

Fayette County WCID – Monument Hill NEWSLETTER

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The Board invites all members of the District to attend its monthly Board of Directors meetings held on the second Thursday of every month at 4 p.m. at the District office, located at 100 Country Club Drive. Please note that due to scheduling conflicts, however, sometimes the meetings need to be moved to another day or time. Please contact the District office (968-5514) to verify that the meeting will be held on its regular date and time. If someone would like to address the Board during a meeting, the District requests that they notify the office no later than 72 hours prior to a scheduled meeting so they can be added to the meeting agenda.

News & Updates

- ◆ In August, the water meter change-out program was completed. All meters throughout the District have been replaced with Kamstrup water meters. The District has experienced zero meter read failures since inception of the changeout program, more than 18 months ago. The ease of reading meters with a tablet and a user friendly meter reading software interface, called READY Manager, has made this transition incredibly easy and painless. By switching to new meters and meter reading software, a savings of more than \$2,700 will be realized annually.
- ◆ It is expected that full certification to operate Water Well #4 should be granted sometime during 1Q2020. The District has completed all TTHM and expanded Lead and Copper sampling as mandated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). In addition, the District has also completed three out of four quarters of water quality parameter sampling. To date, all water sample results have been passing with no problems indicated. As long as this continues, full certification should be forthcoming as expected.
- ◆ In December 2017, National Works began a Sanitary Sewer Evaluation & Study (SSES) of the District's waste water infrastructure. Through this evaluation, several sections of sewer line were identified as needing to be replaced. The significant problem areas include Lookout Drive below Valley View Drive and Lookout Drive extending upward toward Rolling Hill Dr/Rolling Hill Court, and Rolling Hill Drive near Park Drive. The Board has authorized BEFCO Engineering, Inc. to seek bids for the projects, which should occur sometime over the next few months. Once bids are received, a winning bid will be awarded and funded using some of the remaining 2017 bond sale funds specifically designated for sanitary sewer improvements.



Annual Winter Water Use Averaging Begins Dec. 1st

Don't forget that annual winter water use averaging begins December 1st and extends through February 2020. Each homeowner's winter water use average during the three month period of December, January and February will be used in determining their sewer rate for the twelve month period beginning April 2020 and extending thru March 2021. If you have any questions or want to review the way sewer rates are calculated, please contact the District's Office Manager, Lori Steffek.

TTHM Update

Below you will find a table indicating the sample results for the past four quarters. As a reminder, total trihalomethanes should be below 0.080 mg/L, at each sampling location and, as indicated in the table below, both mandated sampling locations passed for the last four quarters (4th Qtr 2018 through 3rd Qtr 2019). LRAA refers to the locational running annual average. It represents the average over the last four sampling periods. An LRAA above 0.080 mg/L triggers a violation by TCEQ and requires the District to send out a Public Notice to all of its membership. Four passing quarters of a locational running annual average below 0.080 mg/L should reduce the number of times the District needs to sample for TTHMs from 4 x a year to once a year.

As always, if you should have any questions concerning this matter, or wish to discuss it in greater detail, please contact the office at 968-5514. We're here to help!

Sampling Period	Location 1 Results (mg/L)	Location 2 Results (mg/L)
3Q2019 LRAA	0.0490 0.0385	0.0499 0.0393
2Q2019 LRAA	0.0356 0.0389	0.0377 0.0389
1Q2019 LRAA	0.0341 0.0552	0.0361 0.0557
4Q2018 LRAA	0.0353 0.0699	0.0336 0.6990

District Adopts New Property Tax Rate for 2019

The District recently held a duly posted public hearing on September 12, 2019, to receive public comments on its proposed 2019 ad valorem tax rate which funds the District's debt service associated with its 2017 bond sale as well as funding a portion of its operations and maintenance budget. The proposed 2019 tax rate of 0.2467 per \$100 of valuation, represents an annual increase of \$7.59, or 1.41%, on the average priced home. The Board of Directors proceeded to adopt, via Resolution, the tax rate of 0.2467 for 2019.



The next regular Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 4 p.m., at its office located at 100 Country Club Drive, La Grange, Texas.

The District offices will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day on Monday, November 11, 2019; for Thanksgiving on Thursday & Friday, November 28-29, 2019; for Christmas on Tuesday & Wednesday December 24-25, 2019; and for New Year's on Wednesday, January 1, 2020.

DID YOU KNOW ... ?

- ⇒ Turning off the faucet while you brush your teeth will save a family of four almost 800 gallons of water a month.
- ⇒ Plugging the sink while you shave could save up to 300 gallons a month.

2018 Water Quality Report Now Available

The 2018 Water Quality Report for the Fayette County WCID -Monument Hill is now available online by typing in the following URL address in your browser bar:

<http://ccrwater.net/fayettecountycidmonhill-51623>



If you're sewer clean out drain cover looks like this one, it's time to replace it! If you need a cover that has a flat top, instead of the usual protruding square nut head cover, please drop by the office, and we'll be happy to provide you with one....free of charge!

Emergency Alerts

After the devastation brought about by Hurricane Harvey, it's never been more important that everyone sign up to receive emergency alerts from the Water District. In order to sign up for alert emails and/or text messages, please visit the District's website at www.monumenthillwater.com, and from our homepage, click on the orange "Sign Up for Alerts" button on the right side panel of the screen. Your mailbox will NOT be flooded with junk mail. Need help subscribing? Not sure if you've already subscribed? Please contact Lori Steffek at (979) 968-5514 and she will gladly assist you.

Pay Your Water Bill Via Auto Bank Draft

This service is offered at no charge and as a courtesy to our members. If interested, visit the District's website at www.monumenthillwater.com for the "FCWCID ACH Draft Authorization Form", fill it out and return it to the District office or contact Lori Steffek at (979) 968-5514 for assistance.

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