

# LARC Stream

A quarterly Newsletter providing the latest news, updates, and information in and around LARC

Volume 4 | Issue No. 03 | September 2019

## LARC enhances service in Brgy. Bitin, Bay



**LARC personnel conduct inspection in the recently rehabilitated Bitin pump station.**

Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation (LARC) recently upgraded Bitin Pump Station to ensure adequate water source and water supply system in Bitin, Bay and its surrounding areas. The upgrade of Bitin Pump Station increased the water being supplied in the area from 52 cubic meters per hour to 70 cubic meters per hour. The additional 18 cubic meters of water means more households in the service area can have water supply from LARC.

Prior to LARC's takeover of the water supply system in the area, the pump station is already dilapidated due to years of usage which resulted to unreliable water supply.

The improvement project is designed to handle the present and future water demands of the areas being supplied by the pump station. The rehabilitation of the said pump station is part of LARC's priority to enhance water facilities and provide safe and reliable water supply to its concessionaires.

## Perez Pump Station improvements increases supply to concessionaires

The electro-mechanical capacity of Perez Pump Station was improved by Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation (LARC) to decrease probability of downtime and ensure water supply reliability. The upgrade of the pump station, located at Perez, Calauan, resulted to the increase of its water supply by an average of 2.6 cubic meters per hour.

The increase in water supply consequently enhanced water availability and water pressure in the area. The boost in water supply will also allow LARC to bring potable water especially to elevated areas, which previously had limited water supply availability particularly in Perez and Paliparan at Calauan.



**LARC personnel check the water reservoir during their visit at Perez Pump Station**

### Inside this issue

Straight from GM

Page 2

6-month Pay to Win Raffle Promo ends in September 2019

Page 2

LB Science Festival showcases Wonderama Exhibit

Page 3

From the President's Desk

Page 3

'Alalay sa Barangay' Activities

Page 4



# Straight from GM



## Developments for the 3rd Quarter

Our team has been very busy and productive for this quarter with numerous projects for our concessionaires and civic activities within our service area.

A couple of LARC facilities, namely Bitin and Perez pump stations, have been upgraded to increase water supply in some portions of Calauan. While it is still too early to evaluate their long-term effects, some water supply parameters are already showing signs of improvement after completion of the projects.

Because we keep introducing more payment methods for our concessionaires' convenience, LARC ran a 6-month raffle promo for concessionaires who paid their bills through our partner payment agencies as part of our information campaign.

But aside from our regular duties, LARC continuously attend to various civic engagements such as Nutrition Month celebration and Bañamos in Los Baños, Fiesta Bayeña in Bay, and Syensaya in UPLB. In addition, we also conducted Wellness Day activities for our corporate social responsibility (CSR) projects.

With all the notable developments included in this quarter's newsletter, we hope that we are able to give you valuable information about our recent works and undertakings. We welcome comments and suggestions that would help us improve our newsletter. Feel free to write or email us.

## 6-month Pay to Win Raffle Promo successfully concludes in September 2019

Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation's (LARC's) "Pay to Win" Raffle Promo was a success after the last raffle entries were drawn last September 10, 2019 at LARC Main Office, Los Baños, Laguna. The raffle promo was initially launched in March 1, 2019 and ran until August 31, 2019 as per DTI Laguna permit No. R-01-05, series of 2019.

The raffle draw aimed to promote alternative methods of paying water bills and provide LARC concessionaires a more convenient way of paying water bills without the hassle of long queuing time. The monthly raffle draw was attended by a DTI-Laguna Representative to oversee the overall draw.

All winners of the said draw are posted on LARC's Facebook page under the album "Pay to Win". Winners may claim and use their LARC gift vouchers until December 30, 2019.

Draw Date and Facebook Announcement	No. of Winners
March 1-31, 2019	20
April 1-30, 2019	20
May 1-31, 2019	20
June 1-30, 2019	20
July 1-31, 2019	20
August 1-31, 2019	20
September 1-31, 2019	20

### COMPLETE LIST OF WINNERS 2019

#### APRIL 8, 2019

- Jaime Peralta
- Crispin Lontor
- Raquel Leviste
- Erik Espiloy
- Rommel Makiling
- Mercedita Clor
- Celerino Elchico
- Jezelle Ofrecio
- Melanie Nemis
- Elizabeth Aguilar
- Yolanda Lacap
- Merla Balagtas
- Zenaida Gayahan
- Roberto Valencia
- Rural Bank of Mabitac
- Ananita Patapat
- Carlos Eugenio
- Emilio Ressorreccion
- Apolonia Garcia
- Anita Aquisay

