

**CONSUMER ALERT: COMPANIES OFFERING FREE WATER TESTING**

TAMPA, FL (June 1, 2007) – The Tampa Water Department would like to make customers aware that private businesses will periodically make telephone calls and door-to-door solicitations claiming that they can improve the quality and safety of your water through the use of water treatment systems. The Tampa Water Department is not affiliated with any private water treatment company and does not endorse the use of any specific water treatment system.

The City of Tampa constantly tests and treats your water to ensure that it exceeds all federal and state standards for safe drinking water. Each year we mail out a comprehensive water quality report to our customers explaining how we keep Tampa’s water safe. This report provides detailed information about compounds detected in Tampa’s drinking water. This year’s report will be released in the month of July.

In the meantime, we encourage you to take the following precautions:

- ◆ Do not fall victim to scare tactics.
- ◆ Do not allow yourself to be pressured into making a hurried purchase decision.
- ◆ Be careful whom you let into your home.
- ◆ Be careful with credit card or other personal information.
- ◆ Be suspicious if you are told that your in-home test has detected pollution or contamination in your water.

If you are a City of Tampa Water Department customer and have any questions about your water quality, call us at (813) 274-8121 or visit TampaGov.net/water to view the most recent Water Quality Report. □



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**WELBURN GUERNSEY – THE RADIO BUSINESS BOOMS**

The Welburn Guernsey family had easily settled into Tampa life after the opening of the downtown Associated Store. The store prospered and soon Guernsey had accumulated enough wealth to purchase Vista del Lago (5020 Shorecrest Circle), his beautiful 23 room estate with a sunken garden, tennis courts, a riding stable, and a 65 foot swimming pool.

The Associated Stores continued to expand until in 1946, when the partnership of Welburn and Dorothy formed six separate operating corporations, with branches in Orlando, Sarasota, Lakeland, St. Pete, and the final store opened in Miami. The Associated Stores dominated the West Coast and Central Florida carrying radios, musical instruments, and top of the line cameras. They were also one of the first to display the new-fangled television receivers. Quite suddenly, in 1949, the stores were sold, and Welburn Guernsey’s life took a drastic turn. Guernsey Estates would soon become a reality.

Next installment: The Formation of Guernsey Estates (1954) and Guernsey City (1955). □

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