

# WaterOne CURRENT

We believe in the meaningful work of producing clean water.

Spring 2017

## Warming up for the Tower2Tower 5K

It's off to the races at our 2nd annual Tower 2 Tower 5K, a unique race from the WaterOne water tower at 10747 Renner Blvd. to the City of Olathe water tower at 118th and Renner and back. This event began as a partnership between WaterOne and the City of Olathe after the neighboring utilities realized that the route between each tower was the perfect distance for a 5k.

The race takes place during National Drinking Water Week and offers opportunities for individuals, families and teams to run or walk, with medals presented to the top finalists in several categories. Last year's Tower 2 Tower 5k drew over 350 participants and raised over \$6000 for Water For People, a non-profit that works with underdeveloped parts of the world that desperately need clean drinking water.

"We were blown away by the success of last year's event," said WaterOne Communications Specialist Kelly Fry. "The race is so much fun, and all the money raised goes to an incredibly important cause."

Burns & McDonnell and Black & Veatch are sponsoring the event again this year, which allows 100% of the registration fees to be donated to Water For People. If you'd like to walk or run the race, register at [Tower2Tower5k.org](http://Tower2Tower5k.org). Volunteers are also needed to check participants in and help them find the staging area. Contact Kelly Fry at [kfry@waterone.org](mailto:kfry@waterone.org) if you'd like to volunteer. 



## TOWER 2 TOWER 5K

A benefit for Water For People

Visit [tower2tower5k.org](http://tower2tower5k.org) for details.

Saturday, May 6th | 8:00 am  
WaterOne Administrative Offices  
10747 Renner Blvd. Lenexa, KS 66219

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# Darin Kamradt Promoted To Director Of Finance



WaterOne is pleased to announce the promotion of Darin Kamradt to Director of Finance, effective February 2nd. Darin has almost 20 years of financial management experience at WaterOne, and in his previous role as WaterOne's Manager of Financial Planning he was responsible for overseeing WaterOne's budgeting and long-term planning horizon. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Finance at Webster University in Kansas City, MO where he teaches graduate level finance courses in the MBA program. The promotion follows the retirement of former Director of Finance Ron Appletoft.

"Darin has extensive organizational knowledge and proven dedication to the organization," said Mike Armstrong, General Manager of WaterOne. "With Darin's leadership, WaterOne will continue our proud track record of the financial stability that our ratepayers expect."

Darin holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Rockhurst University and a Master of Science in Finance from Webster University. He is a Certified Public Finance Officer, a Certified Treasury Professional, and a Certified Financial Planning & Analysis Professional. He is a member of the Governmental Finance Officers Association, the American Water Works Association (AWWA), and the Association of Financial Professionals. In the past, he has served as President of the Eastern Kansas Governmental Finance Officers Association. Darin is also a member of the Rates and Charges Committee of AWWA, and he recently co-authored the Fourth Edition of the M29 Manual – Fundamentals of Water Utility Capital Financing.

"I'm excited by the opportunity and challenge of my new role," said Darin. "My goal is to continue the excellent work of my predecessors and continue to be part of the team that provides great water to our customers at a fair value." ♦

## WaterOne Teaches Students About Drinking Water

Local students participated in a hands-on lesson about their tap water as part of WaterOne's educational outreach program. Sixth grade students at Prairie Star Middle School in Leawood, KS watched a video explaining WaterOne's treatment process followed by a Q&A. The students then got hands-on with water quality testing. One exercise compared two brands of bottled water to WaterOne tap water to demonstrate that what comes out of the faucet is as good or better than what's under the label.

"It's easy to take tap water for granted, and this program lets kids discover that water treatment science is pretty fascinating," said Communications Specialist Kelly Fry, who coordinates the classroom sessions with area schools. ♦



# Green Up Your Lawn This Spring With **SMART WATERING**

Help us run our system greener and more efficiently with Smart Watering. By watering on the right days, you can help us use less electricity in water production and maybe even improve pressure in your neighborhood.

If everyone watered on the same day, it would put a lot of wear and tear on our water system. Smart Watering helps us smooth out demand. And you can still use as much as you want, any time of the day, no restrictions. ♦

## Watering Tips & Tricks

- Pavement doesn't grow! Check the orientation of your sprinkler heads to make sure you aren't watering your driveway or sidewalk.
- Soggy or extra green patches of lawn may indicate a leak in your sprinkler system. If you have an unusually high bill, this might be the culprit.
- If the sprinkler is creating a mist or a fog, your system's pressure may be set too high. Check your sprinkler brand's recommendations for reducing pressure.
- Avoid watering during very sunny or windy conditions to increase the amount of water that reaches your lawn.



## Smart Watering

### Recommended Watering Schedule



### EVEN-NUMBERED ADDRESS

Mondays,  
Wednesdays,  
and Fridays!



### ODD-NUMBERED ADDRESS

Tuesdays,  
Thursdays,  
and Weekends!



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[WATERONE.ORG/SMARTWATERING](http://WATERONE.ORG/SMARTWATERING)**



*A sense of humor goes a long way when it comes to helping customers troubleshoot their home water service. Meter Services technician Jonathan "JK" Haubein recently made a house call to check out a customer's frozen pipes. They wrote in:*

*"I have no idea who the guy was that came out to look at my water meter due to my frozen pipes, but he was absolutely amazing! When he was here, I realized that I had wrapped and insulated the gas meter instead of the water meter, which was obviously underground. I was laughing at myself very hard, but he kept telling me I wasn't stupid and that I did a great job wrapping the meter. Absolutely made my day, even WITH frozen pipes! Love you guys!" ♦*

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## 2016 Year In Review

See the video at  
[WaterOne.org/2016](http://WaterOne.org/2016)



It's amazing how much we do in a year. In this colorful video, we paint a picture of the hard work and accomplishments of our staff in 2016. Thank you for the chance to provide you with great service. We look forward to serving you in 2017. ♦

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