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UBT – Website Launched

The UBT's website is now online at www.yourUBT.com. The site was launched on May 22, 2006 and will be used as a medium to better serve UBT customers. The site was developed to keep customers informed about important issues regarding their services, educate the public on pertinent issues, provide important customer forms, and archive previous UBT Connections newsletters.

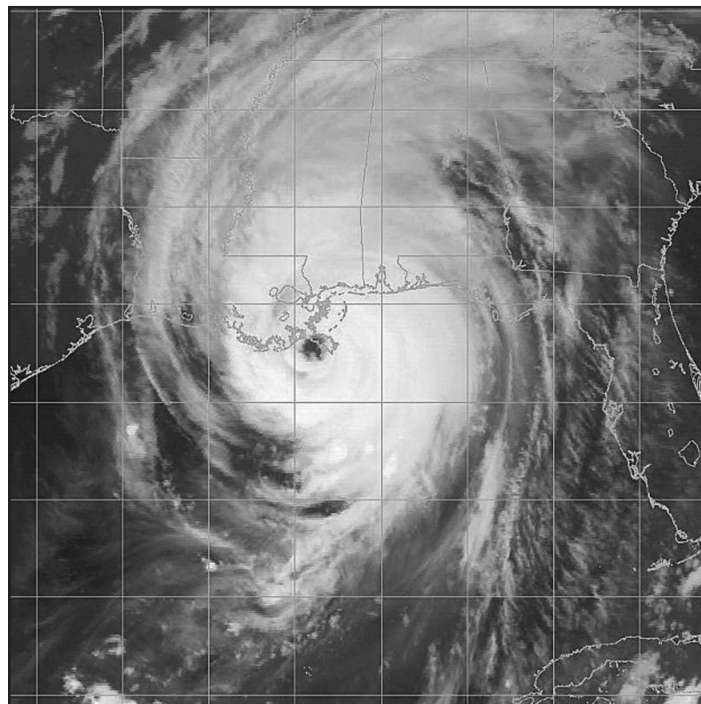
UBT online will also allow UBT customers access to their monthly statement. Customers will be able to pay their

bill online via their checking account or major credit card. "This is another step forward for UBT. This provides a new way for our customers to pay for our services and stay connected to UBT," said General Manager Mark Ennis. Mr. Ennis has been working to improve the connection and make bill paying easier for all consumers. This website is a technological advancement for UBT and demonstrates our continuous efforts to better serve our customers.

Hurricane Season 2006

In 2005, the Macon County area was affected by three hurricanes and two tropical storms. The 2006 hurricane season began on June 1st and extends through November 30th, 2006. Experts are predicting that this will be a

very active tropical season, citing several possible hurricanes and tropical storms.



The Utilities Board of Tuskegee (UBT) has been taking steps to improve the readiness of Macon County's electrical utility service. "We have been trimming back limbs from power lines throughout the UBT service area," said General Manager Mark Ennis. "This action will prevent unnecessary widespread power outages," he noted.

Tree trimming is just one of the ways UBT is preparing for the stormy Alabama weather. Ennis stated, "We are stocking up on supplies and equipment for our workers during the storms." UBT has worked hard to prepare the Macon County area for an active 2006 tropical season.

Questions or Comments?

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DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Hurricane Safety Tips

If you see a downed power line, do not touch it, anything, or anyone around it. If a person is in contact with a downed line - call 911 immediately!

Do not drive over flooded road ways - turn around, don't drown!

Watch where you step in flooded areas to avoid electrocution from unseen downed power lines.

Locate your electricity circuit box. Teach all responsible household members how to shut off the electricity to the entire house. **FOR YOUR SAFETY:** Always shut off all the individual circuits before shutting off the main circuit breaker.

Locate the shut-off valve for the water line that enters your house. Make sure this valve can be completely shut off. Your valve may be rusted open, or it may be only partially closed. Replace it if necessary. Label this valve with a tag for easy identification, and make sure all household members know where it is located. This will save you from a possible water pipe bursting and causing extensive damage to your property and your wallet.

Always have an evacuation plan in case a hurricane or any other natural disaster threatens your home.

For more hurricane safety tips visit: http://www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/hu_season.shtm



Water

UBT Waste-Water Division, Preserving Our Ecosystem



When we think of healthy and safe water, most of us think only of the water purification process - not waste-water. The Waste-Water Division of UBT is responsible for cleaning all of the water that we use for disposal before releasing it back into local streams. This is important because the water that is returned impacts the environment and the water we use for human consumption. This is a form of environmental control; it keeps the ecosystem in balance by ensuring that our lakes, streams, and rivers remain unpolluted.

This is accomplished by treating the incoming waste water that flows into the plant. The treatment process is complex



Electric

UBT and Charter Communications Settle Lawsuit

In 1970, UBT entered into an agreement with Charter Communications which requires them to pay a fee for usage of UBT poles. Charter is attached to over 4,000 poles owned by UBT. On June 9, 2006, UBT filed a complaint against Charter in the Circuit Court of Macon County for the payment of

rental fees owed to UBT.

