

Harris County Fresh Water Supply District No. 61

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Newsletter

June 2021

2021 Projects that will be ongoing in the District

Drainage

District 61 recently participated in a shared cost drainage project designed and managed by Harris County Precinct 3, www.pct3.com, (281) 463-6300, who owns and maintains the streets, storm sewers and drainage ditches. The project area was within the Tower Oaks Meadows and Barwood subdivisions. Harris County FWSD 61 owns approximately 100 acres of detention facilities within the district boundaries with an annual maintenance budgeted expense of approximately \$300,000 dollars.

Sanitary Sewer Rehab

The District is nearing completion on the current sanitary sewer rehab project located in Meisterwood, White Oak Landing, and Oak Cliff Place subdivisions repairing and replacing an aging sewer infrastructure that is reaching upwards of 50 years of use in some areas. Previous projects include Barwood and Tower Oaks Meadows subdivisions. The District will soon be starting another phase of our rehabilitation program that consist of closed circuit television (CCTV) inspections of large diameter outfall lines, and will continue in a phased approach working throughout the entire District.

Automated Metering System

The District is nearing completion of the fixed network water metering system replacing all meters within the District. These meters monitor for various flow conditions, and will allow the District to instantly see customer use. The meters are working well and serve as a great tool to pinpoint potential leaks and other issues. Currently, the District is working towards providing a free web portal as part of our commitment to provide you with the best tools to manage your water use. The pmtal will also provide useful information, tips, leak resolution and a bill explainer to help customers resolve issues on line. Also, the District will have the ability to send alerts by email, text, or voice. If you haven't updated your email address and telephone number lately, please do so you won't miss out on this new technology. This can be done on the District website, in person, or give us a call.

Infrastructure Relocation

After months of preparation the District is nearing the construction phase of relocating several hundred feet of water and wastewater piping at the 1960 and N. Eldridge intersection. This is due to TX Dot widening the roadway in the general area. The construction is expected to last several months.

Directors Set 2020 Tax Rate - Remains the same as 2019

On October 14, 2020, the Directors of your water district set the tax rate for 2020 at twenty-nine cents (**\$0.29**) per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation. The tax rate remained the same as 2019. Although the rate stayed the same as in 2019, reductions begun in 1998 and have not increased. Steady development within the district has helped to make these lower rates possible.

North Harris County Regional Water Authority Fee

The North Harris County Regional Water Authority has raised their rate. The current rate is four dollars and sixty cents (**\$4.60**) per thousand gallons. 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.

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Check out our Website

You can find us at:

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. A field 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 email us if you have service requests or billing questions. Our email address is: waterbill@district61.org
Any way you choose to contact us, we will respond.

District Offices

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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 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wed. each month, **5:30 pm** in the District Offices. With the exception of November and December due to Holidays, see web site for meeting dates
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