

MUD 18 Newsletter
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Our New Well Performance and Credits . Our new Catahoula well has been operating very well for a year and a half now. Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District, the regulating body in Montgomery County, encouraged large volume groundwater users like MUD 18 to convert to alternate water sources in advance of the January, 2016 rule that limits water pumped from the Jasper Gulf Coast Aquifer where our older two wells. Wells drilled into the Catahoula formation are considered as alternate water sources, since they are depths around 2500 ft. vs. our older wells in the Jasper formation at around 900 ft. As an incentive to convert early, Lone Star offered early conversion credits equal to twice the volume of water pumped from startup to January 1, 2016. These credits can be used internally in later years to handle unforeseen operating problems and/or can be sold to 3rd parties who don't have a good conversion option. MUD 18 currently has 3 paying customers for a portion of our credits. Revenue received from these sales has defrayed the cost to build our newest well as well as generating funds for other system improvements, which in turn keeps your taxes down. Thus far, our new Catahoula well has generated nearly a billion credits. That's right, BILLION, not million. Our strategy has been, and will continue to be, to operate the new well at high capacity (close to 80% of total water demand in Bentwater) to maximize the amount of credits generated by the January 1, 2016 cutoff date, after which no further credits are available. We anticipate that we will have generated a whopping total of about 2.3 billion credits by that date. We will continue to seek opportunities to generate value from these credits both internally and externally.



2013 Recycling Performance: In the first ten months of 2013 Waste Management collected 1468 tons of waste material from Bentwater including 378 tons of recycling material -- a 26% diversion rate for the period. This is equivalent to 168 lbs of waste per household per month with an average of 43 lbs of recycling material per household. While this is commendable, with careful attention to recycling all waste that meets the criteria, we can do better. As a helpful reminder, a one page summary of all recyclable materials will be enclosed in your February bill. If you have paperless billing, you can go to our web site www.mcmud18.com, click the "Trash" option to find a link to these helpful tips. You can print the page for handy reference.



You may have noticed that Waste Management is again using trucks that automatically pick up the recycle bins. Please be sure your recycle bin is placed at the curb with the arrows on the top facing toward the street allowing the automated trucks to pick up the bins. Otherwise the drivers may not get out of the truck to turn the bins around and may skip your bin. Also be sure to leave some space between your recycle bin and your regular trash bin to provide unobstructed access to your recycle bin.

Trash Pick-UP Schedules Impacted by Icy Conditions: During the recent icy conditions, our trash pick-up schedules were delayed from Friday to Saturday two weeks in a row. The District sent out E-Blast notices advising of the schedule changes as soon as we got the word from Waste Management. We thank everyone for your understanding of the changes due to hazardous road conditions.



If you did not get the E-Blast messages, that is because you have not signed up to receive our electronic notices. You are encouraged to log onto our website www.mcmud18.com and sign onto our email list so we can send you timely reminders and information about critical services. We will not share your email address with anyone and you can unsubscribe at any time.

Board Positions. The MUD 18 Board consists of five directors who are elected according to the Texas Election Code. Every other year, specified positions expire so that the four year terms are staggered. The Board positions for Directors Rex Cambern, Joe Constantino and Linda Pierce expire in May. Each incumbent has filed for re-election. Anyone who is interested in running for a position on the Board should follow the procedures posted on the bulletin board outside the Bentwater Pro Shop by February 28. If the positions are uncontested, an election is not required. If an election is held, early voting will start on April 28; voting day will be on May 10.



Sign-up for E-Blasts: If you are not receiving our E-Blasts, you are missing out on timely information. Go to our website at www.mcmud18.com and give us your email address. Your address will not be shared with anyone. You can unsubscribe at any time.

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,

Your MUD Board:

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