

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 Resumes on New Water Well

After having sustained incredible asset losses after Hurricane Harvey, Holly Water Wells was able to resume work on the completion of the District's new water well. In mid-November 2017, water samples from the new well were taken and sent to the state laboratory for analysis. Once those results are received, the District's engineer, Bradley Loehr of BEFCO Engineering, Inc., will be able to submit documentation to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requesting their certification of the new

well. Until the District receives TCEQ certification, the well can not be placed into operation. During this waiting period, Electric Motor Service will be hard at work completing all the electrical and wiring for the new well. Mr. Loehr has advised the Board that certification can take anywhere from three to six months. The Board remains cautiously optimistic that Well #4 will be able to be brought online and supplying water to customers by Summer 2018.

Annual Winter Water Use Averaging Now in Progress



Don't forget that annual winter water use averaging began 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. Any member whose three month average is above 3,000 gallons will be assessed an additional \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons. If you have any questions or want to review in greater detail the way sewer rates are calculated, please contact the District's Office Manager, Lori Steffek, at (979) 968-5514.

District Bids Farewell to Long Time Director

The year of 2017 will go down in the District's history books as the year of change. During the course of the year, the District conducted its largest bond sale in its 51 year history, began drilling its fourth water well, saw its 35+ year engineer, Gene Kruppa, and its 30+ year attorney, Bill Corsbie, both retire and then at the November regular meeting,

Margaret Burton, the longest tenured Director on the Board, having served more than 40 years as a Director, shocked the Board by announcing that "it was time" for her to retire from her long standing duties as Director/Secretary of the Board, effective January 1, 2018. Mrs. Burton's hard work and dedication to the District will not be forgotten.

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 3rd 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)
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
09/2017 LRAA	0.0093* 0.0439	0.0071* 0.0404

*Please note that these samples were taken while Fayette Water Supply Corporation was providing water to the District after the flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey. These results reflect FWSC's water, not the District's.

Smoke Testing



Smoke testing of the District's waste water collection system continues to be conducted throughout the District by National Works as part of the Sanitary Sewer and Evaluation Study they are performing for the District. 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 on their street.



The next regular Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2018 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 New Year's on Monday, January 1, 2018; President's Day

on Monday, February 19, 2018 and on Texas Independence Day on March 2, 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 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.



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.



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!

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