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OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The October Membership Meeting guest speaker will be Dr. Laron Hardy of Hardy Chiropractic. He has been practicing chiropractic in Decatur for over 20 years and is a member of the American Chiropractic Association and the Alabama State Chiropractic Association. He is a 1985 graduate of Life University – School of Chiropractic and is a third generation Chiropractor. He will do a power point presentation on Body Mechanics / Headaches:

- * Body Mechanics * Proper Lifting * Avoiding Low Back Injuries *
- * Types of Headaches * Relationship between the spine and nervous system *
- * Anatomy of the Cervical Spine * Chiropractic Approach to Headaches *

He will also distribute door prizes & goodie bags! Lunch is provided.

GET COOKING WITH NATURAL GAS

Join us Thursday November 4th, for the 2nd Annual Get Cooking with Natural Gas brought to GMCBA by Wheeler Basin Natural Gas. Scott Curry, of Curry's Restaurant, is going to whip us up a wonderful meal that night and also provide a few cooking demonstrations. Ticket prices are \$20 per person. All monies raised from this event will be donated in honor of Mrs. Linda Duran.

If you are interested in attending or sponsoring this event, contact Lou Ann Mitchell with Wheeler Basin Natural Gas at (256) 974-9023.

NAIL DOWN THESE DATES Calendar Available www.gmcba.org

- ◆ **Board Meeting**
Thursday, October 14th, from 4:30-5:30 pm, at the GMCBA office
- ◆ **October Membership Meeting**
Tuesday, October 19th, from 12-1, at the GMCBA Office
- ◆ **Fall Fishin'**
Saturday, October 9th, at Ingalls Harbor
- ◆ **Up & Coming: Get Cooking with Natural Gas featuring Scott Curry**
Thursday, November 4th, from 6-8pm, at the Showcase Home

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IMPLEMENTATION OF WATER & WASTEWATER IMPACT FEES

For many years, Decatur Utilities customer's enjoyed having ample capacity in water and wastewater plant and distribution and collection lines in the City. As Decatur has continued to grow, some lines are starting to reach their capacity. To insure we continue to upgrade these lines and keep the City growing, funding is of concern.

Early last Fall, the Municipal Utilities Board and the Decatur City Council passed ordinances to begin collecting Impact Fees on the Water and Wastewater Systems. An impact fee is designed to be used to upgrade existing lines that have reached their capacity.

Beginning October 1, 2010, Decatur Utilities will begin collecting impact fees on a phased-in basis over three years. This fee will start out at 1/3 of the total rate and then will increase to 2/3 in October 2011 and full rate in October 2012. The impact fee will be collected when you pay for a service tap on the particular system. Below is an example of what you will pay beginning October 1st.

5/8" Water Meter Tap on New Development

Water Tapping Fee \$350.00
Water Impact Fee \$167.00
Wastewater Tap Fee (1) \$0.00
Wastewater Impact Fee \$241.00
TOTAL: \$758.00

(1) Assumes developer installs wastewater main and stubs out service connection at property line. For more information and if you have any questions, please feel free to call Decatur Utilities at (256) 552-1440.

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HELP KEEP LOCAL WATERWAYS HEALTHY

There's no question that everybody wants healthy streams, creeks and green spaces in their community for their family to enjoy safely. Storm water management, keeping excess runoff from rain and snow and the contaminants that they carry from polluting local water sources, is essential to maintain the health and well being of native fish and wildlife, as well as the quality of water that your family uses everyday.

Home builders install silt fences and dig retention ponds to control storm water runoff during construction. But once the community is established, the way it is maintained makes a big difference to the health of nearby waterways. Consider the following ways that you can help keep your community clean and healthy.

- ◆ **Fertilizing:** When it rains, lawns that are over-fertilized can wash pesticides and herbicides into the storm drains on your street, eventually carrying it to the local water source. According to the Center for Watershed Protection, more than 50% of homeowner's lawns are fertilized, but only 10 to 20% actually perform soil tests to determine the fertilization needs of the lawn. Before purchasing fertilizer, test your soil to see if you even need any. Other fertilizing tips include: using it sparingly, depositing it only on the grass, don't apply it right before a rain storm and when mowing your lawn don't bag the clippings because they provide a natural source of fertilization.
- ◆ **Trees:** Planting trees are a great way to help keep polluted water from reaching storm drains. The roots help water filter back into the soil, cutting down on excess runoff. As an added benefit, they can help cut cooling costs by providing shade to your home. Not to mention, adding to your home's curb appeal.
- ◆ **Rain Barrels:** Rain barrels collect storm water runoff from a home's roof via the rain gutters. They hold the water temporarily, cutting down on the amount of water that reaches the sewer system. An added benefit is that this water can also be used to water your lawn and garden!

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