

# Fayette County WCID – Monument Hill NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2017

## District Office

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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 5 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.

## TTHM Update

For the third consecutive quarter, the District has received a Notice of Violation from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for its Total Trihalomethane (TTHM) required monitoring.

While 1st Qtr 2017 sample results were well below the mandated 0.080 mg/L (0.0375 mg/L and 0.0295 mg/L, respectively), the District's locational running annual average (LRAA) was 0.090 mg/L for both sampling locations. The LRAA represents the average over the last four sampling periods. Any locational running annual average above 0.080 mg/L triggers a viola-

tion and requires that the District notify all of its customers, as well as property owners, of the violation in writing.

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.

Over the last year, the District has purchased tank mixers to help alleviate some of the TTHM problems, as well as having had an independent, third party conduct a pilot study of the District's raw water. The results of our water pilot study

found that, for optimum operation of the aerator and for best TTHM removal, our chlorine injection point should be located before the aerator, instead of after the aerator, as originally designed. We requested, and just recently received, permission from TCEQ to move our chlorination injection point. We believe the substantial drop in the 1st Qtr 2017 TTHM samples was due to the aerator rework and the ➡

Sampling Period	Location 1 Results (mg/L)	Location 2 Results (mg/L)
06/2016 LRAA	0.1470 0.0754	0.1430 0.0727
09/2016 LRAA	0.0893 0.088	0.0976 0.088
12/2016 LRAA	0.0874 0.094	0.0895 0.094
03/2017 LRAA	0.0375 0.090	0.0295 0.090

## 2016 WATER QUALITY REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

The 2016 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/fayettecountywcidmonhill-26149>

# TTHM Update

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changing of the chlorination injection point. TTHM samples for the 2nd Qtr 2017 were pulled at the end of May and were unavailable at the time the newsletter went to print.

We believe the reworking of the aerator and the moving of the chlorination injection point will greatly reduce and probably resolve our TTHM issues. 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.

## Replacement Well Update

It was determined at the May 4, 2017 Pre-Construction Meeting between the District, Holly Water Wells, the District's engineer, BEFCO Engineering, and the District's electrician, Electric Motor Service, that the anticipated start date for the drilling of Water Well No. 4 would begin on or about July 1, 2017. Construction and completion of the well should take approximately 90 days. It's expected that it will take an additional 90-120 days after completion to gain TCEQ approval for putting the new water well in operation. During this time the District will be using its less desirable water quality water well, Well No. 3, and as a result could see TTHM values increase due to Well No. 3 being high in organics and Hydrogen Sulfide, both of which create a need for higher than usual amounts of chlorine. The District appreciates your patience during this time.

## Bond Sale Update

The District held a bond sale for its \$1,390,000 Unlimited Tax Bonds on May 11, 2017 and the winning bid was placed by Hilltop Securities Holdings LLC who offered a net effective interest rate of 3.877939%. Mr. Bill Corsbie, the District's legal counsel for the bond issue, anticipates that the bonds will be funded on or about June 15, 2017 at which time the District's \$790,000 bond anticipation note with National Bank & Trust will be paid in full.

**DID YOU  
KNOW ... ?**

- ⇒ An oily, black ring in your toilet and/or black flecks in your glass of water are usually caused by the breakdown of the polypropylene toilet tank flapper and/or faucet washer. Replacing these items should correct your problem.
- ⇒ If your water is smelling like rotten eggs, it could be due to your hot water heater needing to be flushed and/or replaced.
- ⇒ A "running" toilet can waste 2 gallons of water per minute (or 96,000 gallons a month).
- ⇒ A "silent leak" in a toilet can waste up to 7,000 gallons of water per month.



*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!*



The next regular Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 5 p.m., at the District office located at 100 Country Club Drive, La Grange, Texas.

The District offices will be closed for Independence Day on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 and for Labor Day on Monday, September 4, 2017.

## Pay Your Water Bill Via Auto Bank Draft

In a world that just seems to get more complicated by the day, the District can help simplify one small aspect of life by debiting your checking or savings account every month for the amount of your water bill. 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](http://www.monumenthillwater.com) click on "Forms & Reports" then scroll down until you find the "FCWCID ACH Draft Authorization Form". Once completed, please return to the District office or contact Lori Steffek at (979) 968-5514 for assistance.

## Emergency Alerts

The District has a website where you can sign up to receive real-time emergency email and/or text message alerts. The District urges everyone to please sign up for these alerts. Your mailbox will NOT be flooded with junk mail, but rather you will be alerted when there is a situation that requires information being disseminated in an urgent manner. Several times during the past year, it's been necessary to send out emergency notifications advising members to cease all non-essential water use due to a system failure and our needing to purchase water from Fayette Water Supply Corporation. FWSC specifies that when they provide water to the District, there will be no lawn irrigation, car washing, etc. for the duration of their assistance. To sign up, visit our website ([www.monumenthillwater.com](http://www.monumenthillwater.com)), and from our homepage, click on the orange "Sign Up for Alerts" button on the right side panel! Don't like it? You can always unsubscribe anytime!

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