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## Congratulations To Our Electric Department

Newnan Utilities has earned a Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3)<sup>®</sup> designation from the American Public Power Association for providing reliable and safe electric service.

The RP3 designation recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: Reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement. Criteria include sound business practices and a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity.

Our Electric Department was recognized at the 2021 Engineering & Operations Virtual Conference, on March 23, 2021.



Left to Right: William Poythress, Electrical System Manager, Randy Griffith, Electric Superintendent, Chris Cook, Apparatus Technician



## Newnan Utilities Compost Facility

Newnan Utilities' state-of-the-art composting site has been even busier recently receiving an additional 175+ loads of tree debris each day since storm clean-up in the City of Newnan began. The site provides our community with an alternative solution to landfill dumping and the burning of tree wastes, solidifying our position of accountable environmental management and supporting our commitment to the NU Recycles initiative.

The facility composts bio-solids from the Wahoo Creek and Mineral Springs Wastewater Treatment Plants and combines that with the processed tree waste, resulting in the creation of NuSoil, a product useful for landscaping, gardening, agricultural application, and topsoil remediation. NuSoil has been certified as safe and effective by the University of Georgia soil experts.

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Open Monday-Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

## Tips For Efficient Outdoor Watering

As temperatures rise, so does outdoor water use, mostly on lawns and landscapes. Follow these money-saving tips for efficient water use in spring and summer:

- Avoid watering in the middle of the day, when the hot sun will evaporate much of the water before it can get to thirsty plants
- Check for leaks in pipes, hoses, faucets, and couplings
- Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants to slow evaporation
- Position sprinklers carefully so water lands on the lawn or garden, not paved areas
- Water your lawn only when it needs it. A good way to see if your lawn needs watering is to step on the grass. If it springs back up when you move, it doesn't need water.



From the first water supply in Newnan from Bolton Spring in 1893, to the first flicker of electricity that lit a downtown Newnan street corner, Newnan Utilities has been committed to delivering the services that enhance the quality of life throughout Newnan. In our second century, Newnan Utilities continues to light and lead the way.

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## #NewnanStrong

When the EF-4 Tornado struck Newnan in the dark of night on March 26th, the morning light revealed a devastation like our community had never seen before. Newnan Utilities crews responded immediately and worked around-the-clock to keep everyone safe from downed power lines and poles and to start the process of restoring power to our electric customers. 6,500 of our 10,000 were without power immediately after the storm's fury. Within five days, 5,800 of the 6,500 customers had power returned to their homes, thanks to the work of our employees and to the help of crews from multiple cities throughout Georgia and Alabama. Thanks to ECG (Electric Cities of Georgia) and their quick coordination in sending help our way, more than 40 crews came to our town to help us rebuild and restore along with electrical contractors, tree removal companies, the DOT, and Georgia Power.

- We continue to work to help our customers and the community:
- Re-installation of streetlights is underway. There were 164 streetlights damaged or lost during the storm.
  - 208 electric meters were damaged, and all have been replaced except on those homes and businesses pending approval from the City of Newnan.
  - Replacement of damaged water meters continues after approximately 46 were damaged in the storm.
  - 270 poles have been replaced.
  - 70 transformers have been replaced.
  - Newnan Utilities' Compost Site is receiving an additional 175+ loads of tree debris each day since storm clean-up in the City of Newnan began.

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### Recent Grants Awarded

Grants were recently awarded to the following nonprofit organizations. More information please visit: [NewnanUtilities.org/caring](http://NewnanUtilities.org/caring)



#### CORRAL

CORRAL provides therapeutic horseback riding facilities and instruction for mentally and/or physically challenged individuals by offering exposure to a sense of freedom and achievement while enjoying the outdoors.  
[facebook.com/corraltrc](https://facebook.com/corraltrc)



#### Coweta F.O.R.C.E

Coweta Friends of Recovery for Community Empowerment. Coweta FORCE exists to provide recovery support services for individuals and family members impacted by addiction.  
[cowetaforce.org](http://cowetaforce.org)



#### Operation Appreciation GA

Operation Appreciation provides support for military service members in the Georgia Guard and Reserves, Veterans and their family members. Operation Appreciation recognizes when a military member serves, the whole family serves.  
[operationappreciationga.org](http://operationappreciationga.org)

## Street & Security Light Repairs After Tornado

The tornado that struck Newnan damaged more than 200 streetlights and security lights throughout our community. Re-installation of streetlights and security lighting is underway. Newnan Utilities crews will continue working until every light has been replaced. We appreciate our customers' patience during this process.

To report a damaged street or security light, please visit [NewnanUtilities.org/Electric/Street & Security Light Repair](http://NewnanUtilities.org/Electric/Street & Security Light Repair)

## Kids' Castle Playground Reopens May 8th After Renovation



In January, Kids' Castle at Carl Miller Park closed for renovation. We are thrilled to re-open on Saturday, May 8 with a custom-designed outdoor play space that reflects children's imaginations and is designed to engage families and is fun for all.

We have some fantastic new additions to the playground, including mommy & me swings, crawl tunnels, a cozy cocoon, a fun swinging platform, and an accessible merry-go-round! There are lots of ramps and transfer points to elevated equipment, as well as ground-level equipment and play options for those who don't like heights. The surface has been replaced with a poured rubber material for added safety. Make plans to come play with us and experience the new renovation!

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## NU Recycles is proud to support Keep Newnan Beautiful Recycle Events



NU Recycles supports Keep Newnan Beautiful's mission is to educate, motivate, and empower us all to improve our community through litter prevention, beautification, and waste reduction. Throughout the year, Keep Newnan Beautiful plans to hold numerous recycling events from paper shredding to paint and electronics recycling.



Newnan Utilities employees recently participated in the paint recycling event, helping collect old paint cans and enjoyed volunteering to make a difference. Check out the calendar of events and details on the Keep Newnan Beautiful website and join us at the next event on June 5th for paper shredding!



Left to Right: NU Facilities & Grounds Employees Austin Chaffin, Adam Pannell, Travis Legg, Vince West, Jermaine Stephens

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