



The Water Spout

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REMEMBER the Memorial Point Utility District's Board of Directors meet monthly at 9am, generally, on the second Monday of each month at 251 Stevens Lane. These meetings are open to the public and district residents are encouraged to come see how the District operates and give their feedback. Topics will include budget planning, the annual CCR and a review of the District's current rate order. The next scheduled meetings are:

July 8, 2013

August 12, 2013

September, 9, 2013

State of the District

Repairs - We have a few small leaks that will require a shutdown of the entire water system to repair. The system shutdown will be required due to a failed isolation valve. One of the leaks is on Stevens Lane at Kathy Lane. Those of you that travel this way may have noticed the little volcano that keeps building next to the road. Severn Trent plans to repair the leaks on a weekday early in the week when the least amount of people will be affected by the shutdown. The District will give ample notice to customers prior to the outage by putting up signs at the entrances to the subdivisions and will also include a note in the monthly water billing statement to advise of the proposed date of outage. The repairs will take approximately six to eight hours and there will be a **BOIL WATER** requirement for at least 24 hours afterward. This plan for repair is contingent on the leaks remaining small until the plan is executed. If the leak were to increase dramatically, the repair would be started as soon as possible.

Security Lighting - SHECO was contacted to inspect our security lighting. They gave recommendations for repair and upgrade of existing lighting as well as additional lighting. An electrical contractor was hired to repair some of the lighting that belongs to the District. Most of the recommendations should be com-



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pleted by now so you may have noticed that things are brighter around District equipment. This is necessary to deter theft of supplies and District property.

Hurricane Season - The standby generators have been tested and are disaster ready. The generators are tested monthly to ensure they are operating. They are also started 48 hours prior to an impending storm to verify automatic start-up in case of loss of power. The fuel for the generators is topped off. Emergency personnel have been identified. We hope that this is the only time they run this year!

Summer is here - People are beginning to water their lawns and gardens to keep grass from dying and keep harvesting veggies. We have included an excerpt that was taken from the *Texas A&M AgriLife Extension* website on page two of this newsletter.

Reduce water use in the landscape

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

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From 50 to 75 percent of a home's total water use during the growing season may be for outdoor purposes. It's important that you develop a plan or convert your current landscape to include plants and design that are appropriate for your climate conditions. If you have an irrigation system, it also needs to be regularly adjusted and checked for leaks. Select plants that are appropriate for your local climate conditions. Having a yard with 100 percent lawn turf area in a dry climate uses significant amounts of water. Use only the amount of water that your plants need.

Water during the coolest part of the day. Use soaker hoses or trickle irrigation for trees and shrubs. Don't water plants that do not need the water. Be attentive to your watering time.

Maintain your irrigation system.

Make sure your irrigation controller has a rain shutoff device. Water trees and shrubs longer and less frequently than shallow-rooted plants.

Mulch around shrubs and garden plants to reduce evaporation from the soil surface and to cut down on weed growth.

If you have an automatic irrigation system, consider watering using the Cycle Soak Method. This was discussed on a video from the same website. Basically, you set up the timer to water very early in the morning about 1:00am. Set the watering time for about five minutes an hour or so later. Continue to space the time at five minute durations an hour apart until your normal watering time is completed. This allows the water to soak in and prevents losing water due to overwatering runoff. This is a much more effective way of watering and could save you money by allowing for shorter watering cycles in the long run.

Other District News

The MPUD Board of Directors is coordinating with the SLVFD Fire Chief, Don Marlow to schedule a meeting to discuss fire hydrant maintenance and locations, as well as other topics of mutual interest.

The Board of Directors will be attending the Summer AWBD conference scheduled in late June for director training. Forthcoming changes in legislation affecting Munciple Utility Districts, and water treatment processes of groundwater are some of the topics to be discussed. More information will be published in October's edition of *The Waterspout*.

Send us your questions & comments

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