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No. 81

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### Note from the Board of Directors

Happy New Year from the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 81 (MUD 81) Board of Directors! We hope you and your loved ones were able to enjoy the holiday season. Please read on for information about the last community shred event and the upcoming free spring 2026 community shred event, the status of MUD 81 improvement projects, tips for how to prepare your pipes for cold weather, and a friendly reminder about MUD 81 property tax bills. You can also learn more about the West Harris County Regional Water Authority and the fees charged by the Authority that appear on your water bill.

As always, the MUD 81 Board encourages you to visit <http://www.bjconcepts.com/hcmud81/signup.html> to sign up for text and/or e-mail alerts that will allow MUD 81 to deliver important news directly to your inbox or text app.



### Report from Fall Community Shred Event

On October 25, 2025, the MUD 81 Board and its garbage and recycling provider, Best Trash, held the most recent free community shred event for MUD 81 residents. Residents delivered 3,000 pounds of materials to be shredded and recycled, which translates to:



- 30 trees saved
- 13,500 gallons of water saved
- 675 kilowatts of energy saved, and
- 10.5 cubic yards of landfill space saved

The MUD 81 Board would like to thank all the residents who participated and helped to make this event a success!

The next **Community Shred Event** is currently scheduled for **April 18, 2026 from 9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.** Please mark your calendars. We hope to see you there.



Sign up for MUD 81 email and text alerts at  
<http://www.bjconcepts.com/hcmud81/signup.html>

## Storm System Improvements

Following the impact of Hurricane Harvey, MUD 81 partnered with Harris County on Harris County's drainage improvements within Cimarron Subdivision – Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 and Harris County's proposed drainage improvements within MUD 81 for the Memorial Parkway Subdivision to improve the District's decades-old drainage system and reduce the risk of future flooding within the community.

Harris County's drainage improvements within Cimarron Subdivision – Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 were completed during 2024. Harris County's proposed drainage improvements for the Memorial Parkway Subdivision required Harris County to submit an application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to request approval to allow peak flows into Barker Reservoir in connection with the project, and Harris County is awaiting approval of this application. Costs for both projects are to be shared between Harris County, MUD 81, and as appropriate, other area MUDs that will benefit from the improvements. MUD 81's share of the drainage improvements will be funded by the issuance of bonds, which were authorized by MUD 81's voters at the election held on May 1, 2021. The MUD 81 Board also worked with Harris County to ensure that MUD 81's total contribution for both the Cimarron and Memorial Parkway drainage improvements projects will not exceed the original \$8,200,000 amount approved by MUD 81's voters at the May 1, 2021 bond election.

## Ongoing Construction Projects:

- **Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation – Memorial Parkway Sections Nos. 3, 4, and 5.** The MUD 81 Board authorized the sanitary sewer rehabilitation for Memorial Parkway Sections Nos. 3, 4, and 5. This project is nearing completion.
- **Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation – Cimarron Subdivision, Section Nos. 1, 2, and 3, and Memorial Parkway Section Nos. 6, 7, and 8.** BGE is working on the design for rehabilitation of portions of the Cimarron Subdivision, Section Nos. 1, 2, and 3, and Memorial Parkway Section Nos. 6, 7, and 8 sanitary sewer lines.
- **Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation – Cimarron Subdivision, Section Nos. 4, 5, and 6, Memorial Parkway Section Nos. 9, 11, and 13, Silverstone, Section No. 1.** The MUD 81 Board authorized the televising and cleaning of the Cimarron Subdivision, Section Nos. 4, 5, and 6, Memorial Parkway Section Nos. 9, 11, and 13, and Silverstone, Section No. 1 sanitary sewer lines. The televising and cleaning is currently underway. After the cleaning and televising of these lines is complete, BGE will evaluate the information received to identify any areas in need of repairs.
- **Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation – Sewer Line Along Kenlake Drive.** The MUD 81 Board authorized the rehabilitation of the sanitary sewer line along Kenlake Drive. Construction of this project will be performed by AIMS Companies.
- **Park York Force Main Replacement.** BGE is nearing completion of the design of the replacement of the sanitary sewer force main along Park York and anticipates advertising the project in 2026. This decades-old line has nearly reached the end of its useful life and requires replacement to continue to serve the residents of MUD 81.
- **Water Plant No. 3 Elevated Storage Tank Rehabilitation.** BGE is nearing completion of the design for rehabilitation of MUD 81's elevated storage tank, and construction is estimated to begin in early 2026. This aging facility requires improvements to ensure it will continue to function as designed.



