

# 13 Water Thieves convicted in St. Catherine

Thirteen persons from St. Catherine were convicted for trespassing on the works of the National Water Commission at a recent sitting of the Spanish Town Resident Magistrate Court. This comes as the National Water Commission intensifies its efforts to reduce instances of illegal connections and other breaches of the National Water Commission Act.

conviction in a Resident Magistrate court and can be charged a maximum fine of Two Hundred & Fifty Thousand Dollars or three months in prison. Persons who are found with illegal connections or who seek to reconnect their own services after disconnection by the Commission are liable.

"Illegal connections and theft of the Commission's infrastructure represent major challenges for the company's revenue as well implications on the capacity to operate efficiently and profitably due to damaged or lost resources", says Eastern VP, Michael Dunn.

The provisions of the Act, allows the Commission to take legal action against any person/s who interfere with water works owned or operated by the company. Persons are liable for



# NWC Involved in 12 Labour Day Projects Islandwide

All across Jamaica yesterday, hundreds of NWC employees were engaged in about 12 different Labour Day Projects at schools, water treatment facilities, wastewater facilities and on watershed lands.



## New CIS Coming to NWC!



NWC GETS READY FOR NEW CUSTOMER INFORMATION SYSTEM: Assistant Vice President for Management Information Systems (MIS), Robert Gregory (standing) points to an electronic device being used to gather data in preparations for the new Customer Information System (CIS) being held by Minister of Water and Housing, Dr. Horace Chang during a presentation session. The presentation was to update the minister on the steps being taken to implement a new CIS at the NWC later this year to serve customers even better.

We never wish to disconnect a customer. But we will if we must.



Customers who have not paid their water bills will be disconnected from our water supply network.

- Persons who have illegally connected or re-connected to our systems will be prosecuted if they fail to regularize.
- They will also be taken before the courts to recover all amounts owed.

Simply put, we can only continue to supply water if those who receive the service pay for it. Indeed, we would much rather connect than disconnect. But if we must, we will!



Water is life

NWC...serving you in so many ways

HELP US TO HELP YOU.  
BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION -  
NOT A PART OF THE PROBLEM.

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## NWC Stage Wellness Expo for Customers & Staff in MoBay



Despite a deathly fear of needles, NWC's Sharmaine Suckoo Samuels, is determined to donate blood. She grimaces as Royland Campbell from the Cornwall Regional Hospital Blood Bank takes her blood during the 3rd staging of the NWC annual Health Fair.

On Wednesday of last week, hundreds of National Water Commission employees and customers in Montego Bay and its environs enjoyed the benefits of a massive health fair at the NWC's Commercial Office in Montego Bay.

Organized along with the St. James Health Department and a number of sponsors, the Health Fair included

seminars on Prostate and Cervical Cancer, Mental Health, Oral Hygiene, Financial Wellness, as well as various exhibitions, health-related entertainment from the Ministry of Health's "Bashy Bus Crew" and free testing for Diabetes and Blood Pressure.

Blood was also donated to save the lives of patients in critical need of blood.

## Thieves Disrupt Water Supply .... Again

With what is becoming a definite trend, the National Water Commission finds itself faced with a new challenge: policing its many scattered facilities and network islandwide.

Recently, the utility's operations have been hit by a spate of thefts which have significantly disrupted its provision of regular water supply to its customers in several locations islandwide and pushed up the company's operating costs.

The latest incident occurred the Lagoon Water Treatment Plant in St. Ann where

a chlorination unit was removed by thieves recently.

This has resulted in several communities served experiencing some level of discomfort and inconvenience.

NWC is appealing to the public to protect the water and wastewater systems in their communities. Any suspicious activity should be immediately reported to the Police, the Security Department of the NWC at 920-1503 or any other office of the NWC.

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