

WaterOne CURRENT

Spring 2021

We believe in the meaningful work of producing clean water.



WaterOne Wins National Contest, Declared "America's Best Tasting Drinking Water"

WaterOne has been declared "America's Best Tasting Drinking Water" in the Great American Water Taste Test, a nation-wide contest for water utilities sponsored by the National Rural Water Association (NRWA). In the Great American Water Taste Test, water systems are judged by a panel of experts on the clarity, bouquet, and taste of their water.

The award was presented at the NRWA Virtual Water Rally on Thursday, February 11th. WaterOne competed against 24 other entries from across the country.

"Throughout the pandemic, it's especially important to recognize the vital role the water industry plays in protecting public health," said WaterOne General Manager Mike Armstrong. "We're humbled and honored by this award, and I want to thank all of our employees for the amazing effort they've put forth this past year."

WaterOne has received consistent recognition for the aesthetic qualities of its water, winning recent top honors by the regional chapters of both the American

Water Works Association and the National Rural Water Association. In addition to meeting or surpassing all standards for water quality, WaterOne is committed to investment in its facilities and treatment methods. The district recently constructed and began using facilities for Ozone Water Treatment, which is a powerful, natural water treatment method that is highly effective for treating taste and odor compounds in source water.

"Our top priority is producing water that is not just safe, but also clean, clear, and delicious," said Director of Production Michelle Wirth. "WaterOne is committed to providing our 455,000 customers with great tasting drinking water, and contests like the Great American Water Taste Test affirm our water is among the best in the country. I want to thank our staff, who have been able to meet every challenge this past year, as well as recognize our peers in the water industry who are dedicated to providing safe drinking water for their communities." ♦

See our award video at
WaterOne.org!



Hybrid Tower 2 Tower 5K Registration Open!

Registration is open for this year's Tower 2 Tower 5K, taking place on Saturday, May 1st. Sign up now at [Tower2Tower5K.org!](http://Tower2Tower5K.org)

This year, participants have the option to compete in-person or virtually depending on their comfort level. The live event will feature alternating start times, mask requirements, and other safety measures to protect the health of participants. Last year's race was postponed, but those who signed up are automatically registered for the 2021 event!

Now in its 6th year, the Tower2Tower 5K has raised over \$50,000 to bring clean drinking water to communities that need it most. Thanks to sponsors, 100% of registration fees are donated to the charity.

Tower 2 Tower 5K

Saturday, May 1st

8 AM at the WaterOne Administrative Offices

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10747 Renner Boulevard

Lenexa, KS 66219

REGISTER NOW AT

Tower2Tower5K.org!

WaterOne Receives Platinum "Healthy KC" Certification

WaterOne has again been recognized by the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce as one of the region's top employers for workplace health and culture. The Platinum Level "Healthy KC" Certification is the Chamber's highest award recognizing excellence in promoting health and wellness policies.

Throughout the pandemic, WaterOne developed innovative strategies to encourage physical, mental and financial health for its employees. The District took early proactive measures to maintain workplace safety, including enhanced sanitation, face mask requirements, single-occupant vehicle policies, and remote-work accommodations.

WaterOne's employee Wellness Program was also adjusted for the pandemic, offering virtual health classes and activities that employees could safely participate in. These efforts were a complementary addition to WaterOne's Wellness Program, which promotes a healthy lifestyle through annual biometric screenings, nutritious



vending options, incentives for quitting tobacco use, paid volunteer opportunities, and more.

WaterOne has received consistent recognition for its health and wellness efforts in recent years. This is the second consecutive certification that WaterOne has received at the Platinum level. WaterOne has also been a past Silver Level "Healthy KC" recipient and is a past honoree of the Kansas City Business Journal's Healthiest Employer award as well. The recognition affirms WaterOne's efforts to be an employer of choice by supporting the well-being of its staff, who perform a vital role in the community. 💧

WaterOne is
Hiring!

Learn more at

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“ A shout out to the WaterOne crew working at approximately 67th and Quivira around 12:45 on 2/26/21. I was driving in a funeral procession for a family member and it was very considerate that this crew stopped working with hard hats on their chests in respect as we passed. It meant the world to us! Thank you! **”**



WaterOne Celebrates “Women of Water”

March is Women’s History Month, celebrating the contributions of women in history and contemporary society. In honor of Women’s History Month, WaterOne highlighted a few of its dedicated, talented employees who work hard to bring you delicious, high-quality water every day. 💧



“We’ve been working on bringing a consumption data portal to customers, so working on that project has been fun and challenging. I’m excited to see the final product and get it out to our customers so they can use all the new features.”

Diana Sanders, Account Admin Coordinator



“We visited a river tunnel construction site. They lowered us down in a cage with all kinds of safety gear and we walked down to the 1,000 foot mark under the river. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience!”

Barbie Shultz, GIS Editor



“Everyone at WaterOne is so friendly and I really feel like a valued employee. I love that I get to do so many different things in my job. We’re always looking at new methods and technologies that can make our processes better.”

Michelle Anderson, Chemist II



“Working alongside an amazing group of dedicated people who are committed to making a difference in the community and work together to collaborate on issues that arise has been an amazing experience. I’m proud to be a part of this team.”

Melinda Croft, Legal Administrative Assistant



“I love to organize and schedule tasks for projects. It is very rewarding to help various teams implement projects successfully.”

Rose Sanders-Likes, IT Project Manager



“The amount of work we can accomplish in one day is amazing! It’s such a good group of hardworking people that are there to make a difference.”

Nancy Berns, Senior Accountant

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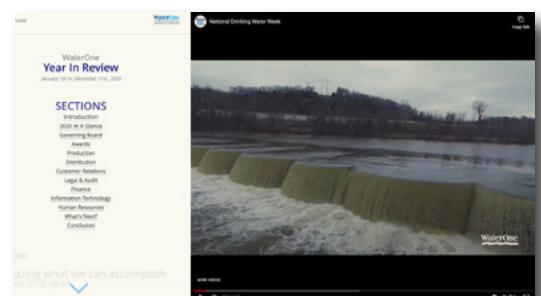
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2020 Year In Review

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WaterOne.org/YearInReview



It's amazing what we can accomplish together in a year. In this interactive StoryMap presentation, we look back over the hard work and accomplishments of WaterOne in 2020. Thank you for the chance to provide you with great service, and we look forward to serving you in 2021!

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