Save Water Atlanta Team. Customers call 404.982.1414 leave information about illegal watering. A SWAT member is sent to check the situation and leave a warning notice. If the customer waters again, a charge is placed on the bill (\$250 for the first offense after the warning, \$500 for the next, and \$1,000 and disconnection for the third.)

3. What is the COA stance on the new outdoor watering restrictions and what exactly are they?

The current watering restrictions allow:

- *Hand-watering for 25 minutes. Hand watering is defined as one person with one garden hose with a spray nozzle that shuts off when it is released;*
- *Residents who complete the Outdoor Water Use Registration Program (www.urbanagcouncil.com) may water newly installed landscaping and newly seeded or aerated lawns for 10 weeks, subject to the same times and days mentioned above; and watering of personal food gardens.*

All watering is subject to the following time and day restrictions; Persons living at even-numbered addresses may water between 12:01 am and 10 am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, and those living at odd-numbered addresses may water between 12:01 am and 10 am on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

The City asked the State to allow it to implement stronger regulations but was denied.

4. How many fire hydrants are out of order in NPU B and where are they located? Also what is the timeline for the repair of same?

The fire hydrants are not listed by NPU. I am in the process of finding the fire hydrant list and putting together a report of the hydrants out of service.

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