

PSD's Hickman wins top honors for US



PSD Water Quality Supervisor Sarah Hickman (right) and teammate Lindie Aragon of Westminster, Colo., display the trophies and medals they earned at the recent World Water Skills Competition in Munich, Germany.

Hilton Head PSD Water Quality Supervisor Sarah Hickman recently represented the United States and earned top event and medalist honors in the World Water Skills Competition at IFAT Munich, Germany, the world's leading trade fair for environmental technologies.

Hickman and teammate Lindie Aragon, of Westminster, Colo., represented the United States on behalf of the Water Environment Federation (WEF) and were sponsored by Empowering Pumps & Equipment. In the competition, 27 teams showcased their professional skills in six different categories, including Wastewater Process Control, Laboratory Analysis, Pump Maintenance and Work Safety/Confined Space Entry. Hickman and Aragon finished first in the Process Control event and received the silver medal for overall performance in the Wastewater Professionals category.

"It was an amazing experience to

compete against, interact with, and learn from so many excellent environmental professionals from around the world," said Hickman. "I'm glad I could represent the U.S.A. and Hilton Head PSD while I was there! We thank WEF, our sponsor, and our colleagues for supporting our team."

Hickman earlier this spring earned the Water Environment Association of South Carolina's Crystal Crucible Award, which recognizes significant contributions among those working in water and wastewater analysis. Hickman supervises the PSD's Water Quality Laboratory. She has volunteered for many years to compete in, organize, and judge the WEASC's Operations Challenge competitions, where wastewater professionals compete as teams in various industry-related categories, including pipe repair, treatment process controls, confined space rescue, laboratory, and pump maintenance.

Candidate filing deadline Aug. 15

The Hilton Head Public Service District Commission will have four seats up for election during the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024. One seat each in PSD Voting Districts 2, 3, 4, and 6, will be up for election. Commissioners are elected to four-year terms.

The filing period begins July 15 and ends at noon on August 15. All candidates must reside in and be currently registered to vote in the PSD Voting District for which they are seeking office. Candidates' voter registration must match their current residence at the time of the election.

Citizens who are interested in filing for candidacy must do so in person at the PSD Customer Service Center at 21 Oak Park Drive off Mathews Drive, between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, by arranging to sign the Statement of Intention of Candidacy-Nonpartisan form in the presence of the PSD's

General Manager or authorized representative. The filing form is available at the PSD or may be downloaded from the S.C. Election Commission website:

scvotes.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/SEC-FRM-1008-200912-Statement-of-Intention-of-Candidacy-Nonpartisan.pdf

Candidates are required to file a Statement of Economic Interests and a Campaign Disclosure online with the State Ethics Commission at ethics.sc.gov/. Failure to file these documents may result in a candidate fine but will not disqualify a candidate from the election. Contact the State Ethics Commission for more information.

Filing questions can be directed to the PSD General Manager at (843) 681-5525 or info@hpsd.com. More information about the Commission is available at: hpsd.com/commission/.



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Financial Reporting honor for PSD

The PSD has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the 14th consecutive year. The award is for the PSD's 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. PSD Finance Manager Amy Graybill is the primary author of the report.

To find the report, scan this QR code:



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RIVER BASIN COUNCIL TOURS PSD



Hilton Head PSD's Tim Ryan, right, and Jim Hewitt discuss the PSD's Aquifer Storage & Recovery (ASR) operations with members of the Lower Savannah-Salkehatchie River Basin Council in May. The council members toured the PSD's groundwater treatment and storage and its recycled water wetlands as part of a field trip. The ASR well annually stores and distributes approximately 260 million gallons of water to help the PSD meet peak-season water demands. The River Basin Council, which includes PSD General Manager Pete Nardi, is part of the South Carolina State Water Plan initiative to determine water capacity needs throughout the state.

Follow Island's irrigation laws

Did you know that annually 40-60% of the island's precious treated drinking water is used for residential landscape irrigation?

With summer right around the corner, it's even more important to make sure you're following Hilton Head's irrigation ordinance. This means your irrigation system must have a working rain gauge, and that you're watering your lawn no more than twice per week.

You should also make sure you're avoiding the heat of the day — mid-afternoon — and only running your sprinkler system during the early morning or evening hours.

More details on Hilton Head Island's local irrigation ordinance can be found at hhpsd.com in the "Water Efficiency" section under the "Conservation" tab.



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