## MUD 81 Property Tax Bills are Due January 31

As a reminder, MUD 81's tax assessor, Wheeler & Associates, mailed out MUD 81's property tax bills in the fall. **If you are still waiting to receive your property tax bill, please contact Wheeler & Associates immediately.** You may reach Wheeler & Associates by phone at (713) 462-8906 or by email at [contactus@wheelerassoc.com](mailto:contactus@wheelerassoc.com).

Please remember you are still required to timely pay your taxes even if you do not receive your tax bill. **Property taxes for 2025 will be delinquent if not paid by January 31, 2026.** After that date, the amount that must be paid will increase because of the additional penalties and interest that can be added to the unpaid property taxes.

Visit <https://www.wheelerassoc.com> for additional information, including to view answers to frequently asked questions and additional contact information.

Please also be sure to send any payments for MUD 81 property taxes to the address provided on your MUD 81 property tax bill. **Payments for MUD 81 property taxes should not be sent to or left at the MUD 81 office or sent to MUD 81's operator, MDS.**



## Protecting Your Pipes from Winter Weather

Although we live in a warm climate, cold weather sometimes occurs—sometimes suddenly. Preparations to protect your water pipes may help to avoid disastrous consequences that can be expensive to repair. Below are a few steps to consider to protect your pipes from cold weather:

- Insulate any and all pipes that are exposed to cold air. Hardware and building supply stores sell pipe insulation materials that are easy to install. If you use electric heat tape, be sure it is UL listed and that any extension cords are properly grounded.
- If the temperature is expected to stay below freezing for several hours, it's a good idea to **cut off the water to your home and drain the pipes**. When water freezes inside a pipe, it expands and can cause the pipe to burst.
- Many water lines are installed behind cabinets and in the attic. Keeping the doors to cabinets, closets, and the attic open during the coldest periods may allow your interior heat to help protect the pipes. **IF YOU LEAVE CABINETS OPEN, PLEASE REMOVE ANY CLEANING SUPPLIES OR CHEMICALS TO KEEP CHILDREN OR PETS FROM GETTING TO THEM!**
- If you plan to be away for several days during expected freezing weather, **don't turn off your heat**. Keeping the air in the 60s will help keep your pipes warm. Better yet, cut off the water to your home and drain the pipes.

For more information, please contact a licensed plumber or building professional.

## Understanding the West Harris County Regional Water Authority Fee

A common question MUD 81 receives is: What is the line item on my water bill labeled “WHCRWA”? That item refers to the pumpage fees MU 81 is required to pay directly to the West Harris County Regional Water Authority (WHCRWA) each month.

The WHCRWA has a video titled “What is the West Harris County Regional Water Authority (WHCRWA) Fee on my water bill?” that explains these fees. A link to the video is available on the District’s website at <http://www.hcmud81.com/information.html> and is also available on the WHCRWA’s website at <https://www.whcrwa.com/what-is-the-whcrwa-fee/>.

The Summer 2025 edition of the WHCRWA’s Partners in Progress newsletter also provides additional information about the WHCRWA, the WHCRWA’s rates, current WHCRWA construction projects to bring surface water in an effort to reduce subsidence, and more. You can view the newsletter at <https://www.whcrwa.com/newsletters/>.

Please visit one or both of these publications from the WHCRWA to learn more about the WHCRWA fee on your water bill. **Remember: the fee you pay is based on the amount of water you use.** The less water you use—the lower the fee will be on your water bill.



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