

**MUD 18 Newsletter**  
**March - April 2014**  
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**Board Incumbents to Serve Another Term.**

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 filed for re-election. No other candidate filed to run for the Board. Since the positions were uncontested, no election is required and the incumbents will serve another term.



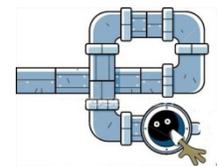
**MUD 18 Annexes 6.92 Acres Dedicated to Park.**

The Belin family is donating 6.92 acres to the POA for the purpose of a multi-use park in memory of Bentwater developer Bruce Belin. MUD 18 has taken steps to annex this property into the District. After the property is annexed, as is done with all property within the District, MUD 18 will provide utility infrastructure for water, waste treatment and storm drainage.

**MUD 18's Five Year Plan:**

The Board manages a Five Year Plan to prioritize capital improvements and repairs. Some of the projects currently underway include:

1. **Ground Storage Tank Rehab Underway:** The original ground storage tank in Water Plant # 1 has corroded. In November, we initiated the rehab project. The scope of the work included draining the 300,000 gallon tank, inspecting the interior structural members, making necessary repairs and applying new coating material. This project will be completed before summer arrives.
2. **Install 3 Lift Station Generators.** This will complete a multi-year plan to provide backup power to all 24 lift stations that provide service to residential homes. The generators will be in place prior to the 2014 hurricane season.
3. **Provide Driveway Access to Several Lift Stations.** When a lift stations is serviced, trucks with heavy equipment require access to the lift station. If there is no driveway access, considerable turf damage can occur. This item provides improved equipment access.
4. **Sewer Collection System Repairs.** As the sewer collection facilities age, they are subject to decay primarily from gaseous build-up. Lift Station rehab and manhole tank replacement are included in this work. Additionally, Hays Utility inspects sections of the collection system using televising technology to identify problems in the lines. Timely repairs and replacements are the objective. The replacements utilize improved materials and technology that are expected to provide improved life of the system.
5. **Storm Drainage Maintenance and Improvements.** Bentwater has over 90 Storm Drain outfalls into the lake. Keeping these storm drain outlets and drainage ditches clear and functioning is important in Bentwater due to the changes in elevation as storm water drains toward the lake. Prior to every hurricane season, an inspection of our drainage



system is conducted and obstructions are removed. Throughout the year, identified repairs and improvements are made.

6. Water Well #2 will be reworked. This well is in the larger of our 2 wells in the Jasper aquifer. Due to its age and production history it will be scheduled for rework.

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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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