

# Harris County Fresh Water Supply District No. 61

[www.harriscountyfwsd61.org](http://www.harriscountyfwsd61.org)

## Newsletter

November 2017

### **Hurricane Harvey in 2017 led to serious flooding within Harris and the surrounding counties**

Many residents are very concerned with the recent flooding that has occurred in our general area over the past several years and have some questions about this problem. Unfortunately, Harris County representatives are actively attempting to shift drainage responsibility over to the MUD Districts, seeking a cost sharing agreement that will lead to double taxation. This has happened on several occasions regarding existing drainage facilities that are in need of maintenance. The County and/or the Harris County Flood Control District (as administered by the County) is responsible for, among other things, the control, regulation, and distribution of the storm and flood waters within its jurisdiction. The Drainage Facilities are within the County's jurisdiction. Several governmental entities have responsibility for different infrastructures. **Harris County Precinct 3**, [www.pct3.com](http://www.pct3.com), (281)-463-6300 maintains and owns the roads, storm sewers and drainage ditches. **Harris County Flood Control**, [www.hcfcd.org](http://www.hcfcd.org), (713) 684-4000 is a department of Harris County and maintains some detention ponds and all major drainage bayous and creeks. **Harris County Fresh Water Supply District 61**,

[www.harriscountyfwsd61.org](http://www.harriscountyfwsd61.org), (281) 469-9405 maintains and owns the water and sanitary sewer systems along with some detention ponds. **Questions pertaining to flooding issues should be directed to Harris County Precinct 3 and Harris County Flood Control.** Harris County FWSD 61 from time to time works with these other agencies to help solve problems that involve the District facilities, such as relocation of a conflicting water or sewer line and detention ponds owned by Harris County FWSD 61. The District desires nothing more than to work harmoniously with the County and Flood Control in furtherance of the entities separate and distinct responsibilities. It is the District's sincere hope that this goal can and will be achieved.

### **Directors Set 2017 Tax Rate - Lowered for the Twentieth Year in a Row**

On October 11, 2017, the Directors of your water district set the tax rate for 2017 at thirty-one cents (**\$0.31**) per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation. The new rate is down from thirty-two cents (**\$0.32**) per one hundred dollars in 2016 and is a 3.13% decrease in the tax rate. The reduction in the tax rate is the latest in a series of reductions that began in 1998. Steady development within the district has helped to make these decreases possible.

## North Harris County Regional Water Authority Fee

The North Harris County Regional Water Authority will be raising their rate. The current rate is two dollars and ninety cents (**\$2.90**) per thousand gallons. The NHCRWA is projecting that the pumping fees will steadily increase to more than 2 times the current rate.

This fee appears each month on your water bill as a separate line item listed as **NHCRWAA** (North Harris County Regional Water Authority Assessment). It is based on the number of gallons you use each month and is collected by the district, then sent to the Authority each month.

The Authority conducts open meetings on the **first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM**. Their offices are located at 3648 FM 1960 West, Suite 110, Houston, TX, 77068. Their website is very informative. You can find out more by reading their website, calling their office, and by attending their meetings.

**WWW.NHCRWA.COM**  
North Harris County Regional Water  
Authority  
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Houston, TX. 77068  
(281) 440-3924

## Check out the Harris County Fresh Water Supply District #61 website

You can find us at:  
[www.harriscountyfwsd61.org](http://www.harriscountyfwsd61.org). We have a bill pay option you can access over the internet!! There are informational

resources and links to pay your water bill on the site. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover credit and debit cards. Using the service will add a 3% convenience fee to your payment. Check our website for other important information like due dates, office holiday schedule, and ways to contact us.

## If You Need to Contact Us....

There are several ways to contact us. Office phones are answered by staff members during office hours. After business hours if an emergency should arise you can call the office and leave an emergency message and an operator will return your call promptly. You can also leave a non-emergency message which will be returned by staff during office hours.

You may also email us if you have service requests or billing questions. Our email address is:  
[waterbill@district61.org](mailto:waterbill@district61.org). Any way you choose to contact us, we will respond.

## District Offices

13205 Cypress N. Houston Rd.  
Cypress, Texas 77429-3188

**Office Hours** - M- F 7:30 am to 5:00 pm  
except holidays

**Telephone** – (281) 469-9405

Answered 24 hours. In case of emergency, leave message, operator on duty will return your call promptly.

**Board of Directors** - Regular meetings 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. each month, 6:30 pm in the District Offices. With the exception of November and December due to Holidays, see web site for meeting dates [www.harriscountyfwsd61.org](http://www.harriscountyfwsd61.org).