On July 6, 2006, Charter Communications entered into a settlement agreement with UBT in which Charter agreed to pay UBT all past amounts owed. The settlement agreement will also establish a new pole

attachment agreement with UBT.

According to Mark Ennis, General Manager of UBT, "We are pleased that we were able to resolve this dispute amicably and were able to avoid any disruption of cable television services to the residents of Macon County."



and involves numerous chemical treatments before the incoming water is clean enough to be discharged from the plant. Once treated, the water leaves the plant and is released into the local water source.

“Waste-water operates on a permit, a required legal document issued by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM). “ADEM provides step-by-step instructions on the treatment and management of waste-water,” said Katie Robinson, UBT Chemist. ADEM is the state regulatory agent of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).



Conserve Energy and Save

- Avoid wasting conditioned air by closing doors to rooms you aren't using.
- Take advantage of the shade. By merely closing your blinds, shades and curtains you can reduce the heat gain from sun by up to 65%.
- Fans are a great way to create your own wind chill.
- Check outside portion of your air conditioner. Cut plant growth from around the unit. Remember that the unit's job is to exhaust hot air outside of your house. If air can't circulate through the unit, it can't cool your home as efficiently.

UBT Water – Good to the Last Drop

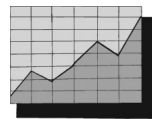
The UBT Water Department is continually striving to improve the quality of your drinking water. In order to keep the standards of our drinking (potable) water high, UBT maintains its continuous improvement efforts by keeping our operators certified. The state of Alabama has one of the best Water Treatment

Certification Programs in the country. UBT is proud to announce that all of its Water Filtration Plant Operators are now certified. According to UBT Water Filtration Plant Supervisor John Tate, “We are always trying to consistently provide you with the safest, best tasting water this end of the Tallapoosa River!”



Water Saving Tips

- Fix all leaks, ASAP! A simple drop can increase the cost of your water bill.
- During the hot summer months, water your lawn or gardens early in the morning or late at night. Doing so will keep the water from evaporating too quickly.
- When purchasing new appliances, consider purchasing appliances with the Energy Star™ sticker. These appliances use less energy and water.
- During a water conservation period, consider taking your car to the car wash!



Community & Economic Development

Summer Youth Program Provides Youth Opportunity

UBT is providing local youth the opportunity to gain work experience through a summer program benefitting Macon County youth. The program began on May 30th and ends August 4th. This program promotes the advancement of youth in our community while providing a fun and educational experience. All participants are 14-18 years of age and live within the UBT service area. You can recognize all summer youth employees by their red T-shirts with the UBT logo. UBT is honored to have these youth working with us. One of the goals of this program is to provide our youth with real

life work experiences that will prepare them for their first jobs. We hope these experiences will create a lasting connection and work ethic within the youth of Macon County. One summer youth worker, Lucresha Harris, summed it up best when she said, “I love coming to work every day. I am always challenged to learn new things.”



Contact Us

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Customer Service

Regular Business Hours:
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday to Friday
(334) 724-2105
(334) 724-2121

Deposits: Municipal Complex
After Hour Emergencies:
(334) 724-2133

UBT - Terms to Learn

Influent – the waste-water that comes into a treatment plant in its original pre-treated state.

Effluent – the water that is sent out of a waste-water facility after it has been treated. Once the water has been treated and tested, it is safe for release into the local water sources (rivers, streams, etc.).

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Events

George Washington Carver Sweet Potato Festival will be held on Saturday, August 21st in the Tuskegee Square. For more information, please contact 334-727-8320 or 334-727-4551.

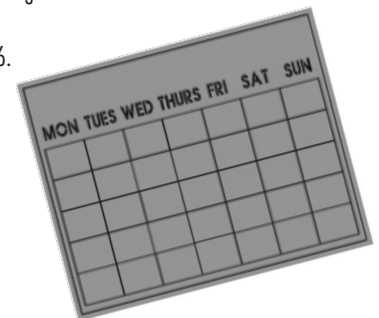
Tuskegee University Homecoming will be held Friday, November 10th and Saturday, November 11th. For more information please visit www.tuskegee.edu.

Small Business Development Workshops (SBDC) – The Tuskegee-Macon County Community Development Center is hosting workshops for entrepreneurs, small business owners and those seeking information on how to start a business. Workshops begin at 6 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings. Interested participants should call (334) 725-8496 for more information.

Tuskegee University 12th Biennial National Alumni Convention will be held from Thursday, August 3rd – Sunday, August 6th at the Kellogg Center. Early-bird registration is \$175. For more information, please visit www.tuskegee.edu.

Booker T. Washington High School Homecoming game will be on October 27, 2006.

Shorter Fall Festival will take place the 1st Saturday in November.



Local Meetings

Macon County Commission- Meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month in the Macon County Courthouse.

Franklin Town Council meetings are the 1st Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Shorter Town Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Tuskegee City Council Meetings are every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Tuskegee Municipal Complex.

Utilities Board of Tuskegee meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Tuskegee Municipal Complex.

Tuskegee Area Chamber of Commerce meetings are the 4th Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce office.