

Harris County Fresh Water Supply District No. 61

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Newsletter

June 2022

2022 Projects that will be ongoing in the District

Drainage

Harris County Recovery and Resiliency Division are currently designing their E132 Mitigation Project. The project consists of approximately 8,000 Linear Feet of drainage and detention pond improvements, along with infrastructure improvements in the Barwood and Tower Oaks Meadows subdivisions. The projects are designed and managed by the county. The county also owns and maintains the streets, storm sewers and drainage ditches. Harris County FWSD 61 owns approximately 100 acres of detention facilities within the district boundaries with an annual maintenance budgeted expense of approximately \$200,000 dollars.

Sanitary Sewer Rehab

The District is nearing completion on our Phase 8 CCTV sanitary sewer project that was awarded to CSI, LLC d/b/a AIMS Companies. The project consisted of cleaning and televising 28,520 linear feet of sanitary sewer line ranging in size from 8" to 36". This project will assist the District in identifying any deficiencies that will be addressed in our next rehabilitation project in the months to come.

Summer Is Here

Water is a natural resource we need and respect. Set a timer as a reminder to turn off your sprinkler. Water either in the evening or early morning to minimize water lost to evaporation. Check out our website for other conservation tips.

Automated Metering System

All the residential accounts now have an automated meter installed. The meters are working well and are a great tool to pinpoint leaks and other issues. District staff can see the customer's daily use. The District is working towards the next step; providing a free internet portal as part of our commitment to provide you with the best tools to manage your water use. The portal will provide useful information and will assist customers to resolve issues like knowing how long their sprinklers run or if their toilet is constantly running. We will also use this portal to send communications to customers about water issues, temporary outages, and ongoing repair work, and events that impact your service.

New Bill & Payment Options:

We currently offer the option of an E-Bill. Also, you can pay online one time or set up reoccurring automatic payments. You can set up these options on our website. We also accept echecks, credit and debit cards, Apple Pay, Google Pay, and PayPal. We will still mail a paper warning before terminations occur. Please update your email address and telephone number. This can be done in person, by phone, or email us at waterbill@district61.org

Infrastructure Relocation

After months of construction at the intersection of FM 1960 at N. Eldridge Persons Services, the contractor hired to complete the relocation of water and sanitary sewer lines, are expected to be completed in early July 2022. This project was necessary due to TXDOT widening the roadway in the general area.

Directors Set 2021 Tax Rate – Remains the same as 2020

On September 22, 2021, the Directors of your water district set the tax rate for 2021 at twenty-nine cents (**\$0.29**) per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation. The tax rate remained the same as 2020. Although the rate stayed the same as in 2020, reductions begun in 1998 and have not increased. Steady development within the district has helped to make these lower rates possible. You can now pay your taxes online by going to our website and click on the [Pay Tax Bill link](#).

North Harris County Regional Water Authority Fee

The North Harris County Regional Water Authority announced that there will not be an increase in 2022. Their current rate is (**\$4.60**) per 1,000 gallons of water. 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 monthly 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.

While there, look for important information like due dates, office holiday schedule, water quality information, tips, 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

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Answered 24 hours. In case of an emergency, follow the prompts to leave a message. An 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 www.harriscountyfwsd61.org.