

Fayette County WCID – Monument Hill NEWSLETTER

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The Board invites all members of the District to attend its monthly Board of Directors meetings held on the second Thursday of every month at 5 p.m. at the District office, located at 100 Country Club Drive. Please note that due to scheduling conflicts, however, sometimes the meetings need to be moved to another day or time. Please contact the District office (968-5514) to verify that the meeting will be held on its regular date and time. If someone would like to address the Board during a meeting, the District requests that they notify the office no later than 72 hours prior to a scheduled meeting so they can be added to the meeting agenda.

Construction Begins on New Water Well

After more than 15 months of design, planning, approvals and a \$1.39 million dollar bond sale, drilling of the District's new Water Well #4 began on August 14, 2017. The Well was pressure cemented on August 23rd and two days later Hurricane Harvey came onshore and wreaked havoc in our community.

The District's well driller, Holly Water Wells, sustained significant equipment and machinery losses during the flood and, at this time, it is still uncertain when they will be able to resume work on completion of the well. Once Holly Water Wells is done with their portion, the well will have to go through certification with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and that process can take upwards of three months. The Board remains cautiously optimistic that Well #4 will be able to be brought online and supplying water to customers by Summer 2018.



Sign up for Emergency Alerts

After the devastation brought about by the flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey, it's never been more important that everyone sign up to receive emergency alerts from the Water District. Several times during the past few months, it's been necessary to →



Annual Winter Water Use Averaging Begins Dec. 1st

Don't forget that annual winter water use averaging begins December 1st and extends through February 2018. Each homeowner's winter water use average during the three month period of December, January and February will be used in determining their sewer rate for the twelve month period beginning April 2018 and extending thru March 2019. If you have any questions or want to review the way sewer rates are calculated, please contact the District's Office Manager, Lori Steffek.

Emergency Alerts

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send out emergency notifications advising members to cease all non-essential water use due to our needing to purchase water from Fayette Water Supply Corporation. FWSC specifies that when they provide water to the District, it's for **essential use only**, meaning there will be no lawn irrigation, car washing, etc. for the duration of their assistance. In order to sign up for these alerts and/or emails, please visit the District's website at www.monumenthillwater.com, and from our homepage, click on the orange "Sign Up for Alerts" button on the right side panel of the screen. Your mailbox will NOT be flooded with junk mail, but rather you will be alerted when there is a situation that requires information being disseminated in an urgent manner. Need help subscribing? Not sure if you've already subscribed? Please contact Lori Steffek at (979) 968-5514 and she will gladly assist you.

District Adopts New Property Tax Rate for 2017

The District recently held a duly posted public hearing on September 14, 2017, to receive public comments on its proposed 2017 ad valorem tax rate which funds the District's debt service associated with its 2017 bond sale as well as funding a portion of its operations and maintenance budget. The proposed 2017 tax rate of 0.2600 per \$100 of valuation, represents an annual increase of \$294.21 on the average priced home, or 136.53%. The Board of Directors proceeded to adopt, via Resolution, the tax rate of 0.2600 for 2017.

Smoke Testing

The Board of Directors has accepted a bid from National Works to conduct a Sanitary Sewer Evaluation & Study. As a part of this study, National Works will be conducting a smoke test of the District's waste water collection system sometime in the next few months. Smoke testing is used to identify breaches in the sewer system, but will also push smoke through homeowner's sewer lines, sending smoke up & out roof vents. Homeowner's will be notified when a firm date has been established for the testing.



The next regular Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 5 p.m., at its office located at 100 Country Club Drive, La Grange, Texas.

The District offices will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day on Friday, November 10, 2017; for Thanksgiving on Thursday & Friday, November 23-24, 2017; for Christmas on Monday, December 25, 2017; and for New Year's on Monday, January 1, 2018.

TTHM Update

Below you will find a table indicating the sample results for the past four quarters. As a reminder, total trihalomethanes should be below 0.080 mg/L, at each sampling location and, as indicated in the table below, both mandated sampling locations passed for the 2nd Qtr 2017. LRAA refers to the locational running annual average. It represents the average over the last four sampling periods. An LRAA above 0.080 mg/L triggers a violation by TCEQ and requires the District to send out a Public Notice to all of its membership.

As always, if you should have any questions concerning this matter, or wish to discuss it in greater detail, please contact the office at 968-5514.

Sampling Period	Location 1 Results (mg/L)	Location 2 Results (mg/L)
09/2016 LRAA	0.0893 0.0885	0.0976 0.0877
12/2016 LRAA	0.0874 0.0942	0.0895 0.0944
03/2017 LRAA	0.0375 0.0903	0.0295 0.0899
06/2017 LRAA	0.0413 0.0639	0.0353 0.063

Pay Your Water Bill Via Auto Bank Draft

In a world that just seems to get more complicated by the day, the District can help simplify one small aspect of life by debiting your checking or savings account every month for the amount of your water bill. This service is offered at no charge and as a courtesy to our members. If interested, visit the District's website at www.monumenthillwater.com for the "FCWCID ACH Draft Authorization Form" and return to the District office or contact Lori Steffek at (979) 968-5514 for assistance.

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If you're sewer clean out drain cover looks like this one, it's time to replace it! If you need a cover that has a flat top, instead of the usual protruding square nut head cover, please drop by the office, and we'll be happy to provide you with one...free of charge!