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Fayette County Interns Delve into Water Fluoridation

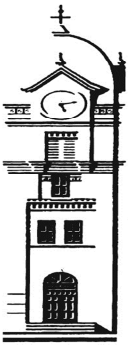
Interns evaluate if water fluoridation is necessary for the health of Fayette County.

Fayette County, Georgia July 25, 2014- Since fluoride was introduced to the American water supply in 1945 it has been a national controversy, and increasing concerns have been raised by Fayette County’s citizens in recent years. The Fayette County Board of Commissioners has decided it is time to take an honest yet careful look at this issue.

Fayette County interns Ashton Jones-Doherty, John Hlas, and Haider Khan are currently working to determine if water fluoridation for Fayette County is a necessary public health practice. Jones-Doherty and Khan are both rising juniors at Fayette County High School. Hlas is a rising junior at Sandy Creek High School. Their ultimate goal is to research and provide information to help understand whether water fluoridation should continue to be an on-going practice for Fayette County.

The interns established their rules of research by disregarding any previously held opinions on this matter while evaluating at the concerns and findings in an unbiased manner. Their work has progressed in three steps. First, they began their research by reading books such as *The Fluoride Deception* and *The Case Against Fluoride*. Second, they decided that the best approach was to delve into the issue of water fluoridation by understanding the actual mineral, fluoride. Third, the interns researched the history of water fluoridation and its various practices. Throughout their research, the interns have collaborated with health and water professionals who have extensive knowledge and provided insight on this topic.

The interns will present their findings and options to the Board of Commissioners at the regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting that will be held on August 14 at 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome and encourage to come to the meeting..



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L to R: Haider Khan, John Hlas, and Ashton Jones-Doherty- Fayette County Interns

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