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KUB Hosts Public Tours of Water Treatment Plant to Commemorate 100th Anniversary

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. – Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB) commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Mark B. Whitaker (MBW) Water Treatment Plant by hosting tours of the facility, giving visitors the opportunity to learn more about its history and essential role it plays in providing safe, reliable drinking water to the Knoxville Community.

KUB hosted tours for community members selected through a lottery system, elected officials and members of the media. The tours highlighted a century of water treatment at the facility and offered a closer look at the infrastructure, processes and people behind the plant.

The MBW Water Treatment Plant was built in 1926 for approximately \$1 million. KUB continues to modernize the plant through its long-range Water Supply Master Plan. A key component of the plan, the recently completed \$67 million filters project, strengthens system resiliency and redundancy to help ensure reliable water treatment for generations to come.

“For 100 years, the Mark B. Whitaker Water Treatment Plant has played an important role in serving our community,” said KUB President and CEO Gabriel J. Bolas II. “As we celebrate this milestone, we also recognize the employees whose dedication keeps this essential service running. We’re proud of this legacy and are committed to building on it for years to come.”

As part of the centennial celebration, Bolas and KUB employees also participated in a river cleanup hosted by Keep the Tennessee River Beautiful. The cleanup removed around 4,500 pounds of trash from the river.

Video footage from the MBW Water Treatment Plant tours and the Keep the Tennessee River Beautiful clean-up is available for media use at the link below.

Video footage: [Unique Download Link | WeTransfer](#)

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