

MUD 18 Newsletter
December – February 2018
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Change in Board of Directors: The MUD 18 Board of Directors consists of 5 members elected by registered voters in the District for staggered four-year terms. After 15 years, Linda Pierce resigned her position on the Board in November. Linda has been active in community for many years. She hopes to spend her time travelling to destinations still on her “bucket list”. The MUD 18 Board thanks Linda for her service and the valuable experience she brought from her prior work experience with Shell Oil and her commitment to our community.

A vacancy due to a resignation during an uncompleted term, may be filled by the Board. The Board is pleased to announce that Nancy Busen has been designated by the Board to serve the remainder of Linda’s term. Nancy brings valued administrative and technical experience in the health care field to the Board.

2017 MUD Tax: You should have received your 2017 MUD tax bill in October. Your tax payment is due in **January 2018.**



Solid Waste Collection: The CPI Garbage and Trash index number has increased over the past year. The rate for collection services will increase 2.115% over the current monthly base rate of \$19.73 to \$20.15 beginning in 2018. This fee is part of the home owner’s sewage cost but there is currently no rate increase by MUD18.

Reminder - Recycle Container Placement is Important: Since automated trucks are most often used to lift and empty the recycle material into the truck, the container must be placed at the curb with the lid opening side facing the street. There is a handy reminder on the lid of the recycle bin. Very importantly, the recycle bin must have sufficient clearance from your trash bin to be accessed by the automated truck. We appreciate the continued increase in participating in recycling. Make the choice to recycle rather than add to a landfill. Please contact Rex Cambern (936/449-5761) for a recycle bin as needed.



Trash Pickup Schedule on Holidays. Residents often ask about trash pick-up over holidays. 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.



Waste Management will collect Christmas trees placed at the curb with regularly scheduled trash. Make sure that all decorations and lights are removed. Wrapping paper, bows and other holiday decorations should be placed in regular trash bags or a recycle bin as appropriate.

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.

Winter Watering Tips: **1. Winter tips for watering:** In the event of a freeze advisory, please be certain to run your irrigation to fortify your plants and flowers. It takes longer for well-watered plants to freeze. After watering, **then** cover all the plants and flowers that are susceptible to freeze damage. Commercial landscaping stores sell rolls of white, woven fabric expressly made for quick and easy covering of plants. If some plants do get freeze damage, do not trim off the dead parts until late January, when most of the severe weather has passed. The dead parts will help defend the plants and flowers from another freeze.

2. The irrigation schedule can be set to once a week until February if the rainfall has been moderate.

3. Info on winter watering needs: Contrary to popular belief, the winter is a very dry climate. Ever got chapped lips? The fact is that the cooling weather withdraws moisture from the plants, moisture which has to be replaced to maintain the lawn and landscape in optimal condition.

4. If your irrigation system does not have a rain sensor, and the rainfall is plentiful, feel free to turn off your sprinkler system until a time you deem proper.

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.

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Meetings Open to the Public:

Our regularly scheduled monthly meetings are the **3rd Tuesdays at 9:30AM** 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:

Rex Cambern	President	449-5761
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