

CICWCD to hold first Water Festival

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The Central Iron County Water Conservancy District is partnering with local businesses to promote water conservation at its first Water Festival on June 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Main Street Park.

Paul Monroe, general manager at CICWCD, said the event is to promote the need to conserve water, but in a fun way that attracts kids and families.

“The festival will showcase new technologies for landscaping and watering applications, and things like harvesting rainwater for garden use,” he said. “But we will have a fire truck there spraying water for the kids, a dunk tank, games and bounce houses, as well as free hamburgers and hotdogs.”

The CICWCD has held a similar festival for local fourth graders and decided to expand that to the public and businesses in Cedar City, Monroe said.

“We have been going through a drought these last four years and we thought this would be a time to get the community involved,” he said. “With the technology out there we just thought there has to be a better way to get the community involved.”

Candace Schaible, a CICWCD employee helping with the event, said there are newer versions of smart controllers available for homeowners to prevent over watering.

“They even have controllers that run from your phone,” she said. “So if you are not at home and it starts raining you can shut off your sprinklers from your phone.”

Monroe said even though they are using water to make the event fun, with the firetruck, water balloons and dunk tank, they are still looking to promote conservancy.

“The amount of water used will be equal to that used in one park in one day,” he said. “With the hopes that people can see the need to conserve water in these drought years.”

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