



MUD 18 Newsletter  
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*Season's Greetings*



**Holiday Trash Schedule:** During this holiday season, you may wonder about the trash service schedule. The following holidays are recognized by Waste Management: New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Christmas Day. Since neither Christmas Day nor New Years Day falls on a regularly scheduled trash pick-up day, there will be no change in service during this year's holiday season. As a reminder, information on trash pick-up service is always available on our website at [www.mcmud18.com](http://www.mcmud18.com)



**Bentwater Development Report:** As of November 2013, Bentwater has 1801 homes completed, 23 homes under construction and 15 homes approved but not started for a total of 1844 homes. At the end of 2012, Bentwater had 1767 homes completed. Bentwater sales has 21 Developer lots left to sell.



**Storm Drainage Improvements:** Over recent months, the District has repaired and improved the storm drainage pathway on the southwest side on Miller # 7 fairway. The District has a drainage easement across the golf course and along the creek. Over the years the outfall into the drainage creek had become silted and the sides of the creek were experiencing significant erosion. Standing water was a potential mosquito breeding ground. A stand of willow trees immediately along the golf cart path had become unstable and a potential safety hazard. The Board commissioned work to rebuild the sidewalls, stabilize the sides of the creek, remove the tree hazard and re-sod the area. The completed work has resulted in a more functional storm water pathway that is both safe and attractive.



Before



During construction

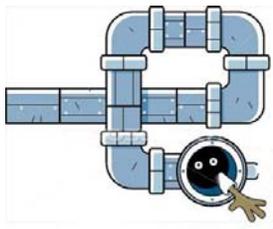


After completion

**Ground Storage Tank Rehab Underway:** The original ground storage tank in Water Plant # 1 has corroded. The Board has reserve funding for rehab of this tank in its Five Year Maintenance Plan. In November, we initiated the rehab project. The scope of the work will include draining the 300,000 gallon tank, inspecting the interior structural members and preparing the plans and specifications for the necessary repairs. This project will be completed in the winter months.



**Responsible Flushing:** This is a reminder that certain materials should not be flushed down toilets.



Improper disposal of materials into the sewer system can clog the flow through the pipes. This problem can be costly to the homeowner and/or the District. Please keep all plastic, rubber and other non-biodegradable material (including doggie refuse bags, disposable dusters (e.g. Swiffer) and plastic feminine hygiene products) out of the system.

Because Bentwater is built on low rolling hills, dropping down to lake level, it is necessary to have lift stations lift the sewage over these hills to our wastewater treatment plant. We currently have 26 such stations in our collection system. Maintaining these lift stations is a high expense item for the district ---average of ten thousand dollars per month. To manage these costs, we have an ongoing maintenance plan that replaces the older equipment with better performing technology when there is a cost benefit to do so.

However, one of our continuing high maintenance culprits is the removal of debris from the pumps in the lift stations. Much of the problem material is plastic which is flushed down residents' toilets. Please practice responsible flushing. When in doubt, throw it in your regular trash container.

**Time to Reduce Your Landscape Watering:** Everyone is encouraged to moderate the volume of



water you are using to irrigate your lawn and landscaped areas in response to the cooler temperatures. Your lawns and plants require much less water during the winter months.

Overwatering actually does more harm than good since this is the time of year the vegetation should be building strong and deeper root systems that help protect them during the hotter months. Landscape experts recommend that lawn irrigation systems should be turned off during January and February.

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### **Need to Report a Problem?**

Don't assume the problem has already been identified or reported. If you observe a water leak, sewer odor, discolored water, open manholes, alarms are sounding, or other problems, please help us by calling:

**Hays Utility Service @ 936-588-1166.**

Hays has someone in Bentwater every day, seven days a week. They can and will respond 24 hours a day. Their general office hours are from 8:00AM to 4:30PM Monday through Friday.

### **Meetings Open to the Public:**

Our regularly scheduled monthly meetings are the **2nd Tuesdays at 2:30PM** in the Country Club Board Room. Meetings are open to the public. The agenda is posted on our web site and the message board in the breezeway entrance to the Country Club Grill near the Golf Pro-shop.

Sincerely,

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