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AUB CUSTOMER APPRECIATION COOKOUT THIS THURSDAY; FOOD, FUN AND BLUEGRASS

ATHENS, Tenn. – Athens Utilities Board (AUB) will host a Customer Appreciation Cookout on Thursday, September 28, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at AUB headquarters, 100 Englewood Road.

AUB spokesman Wayne Scarbrough said this year's event promises to pick up where last year's left off.

"Last year, the community seemed to really enjoy our format of a cookout, live bluegrass music, and fun for the kids," Scarbrough said. "We're cranking that up again this Thursday.

"We'll have inflatable obstacle courses and slides, face and hair painting, and the water division's splashy displays will be set up because they are always a hit with the kids."

There will be plenty for parents as well, Scarbrough said. A highlight throughout the evening will be live music by the renowned bluegrass masters The Dismembered Tennesseans.

"We're thrilled to have them coming back this year. They were a real hit last fall at the cookout," he said.

AUB employees will again serve a picnic-style dinner. "As always," Scarbrough said, "we'll have plenty of Mayfield ice cream to round out a perfect picnic."

Another annual favorite is the dunking booth where customers can dunk AUB General Manager Eric Newberry as well as some AUB board members and city council members.

"Maybe we'll even get a few candidates wet this year since it's an election season," Scarbrough said.

Donations at the dunking booth go to the local United Way campaign, he added. "While you dunk one of us, you'll help the community at the same time."

"Our people are very proud of their work and their role in the community. All of us enjoy meeting customers and talking about what we do and how we do it, and we hope to see a great turn out Thursday," Scarbrough said.