#### JULY 9, 2019

- Acal Julie
- Lloyd Lester Lapresc
- Methodist Church
- Apolinario Trinidad
- Ballesterosrgmat
- Ma Cecilia Alviar
- Bautista Anastacio
- Bueno Jerry B
- Olivia Anacleto
- Tolentino Susan
- Fadrigan Judith P.
- Mauro Mesina
- Pizon, Marieta
- Ailyn Pasahol
- Lapinid, Alejandro
- Domdom, Adorito
- Baconguis Lyle Danie
- Gapit, Lito
- Medallon Norma
- Banasihan, Virgilio

#### MAY 9, 2019

- Ricardo Ragas
- Reynaldo Ramos
- Sta Inez G
- Eloisa Espiritu
- Josie Manaoag
- Maria Lourdes Drilon
- Daniño Barrero
- Manese Asuncion
- Rufino Dechavez
- Julita Flores
- Charlie Jean De Lune
- Felix Paran
- Madonna Lacamento
- Robert Gerónimo
- Santos Ibanez
- Vicente Sapala
- Manzafloa R
- Elpidio Flore
- Ma. Kristina Esberto
- Jocelyn Alejandrino

#### AUGUST 9, 2019

- Marilyn Commendador
- Carolina P. Barluad
- Jennifer Joy Jorge
- German Alejandrino
- Anita Doraja
- Rosalina Moya
- Marilou B. Casel
- Helen L. Navarez
- Pinky Altura
- Mario Lontoc
- Baguyo, Josephine
- Rodolfo Vipinosa
- Ma Jenina de Leon
- Leonisa Forcadilla
- Desano Moises
- Eduardo Bautista
- Helen Nerpio
- Paul Lasangre Cruz
- Alvarez Cayetano
- Marcelino Dalmacio

#### JUNE 7, 2019

- Cayetano Carambas
- Samuel Mansebo
- Antonio Kalaw
- Carmen B. Bautista
- Rodolfo Amatorio
- Noel H. Sanchez
- Rosalina Angeles
- Marietta Flores
- Emerita Altoveros
- Romeo Perfanía
- Cecilio Junsay Jr.
- Antonio Kalaw Jr.
- Marina Esguerra
- Elizabeth Aguilar
- Melchor C. Arcillas
- Jose M. Docto
- Anthony C. Quintos
- Leila P. Ramos
- Norma Gleeck
- Mario Banasihan

#### SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

- Apacionado Analyn
- Liza Marie Flordeliza
- Sangkal Ma Victoria
- Trinidad Bello
- Regina Balenson
- Estelita Escobin
- Santiago Atienza
- Barbadillo Rolando
- Mumadia, Margie U.
- Dela Cruz, Perfecto
- Teodoro Quillooy
- Bautista Bernardino
- Quiatzon Marivic
- Morales Zenaida N.
- Gilbert S. Valente
- Macatangay Victoria
- Punzalan Francisco L.
- Edilberto Segundo
- Gaudencio Navarro
- Sandalo Ricardo



## LB Science Festival's Wonderama Exhibit Showcases UN's SDGs

Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation (LARC) spearheaded the 3-day Wonderama Exhibit of the Los Baños Science Community Foundation, Inc. (LBSCFI), an activity during the Los Baños Science Festival or Syensaya as popularly called.



UN's sustainable development goals placards are raised by students as they pose in front of the Syensaya mural.

The exhibit highlights the role of science and technology in attaining sustainable development goals through showcasing the technologies, research, policies, and science products of the member agencies of LBSCFI.

Majority of the Wonderama Exhibit visitors are students. By putting-up such exhibit, LBSCFI aims to make science and technology more relevant to these students through experiential learning while having fun at the same time.

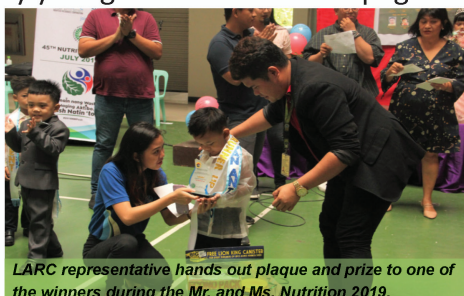
Overall, the three-day celebration of the National Science and Technology Week in Los Baños from August 28 to August 30, 2019 with the theme "Enabling technologies for sustainable development" was a great success.



