



The WaterSpout

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District Information

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Operations

To report leaks or repairs 24/7 call
Severn Trent Services at:
(936) 566-4273

Please remember that the monthly district meetings are open for all property owners. We meet normally on the 2nd Monday of every month at the office on Stevens Lane at 9:00 am. You are welcome to attend to see how the district operates and give feedback to the directors.

The next scheduled meetings are:

October 10, 2016

November 14, 2016

December 12, 2016

RETIRING DIRECTOR

Ron McAnear retired from the board effective 9/1/2016. His presence will be missed by all. The following is a farewell message from Ron : (edited for space)

Upon moving to Memorial Point as a townhouse owner in 2000 I became curious in 2003 about the operations of the MPUD (I had been a director of WIC133 in Harris County for 16 years). I attended the meetings as an onlooker to just observe. I found several issues that I knew I could be of help with in the operation as a director, so I ran for a position in 2004. Thanks to the voters I was elected. Much has changed since I was elected as a director in May of 2004. The first order of business was a rate order that grew from a one page rate sheet to our 80 page guide with attachments. A maintenance tax election was needed to help the district to balance upcoming payoff of bonds, loans and continue to rework a 40 year old system (the standby fee had been eliminated by the State of Texas). My final act as a director was to see the design and funding for a new waste water treatment plant. I am sorry I cannot see the process through. I became President in 2007 and have served in that post until my resignation effective this September 12, 2016. I have moved to Huntsville, Texas and will not own property in the district revoking my eligibility to hold office. It has been my pleasure and my duty to serve my neighbors in Memorial Point and Shelter Cove. I would like thank the voters and directors past and present during my tenure as a director of MPUD.

Open Board Position

Ron McAnear's retirement has left an open position on the board of directors. We will be accepting applications from Memorial Point Subdivision for his replacement. Anyone interested in a position on the board should request an application form from the administrative secretary Sally Carr at sleacarr@yahoo.com. Prerequisites are: you must be a property owner or a registered voter in the district. All applications must be completed and returned to Sally by October 31, 2016. The new director will be appointed from the list of applicants at the November meeting.

STATE OF THE DISTRICT

Budget Review

The budget for 2017 has been reviewed and approved. There was no need to increase water rates or tax rate for 2017.

Water distribution

Water distribution headers have seen some relief from the timely rain the area has experienced. There have been fewer breaks than normal summertime weather brings.

Waste Water Treatment Plant

Funding for the new waste water treatment plant is completed. Advertising for contractor bids for construction will begin soon.

Sewer Line Repairs

Sewer line repairs are ongoing in the Memorial Point Subdivision area following the recent inspection. The pictures below are examples of a broken customer connection and the repair.



Lift Stations

It was necessary to "derag" the pumps at the Carolcrest lift station again. We have already installed "grinder pumps" to try to overcome this issue, but are still having "rag plugging" issues. The rags that clog the pumps are wipes that are flushed through the toilets. Please refrain from putting this material in your toilets. They are advertised to be flushable, but in reality they do not break down. They ultimately wind up clogging the sewer lines and pumps that move the sewage to the sewer treatment plant. This requires a contractor to remove the pump to clean out the clogs. This puts a demand on our expenses. We spent a total of \$3711 in the last 2 years to derag the (Carolcrest) lift station#5. This is just one lift station. There are a total of 5 liftstations, so you can see that it can get expensive to maintain all the lift stations for a very avoidable problem.

Fall is in the air

Thank goodness cooler temperatures are on the way. We should have welcome relief to the hot, steamy late summer weather by the time this arrives.