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Nyeri Water and Sanitation Company loses a gem

Tuesday 3rd of November 2020 will remain edged in the memories of the NYEWASCO family, stakeholders, customers and friends of the company forever. This is the day that the Company lost her managing director the late CPA Peter Gichaaga after a short illness.

The MD who was eulogized as a God fearing astute leader was an icon to the team he so passionately led.

He joined the company in 2105 from Tana Water Works Development Authority where he had been an internal audit manager. During his tenure, he steered the Company's strategic direction which resulted in many accolades both locally and internationally. May his soul rest in eternal peace.



A Loving Tribute

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the untimely demise of CPA Peter M.Gichaaga, MD Nyeri Water & Sanitation Company Limited (NYEWASCO) and Chairman, Our Lady of Consolata Cathedral Catholic Church Parish, Nyeri that occurred on 3rd November 2020.

Beloved son of the late Monica Wangari Gichaaga and Loving husband of Rahab Muringe Gichaaga of Afya Yetu Initiative, Nyeri.

Beloved father of the late Michael Muigo, Philip Gicheru, Mark Kiragu, Clare Sandra Wangari & Mary Ann Wanjiru. Twin brother of Michael Gicheru.

Son-in-law of Mary Wanjiru Gatheru. Brother-in-law of Jedidah Wambui, Tabitha Wangari, Miriam Wanjiku & Bernard Gatheru.

Uncle, cousin, nephew and a friend to many.

Family and friends are meeting daily for mass at Our Lady of Consolata Cathedral Catholic Church, Nyeri at 5:15pm with subsequent meetings at the Church hall. There shall be a requiem mass on Monday 9th November 2020 at 2:00 pm at Our Lady of Consolata Cathedral Catholic Church, Nyeri.

The Cortege leaves Nyeri Funeral Home on Tuesday 10th November 2020 at 8:00 am for the funeral service to be held at Our Lady of Consolata Cathedral Catholic Church Nyeri at 10:00am and burial thereafter at his Gatina Gakuyu rural home, Konyu Location, Mathira, Nyeri County.

2nd Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."



CPA Peter M. Gichaaga 1977 - 03/11/2020

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Celebrating the life of a hero

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Nyeri county is mourning the death of Nyeri Water and Sanitation Company Managing director Peter Gichaaga.

He is said to have succumbed to a short illness on November 3 while undergoing treatment at Outspan Hospital in Nyeri County.

Mr. Gichaaga, 43, joined the leading water company in the country back in 2015 and worked his way to putting the company on the global map.

During his tenure as the managing director, the Company was certified by Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) for quality management systems as well as the accreditation of the testing laboratory by the Kenya Accreditation Service (KENAS).

The company has also managed to reduce the Non-Revenue Water to less than 15 percent which falls below the Water Service Regulatory Board (WASREB) target of 20 percent. This means that there is little wastage of water hence more of it get to the households.

However, his biggest achievement was steering the company for five years and maintaining the best water service provider in East and Central Africa. The company was awarded the Global Water Leaders Award by the Global Water intelligence in 2020.

He strived to maintain the company as consumer friendliness and during the five years recorded a significant increase in the number of new connections and extended the services to parts of Mathira and Kieni which were previously not covered.



The late MD Peter Gichaaga displaying various awards won by the company in various categories in WASREB's performance report of the water sector.

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He then oversaw the changing on the company's name from the Nyeri Water and Sewerage Company to Nyeri Water and Sanitation Company in a bid to boost sanitation services.

He also reviewed and implemented the pro poor activities which include the construction of over 200 Safisan Toilets in Witemere and also completed the OBA sewer connections projects connecting nearly 3000 people to the sewer system.

"He was an astute leader and an Icon to the team that he so passionately led. His persona and eloquence and his love for this company will forever be remembered," Patrick Munuhe, Nyewasco Chairman said in his statement.

Governor Mutahi Kahiga led the county in mourning saying that he was dedicated and very committed in his work.

"MD Peter Gichaga has built Nyewasco into an internationally acceptable company & water provider that has recently been awarded a Global Award. Nyeri is poorer with his passing on," he said.

Former Tana Water Development Agency, Engineer Wahome Mwangi mourned him as a legendary figure endowed with great strength and abilities.

"He was admired for his achievements and noble qualities at NYEWASCO. As the Chairman, I had the privilege of experiencing his divine decency in his professionalism. As Nyeri People we have lost," he said.



Peter Gichaaga with Board Chairman Patrick Munuhe during a past meeting at the Governor's office. File photos



Following proceedings at a meeting with WSTF and Nyeri Governor



The late MD receiving a donation from Taifa SACCO



HE. Governor Mutahi Kahiga, the late Peter Gichaaga and WSTF project monitoring team at the governor's office.

