

Storm Inlet Inspections and Repairs: You may have noticed work being done to reconstruct some of the storm water inlets that drain storm water from our street curbs to the lake. This work is a project in our Five Year Plan to inspect and make needed repairs to some of our storm inlets.

Bentwater has 715 storm water inlets.

This project is a systematic technical evaluation of these inlets. Thus far, 200 inlets have identified problems. The good



news is that there have been no storm sewer piping failures anywhere in the system. The identified problems have been in the housing that guides the storm water from the curb drain to the large underground piping network. The root cause is the way the original work was done to construct the housing from the drain pipe up to the street surface. The concrete housing was not brought up to the street level. A wall of irregular concrete bricks and blocks was built to connect with the street level. Over the years, the ground has settled and shifted causing the wall of blocks to become unstable,

which in turn has caused curb and drain damage. The repairs include providing a solid concrete housing from pipe to street and replacement of curbside and street damage. These pictures illustrate a sample of the issues and the finished result of repairs.



The project is expected to take three years to complete. The technical evaluations will continue and repairs will be prioritized to prevent safety hazards and structural issues. Every effort will be made to coordinate this work with the POA's street repair projects. Storm drain repairs on the east end of Bentwater are being timed with the Bentwater Drive improvements.

Fire Hydrants Have a New Look: Bentwater has approximately 370 fire hydrants. Every other year,



Old

as part of our Five Year Plan, all of our fire hydrants are inspected, serviced and repainted. Lines are flushed, flow testing is conducted, repairs are made and parts are lubricated. The final step is painting. This project is in progress. When completed, the hydrants will have a new look. Instead of green trimmed in red, they will be green trimmed in reflective silver.



New

Second Catahoula Well Progress: In our November 2014 Newsletter we provided a summary of MUD 18's water supply strategy. We reported that MUD 18 and Porter SUD signed a contract whereby MUD 18 furnished Porter with half of our Jasper operating permit capacity combined with a significant amount of credits, for which Porter paid us \$2.67 million. This amount is based on the estimated cost of a new 2nd Catahoula well. The District's Engineer, Bleyl and Associates, has completed design of the new well and plant facilities and the design has been submitted to the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality for approval. We hope to be in a position to receive bids by early May. The new well should be online in the spring of 2016. Two Catahoula wells will ensure a plentiful and reliable supply of high quality, low cost water, for Bentwater for the foreseeable future. It

will be possible to fund this project without borrowing money via bonds. This is a great example of improving water assets without increasing your taxes.

Change in Board of Directors: In January, Chris Uzelmeier resigned his position on the Board due to Chris and Kathy’s relocation out of Bentwater to Bonterra in the Woodforest Development. We thank Chris for his five years of service to the MUD 18 Board and the value he brought to us from his prior work experience and community commitment.



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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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