



The Water Spout

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RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY!

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Please REMEMBER the Memorial Point Utility District's Board of Directors meet monthly at 9:00am, generally, on the second Monday of each month at the District's office located at 251 Stevens Lane. These meetings are open to the public and district residents are encouraged to attend and see how the District operates and give their feedback. The next scheduled meetings are:

- June 8, 2015
- July 13, 2015
- August 10, 2015



The installation of the new piping at the District's Well Water Pump #1.

State of the District

Water Plant - You may recall some of the earlier storms this last quarter that produced many lightning strikes in our area. During one of the more severe storms, lightning struck an electrical pole at the Water Plant on Stevens Lane. Electrical power to the pumps was lost until SHECO could make repairs to the service. They were prompt and had power restored quickly, however, the lightning strike damaged some of our electrical equipment and an electrical contractor was called out to repair on an emergency status. The transfer switch for the backup generator was extensively damaged. The backup generator is what provides power to our main well pump (#1 WWP) and the booster pumps that pump the water to the elevated tower in the event of loss of power from SHECO. We lost water pressure as a result of this, and it was necessary to go on a "Boil Water Notice"

for a couple of days until water quality could be verified, according to TCEQ requirements. This generator has been restored to "fully operational" status. You may also recall, in the last edition of this newsletter, an article discussing our #2 Well Water Pump and its lack of full backup capacity. We had the opportunity to test its ability during the outage as the #1 Well Water pump motor was damaged from lightning. Our emergency plan for loss of the #1 WWP was executed. Repairs were expedited per the plan. The District maintained water level for distribution with the use of the #2 WWP. The motor was pulled for repair. It was recommended by the contractor that the pump and the suction piping be replaced. The pump, motor and suction piping were all replaced, so #1 WWP is in excellent condition. The total cost of the pump repairs were \$25,000. We expect that our insurance will cover the damage caused by lightning, which is estimated around \$17,000. This was a relatively light blow financially to the District. There were several concerns regarding the electrical control for the pumps discovered during the electrical repairs. We are in the process of gathering estimates and will keep you posted.

Fire Hydrants - Scenic Loop Volunteer firefighters are beginning to maintain the fire hydrants. They have been out in the area greasing valves and operating them.

Waste Water Treatment Plant - the District is in the process of applying with the Texas Water Development Board for funding from the Development Fund D. This is a special fund available to water districts throughout the state of Texas for projects such as ours. It provides low interest loans for up to 30 years. The engineer has prioritized his work on the plans to meet the needed requirements for the loan request. He expects to be completed with his portion of the application by the end of July. This, however, may push receiving any funding into next year. We cannot submit the project for contractor bids until then.

Storage Tanks - Cleaning and repairs to the elevated storage tower and ground tanks are complete.

Operations - Severn Trent completed the survey of the sewer system. We expect to find many issues with them and the repairs will be another issue to be discussed. The results and any necessary repairs will be in the next edition of The WaterSpout.

****REMEMBER****

Please keep meter boxes

clear of debris and
accessible at all times

Send us your questions & comments

@ www.memorialpointud.com

IT'S SUMMERTIME! Lately we haven't had to pray for rain. As a matter of fact, anyone who is still praying for rain can STOP. You have been successful! The long range forecast for our area includes more rain. We have not had to water ANYTHING outside. So the lawns and gardens should be doing very well unless they were drowned. As of this writing, the lake levels have returned to a more normal level. The fishing should be good. So enjoy life at the lake.

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