Students gather around as a LARC representative explains the diorama on how water gets to the home.

## LARC celebrates LB Nutrition Month thru Little Mr. & Ms. Nutrition Los Baños

Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation (LARC) took part in promoting nutrition and good health among the residents of the Municipality of Los Baños, Laguna. For this year's Nutrition Month celebration with relevance to the theme, "Kumain ng Wasto at maging Aktibo. Push Natin 'to!," LARC once again supported the municipality through the Municipal Nutrition Council's search for Little Mr. and Ms. Nutrition last July 25, 2019. The talented and bubbly young contestants of the pageant coming from different barangays in Los Baños enjoyed the fun and celebration, most especially the prizes sponsored by LARC.



LARC representative hands out plaque and prize to one of the winners during the Mr. and Ms. Nutrition 2019.

## From the President's Desk



### Why Pay for Water?

Being in the water industry, I often come across people who ask me why there is a need to pay for water when it can be obtained from nature for free. While the act of getting water from nature is very simple, supplying water from the source to the homes is not. It involves numerous hours of work, electrical energy, expensive equipment, meticulous system and modern technology. And all these equate to money.

The water being supplied by LARC comes from surface water and ground water. Surface water are those water that comes from rivers and/or lakes while the groundwater comes from the underground. For the water to be able to reach every household it needs thousands of kilometers of water line, a high voltage of electricity and a lot of time from our manpower.

The water that is picked up from the source goes to the LARC facility wherein the water will undergo disinfection and cleaning processes. This will then flow through the pipe distribution systems to supply every household.

Regular water quality testing, continuous pipe and facility improvements, and updating system and technologies are also needed to ensure sufficient supply and quality water.

All the works for water supply involve millions of pesos. Without paying for the water we use in our homes, Water districts and companies like LARC cannot operate. These are the reasons why we have to pay for the water being supplied to us.

We, at **LARC Stream** appreciate your comments and feedbacks.

Please let us know what you think about this issue, e-mail us at [larc.crea@larc.com.ph](mailto:larc.crea@larc.com.ph).

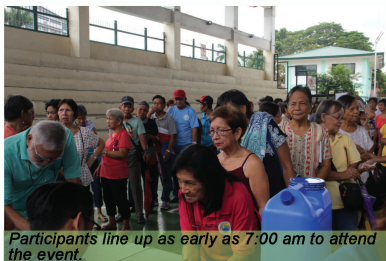




## 'Alalay sa Barangay' Activities



Senior citizens claim their prizes such as rice and other LARC souvenirs during the raffle draw.



Participants line up as early as 7:00 am to attend the event.

Senior Citizens' Wellness Day at Batong Malake Covered Court, Los Baños, Laguna

(July 30, 2019)



Los Baños elderly get free massage during the Wellness Day activity.

Senior Citizens' Wellness Day at Chipeco Bldg., Municipal Hall, Bay, Laguna

(August 16, 2019)



Bay senior citizens receive LARC giveaways during Wellness Day.



Ms. Aywin Rosette Sunga-Lim, RND, MSc. (right) gives lecture on proper nutrition for the elderly.



Engr. Mikhail Gabriel Tabucal, LARC Engineering Manager (top left), presents LARC's past, present, and future projects to the audience.



Dr. Coleen Faye Calo-dela Cruz (center) joins the activity as guest speaker on the importance of hygiene and sanitation in relation to Dengue.



Herbalife and Mary Kay, LARC's event partners, provide free trial of their products and services to the participants.

Women's Wellness Day at Chipeco Bldg., Municipal Hall, Bay, Laguna

(September 27, 2019)



Bay Municipal Administrator Jaica Padrid (left) and Bay Councilor Chester Ramos (right) grace the event.

## LARC celebrates 18th Baños Festival (September 16-22, 2019)



Several LARC employees pose for a group picture after the Baños Civic Parade in celebration of the 404th Founding Anniversary and 18th Baños Festival of Los Baños on September 17, 2019.



LARC representative handsout LARC information materials to the locals watching the opening of the Baños Festival after the parade.



LARC General Manager Emil Q. Puerto awards winner of Mister Laguna Lake during the coronation night of Mr. and Ms. Los Baños.