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NYEWASCO holds a tree planting day in honour of the Late MD Peter Gichaaga

On 11th November 2020, the Company staff and Nyeri youth led by the Acting MD Eng. Peter Kahuthu embarked on a tree planting exercise in honour of the fallen team leader CPA Peter Gichaaga at Kiganjo Pumping Station. Gichaaga was a committed conservationist. During the exercise, over 10,000 seedlings were planted.

The departed MD used to say "Conserve the environment today, it will save you tomorrow!". He was passionate about conserving the Aberdare catchment area and worked closely with Chania River Users Association to plant and rehabilitate the area.

NYEWASCO holds an environmental day annually whereby various activities which are aimed at conserving the environment and water catchment areas are undertaken. This year, through a strategic partnership with Kenya Forest Service, a variety of seeds were acquired which were planted on seedbeds and nurtured to healthy seedlings for transplanting.

The Young Water Professionals committed to nurturing the newly planted seedlings to maturity. This year's theme was 'Conserve the Environment a tree at a time' with a slogan: Preserve, Restore and Conserve.













Sights and Sounds from the NYEWASCO Environmental









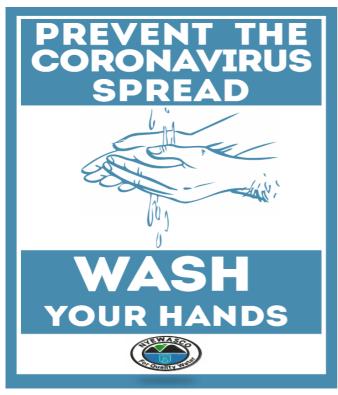




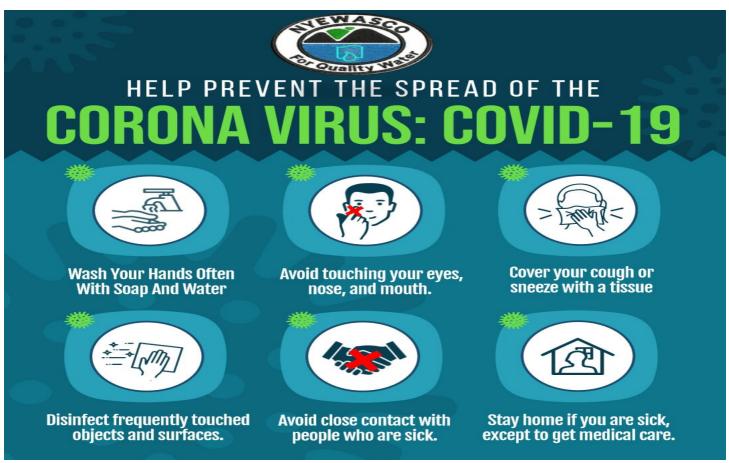


Campaign against the spread of Corona Virus

Nyeri Water and Sanitation Company Ltd has engaged in an online sensitization exercise which involves dissemination of information on precautionary measures residents and our customers need to take in this period of COVID-19 pandemic. The campaign involves creation of visual aids consisting of simple messages on different topics related to the pandemic. These visual aids are then shared on different platforms which include the official company Facebook page, Website and Twitter handle. The campaign is aimed at reaching a large number of viewers and the e-cards are sharable.







NYEWASCO NEW PRICE LIST FOR PRODUCTS & SERVICES WITH EFFECT FROM 01/07/2020.

SN	ITEM	UNIT	NEW CHARGES(Ksh.)
1	Educational visits (Colleges and Universities)	Per Visit	10,000.00
2	Educational visits (Primary Schools)	Per Visit	6,000.00
3	Photo Session	Per Visit	3,000.00
4	Music Video Shooting	Per Visit	3,000.00
5	Labour Charges for Plumbers	Per Plumber/ per day	1,000.00
6	Hire of NRW Management Equipment	Per Machine/ per Day	5,000.00
7	Leak Detection	Per Day	5,000.00
8	Bust Fusing of Pipes (Per Joint)	200mm	4,500.00
		110mm	4,000.00
		90mm	3,500.00
		75mm	3,000.00
		63mm	1,000.00
9	Fish	Kg	100.00
10	Eco-Friendly Manure	Tonne	500
11	Empty 45 kg Containers (Kamakwa Treatment Plant)	1	500





The Board of Directors, the Management team and all staff would like to appreciate our esteemed customers for their continued support in helping us achieve the lowest NRW ratio among all Water Services Providers in Kenya. (Non-Revenue Water Management Annual Report 2017/2018). You are an amazing part of the NRW management Champions. We would like to urge all of you to continue reporting any water leakages promptly so as to enable us maintain constant supply of potable water to your households. This will also help in ensuring that you only pay for water that you have used.

REACH US ON OUR HOTLINE : 0734732481 TOLL FREE NUMBER : 0800721095





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