

MUD 18 Newsletter
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Catahoula Well # 1 Is Back in Service: We thank our customers for your patience and understanding during the recent downtime with our Catahoula Well #1 repairs. During the downtime, we were producing from our Jasper wells that produce harder water. Many of you noticed this. Now that the Catahoula is back on line, customers are pleased to have soft water again.

Catahoula Well #2 Update: As previously announced, MUD 18 is in the process of drilling a second Catahoula well. This project includes improvements to Water Plant # 1. The new well



and the plant are located near the POA office. Golfers on Weiskopf can easily see the well rig on the west side of Hole # 4.

The new Catahoula well and plant improvements were awarded to the low bidders (two separate contracts) in the total amount of \$2,530,500. This cost has been fully funded through selling some of the District's early conversion credits and a portion of the Jasper permit allocation owned by the District.

The water well contractor has completed the surface and production casing, and is currently working on setting the 14-inch diameter screens

and liner for the well. The well is scheduled to be substantially complete by early April 2016. The water plant upgrades necessary to support the new well are scheduled to be completed by the end of September 2016. Once the new well is on-line, the plan is that all of the District's water will be produced from the Catahoula Aquifer. The additional water well and plant capacity will exceed minimum requirements for all of Bentwater's future water needs.

Bentwater Housing Report: As of December 31, Bentwater had 1926 homes completed. There are currently an additional 61 homes are under construction. And there are approved plans for 12 homes that are not yet started. This will bring the total of homes in Bentwater to 1999!



Clarification of Recycling Practices: It is timely that we clarify some important points about recycling:

1. Helpful guidance in what is recyclable and what is not. If you are receiving this newsletter via email, please click on the link in the email that provides 2016 Recycling Tips. If you are receiving this newsletter enclosed with your bill, you will find a two-sided insert with these tips. Please take a few minutes to review this information. The objective is to clarify what is recyclable and what is not. We believe that more materials can be recycled with less going into landfills. The decision of what goes where rests with the homeowner. We hope these tips may help guide those decisions. These tips are always available on our web site.



2. All material intended to be recycled must be placed in the recycle container. Any material set out alongside the container cannot be picked up by the automated collection

trucks. If you have more recyclable material than will fit in your container, we encourage you to save the excess until the next week or to ask a neighbor to share space with you.

3. Proper placement of the recycle bin at the curb. Since automated trucks are most often used to lift and empty the recycle material into the truck, the bin must be placed at the curb with the lid opening side facing the curb, wheels facing away from the street. There is a handy reminder embossed on the lid of the recycle bin. Very importantly, the recycle bin must have sufficient clearance from the trash bin to be accessed by the automated truck.

We appreciate your help in observing these practices to continue our increasing participation in recycling.

**Think twice as you toss items into a garbage can.
Make the choice to recycle rather than add to a landfill.
Think green. Recycle Often. Recycle Right.**

If you do not have a recycle bin and want to have one, call MUD Board member Rex Cambern at 936-449-5761 and he will be happy to arrange delivery.

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 Tichacek and Montgomery expire in May. Each incumbent has filed for re-election. If the positions are uncontested, an election is not required. 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 19. If an election is held, voting day will be on May 7.



Trash Pickup Schedule on Holidays. When a holiday falls on a Monday or Friday, do you ever wonder if we will have trash pick-up on the normally scheduled day?

- The only holidays that Waste Management discontinues scheduled pick-up is on Christmas and New Year's.
- If you forget these holiday exceptions, you can always go to our web site www.mcmud18 and find the holiday pick-up schedule.



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.

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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