

The Water Spout

A Publication of Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 23



Water Plant Rehabilitation

Recently, the Fort Bend MUD 23 main water plant was taken offline for rehabilitation activities. This water plant has been in operation since 1984. The interior and exterior of the ground storage tank (GST) and the two hydro pneumatic tanks (HPTs)



were sandblasted and repainted. While the GST was being repainted,

the District's logo and website address were added. The water plant has a storage capacity of approximately 420,000

gallons with the ability to pump 5,000 gallons per minute to the district. The HPTs have a capacity of 20,000 gallons each. Once rehabilitation is complete, the life of the facility will be

extended. Additionally, water pressure in our homes will be restored to normal

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Points of Interest

Constables' Services

Free House Watch & Home Inspection Services Available. Contact the Constable's Office for details.

281-341-4536

Commissioner Morrison's Note

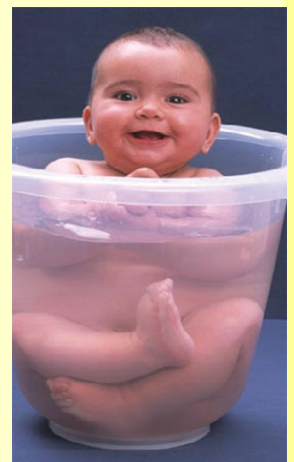
I'm the new Commissioner of Precinct 1 in Fort Bend County. The Commissioners Court is made up of four county commissioners and a county judge. The court's main duties are approving the county budget, calling for elections, setting the tax rate, and construction and maintenance of county infrastructure. Much of the Court's agenda is mundane issues dealing with the day-to-day operations of the County. It meets the first, second, and fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. on the 7th Floor of the William B. Travis building in Richmond, Texas. I have begun a new program called, "Commissioner on Your Corner." It is a town hall

style meeting on the second Thursday of every month from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The meetings will be at the Arcola City Hall on Highway 6 in Arcola. I hope to see each of you there. Please contact my office if I can be of any assistance to you, your family or your neighbors.

Richard Morrison
County Commissioner
Precinct 1
Fort Bend County
281-344-9400

Gallons of Water

Fort Bend MUD 23 produces approximately 1 million gallons of water every day!



Constable's Bulletin

We have learned how important it is to lock your doors and windows, and not to keep valuables in view of either property. When working early morning shifts, it was apparent how dark the area around homes, and in driveways were where vehicles were parked. It was impressive when outside lights would come on as we drove past those houses. Some houses were lit up in both front porch areas and rear door stoups.

If people can't see the lighted area, they won't be able to help you if someone is vandalizing or burglarizing your residence or business. Ask yourself if the nearest neighbors are really close enough to see anything? Are there bushes, trees, or fences blocking their view?

How much lighting you need depends on the size and characteristics of the area you are trying to light up. A good way to determine this, is to go outside at night and think like a criminal. Where would you break in? Where would you hide to attack a family member? Can neighbors see the vulnerable areas around your house? After these analogies, assess the lighting levels in these areas for better protection. If it is dark, and is hard for someone to fiddle with a latch or jimmy a door? If you are able to read the sub-headlines of a newspaper, the light is bright enough. Proper lighting should provide visibility and allow surveillance with creating excessive glare or shadows. The proper lights pointed in the right directions are a key part of reducing burglaries, vandalism and graffiti. Criminals like to see what they are doing, but they don't want others to see them. So, light up the areas other people can easily see, and enough lighting in areas that are hidden from public view where criminals attempt to enter your home. Another excellent idea would be to have motion sensors for some of the

lights in vulnerable areas, with the addition that they turn on inside lights of the house. This may give the appearance that somebody is home. While you are surveying your home, please be sure that your house numbers are clear and visible for emergency personnel.

