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## DWSD to Observe 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Drinking Water Month

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's (DWSD) long history of providing high quality drinking water to residents in Southeast Michigan will be highlighted during the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual **Drinking Water Month**. This year's theme is "**Only Tap Water Delivers.**"

The American Water Works Association's (AWWA) National Drinking Water Week takes place May 4-10. The event runs throughout the month of May in Detroit because of popular demand. The additional time gives DWSD ample opportunity to make the public aware of the extraordinary processes that allow water to be readily available in the home.

Adults and children (ages 12 and older, especially) are invited to learn more about this essential and wonderful resource at special activities including:

- **Tours of the Water Works Park Treatment Plant**, located at 10100 E. Jefferson Avenue in Detroit. Water Works Park is the flagship of DWSD's five water treatment plants. Tours last about 45 minutes. Students each receive selected items and educational materials. *Because of security concerns, tours are only available to schools groups, professional and other organizations.*
- Members of **DWSD's Speakers Bureau** are available to address school groups, and professional organizations. Presentations are tailored to the needs of the groups addressed, and can include a range of information from unusual facts about drinking water, to specifics about careers in the drinking water industry.
- Requests for tours and speakers are now being accepted. **Reservations are required.** To schedule a tour or speaking engagement, or for additional information, call DWSD's Public Affairs Division at (313) 964-9570, or (313) 964-9575.

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- Visit DWSD's Web site, [www.dwsd.org](http://www.dwsd.org). Click on *Customer Info*, then click on *SnoopAsaurus* for educational information and fun activities specially designed for our younger customers. Click on *History* to learn the fascinating story of drinking water in Detroit and the Detroit metropolitan area.

You can also use [www.dwsd.org](http://www.dwsd.org) to link to the AWWA's Drinking Water Week site (or go straight to [www.awwa.org/advocacy/dww](http://www.awwa.org/advocacy/dww)). The site provides a wealth of valuable information about drinking water in a format that's non-technical, and easy to understand.

DWSD supplies high-quality drinking water to 4.3 million people who live and work in Detroit and 125 other communities in southeast Michigan. The Department provides wastewater services to three million people who live and work in Detroit and 76 other southeast Michigan communities.

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