Many citizens are not sure what constitutes "suspicious activity", and when to contact law enforcement. So, what kind of things are suspicious and when should I call? Anyone forcibly entering or attempting to enter a car or home; someone running from a home or business under unusual circumstances; someone carrying a weapon in an inappropriate setting, anyone ringing your door bell or knocking on your door without a reasonable explanation for doing so, or a strange or unfamiliar vehicles parked in your area, especially if a vehicle is backed in and items are being loaded from the house; a clean vehicle with dirty or damaged plates, and/or any activity or event you observe that makes you feel uncomfortable. Always obey you're intuitive sense that something is suspicious. If you are not sure about calling law enforcement, call anyway. Our old saying is, its better to say "I'm glad I did" than to say "I wish I had".



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Remember to give a call when you go out of town for the House Watch Program. We are open 8am-5pm, M – F. Our phone # is 281-341-4536.

Constable Dorr's monthly bulletin can be found on the Security Page of the District's website.

Water Conservation Tips

Water conservation measures are an important first step in protecting our water supply. Such measures not only save the supply of our source water, but also can save you money by reducing your water bill. Here are a few suggestions:

Inside Your Home

- ◆ Fix leaking faucets, pipes, toilets, etc.
- ◆ Replace old fixtures; install water saving devices in faucets, toilets and appliances.
- ◆ Wash only full loads of laundry.
- ◆ Do not use the toilet for trash disposal.
- ◆ Take shorter showers.
- ◆ Do not let the water run while shaving or brushing teeth.
- ◆ Soak dishes before washing.
- ◆ Run the dishwasher only when full.



Outdoors

- ◆ Water the lawn and garden in the early morning or evening.
- ◆ Use mulch around plants and shrubs.
- ◆ Repair leaks in faucets and hoses.
- ◆ Use water-saving nozzles.
- ◆ Use water from a bucket to wash your car, and save the hose for rinsing.

-Southwest Water Company

Our Deputies

Please welcome our two additional deputies in Mud 23. You may have already seen them riding with some of our current deputies and learning the layout of the area and the people who live there. Michelle Guajardo has 15 years of law enforcement experience and holds an Advanced Texas Peace Officer license, and Billy Guerrero has 5 years experience with an Intermediate Texas Peace Officer license, he should be receiving his Advance license this September. Both are very qualified and come from diverse backgrounds and will be an asset to the community. Our 3 deputies helping them in the acclimation of their new duties are Deputy Dexton Britton

who has 10 years experience in law enforcement and holds an Advanced Texas Peace Officer license. Deputy Britton is also a Sergeant with the U.S. Army Reserve. Deputy Lump Mayberry has 8 years experience and holds a Basic Texas Peace Officer license. Deputy Greg Baker has been promoted to Corporal and has 21 years experience and holds a Master's Texas Peace Officer License.

Be sure to hold out your hand on welcoming our newest deputies and congratulating Corporal Baker on his promotion, and be sure to thank the all of them for taking their time on training our two new deputies.

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Be on the Look Out for improvements to current recreational facilities and new facilities in the near future!

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SECURITY

NON EMERGENCIES
Constable's Office
(281) 341-4536

NON EMERGENCIES
Sheriff's Office
(281) 341-4665 or 4666

MUD 23 SERVICES

Water Service
Southwest Water Co.
Billing and Service
(713) 405-1750

Trash Service
WCA Waste
(281) 368-8397
www.wcawaste.com

MUD Tax Information
ASW
(281) 482-0216
www.aswtax.com

Facility Rental
Water Payment Drop Box
Massey Admin. Building
(281) 431-3789
info@FortBendMUD23.com

HOAs

Andover Farms
Sterling Associations
(281) 447-3388
www.andoverfarmshoa.org

Cambridge Falls
Compass Land Developers
(281) 647-6119

Estates of Teal Run
Houston Community Management
(281) 333-5173

Teal Run
Houston Community Management
(281) 333-5173
www.tealrun.org

Teal Run North
Houston Community Management
(281) 333-5173

Winfield Lakes
Principal Management Company
(713) 329-7100