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No. 81

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HARRIS COUNTY MUD 81

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Note from the Board of Directors

Happy Independence Day from the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 81 (MUD 81) Board of Directors! Just as soon as Harris County finished the Cimarron drainage improvements, they were put to the test with all of the heavy rainfall events we've experienced this spring. The MUD 81 Board is pleased to report that the drainage system operated as designed through all of the rainfall we've received.

We understand that during the May 16th derecho and other recent storms, many residents have experienced downed trees, fences, and other storm damage. Read on for more information about disaster recovery resources.

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.



Save the Date for Free Fall Community Shred Event for MUD 81 Residents

Please mark your calendars for our next MUD 81 community shred event!



- **DATE:** Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 9 a.m. - noon
- **LOCATION:** Parking Lot across from the MUD 81 administration building, at 805 Hidden Canyon, Katy, TX 77450
- Please remember to bring a current MUD 81 utility bill as proof of residence!

Dealing with Hurricanes and Other Severe Weather Events

Summer brings longer days, warmer weather, and a chance to engage in outdoor activities many of us enjoy. Along the Texas Gulf Coast, summer unfortunately also brings a higher chance of hurricanes and other severe weather events. When a hurricane, tropical storm, thunderstorm, or other severe weather event is in the forecast, monitor your local TV, radio stations, and websites for the latest information. Fuel your vehicles and any generators, and check and replenish your disaster supply kit as needed. Secure or bring in any outdoor furniture or other objects that could blow away and cause damage during high wind events. Be ready to evacuate immediately, if advised.

After severe weather, continue to monitor the weather forecast and follow the recommendations of local authorities. Assess any damage as it is safe to do so, and report downed power lines to CenterPoint Energy at (713) 207-2222 or (800) 332-7143. Do not touch downed power lines!

For rainfall totals, please visit: <https://www.harriscountyfws.org/>. If streets or other areas are still flooded, remember to never walk, swim, or drive through flood waters.



TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN!

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Storm System Improvements

Since Hurricane Harvey made landfall in August 2017 and resulted in flooding in MUD 81 and throughout southeast Texas, MUD 81 has been working with Harris County regarding Harris County's proposed drainage improvements within MUD 81 for the Memorial Parkway Subdivision and Cimarron Subdivision – Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5. The purpose of the projects is to improve the District's decades-old drainage system and reduce the risk of future flooding within the community. Costs for the projects will 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.

Cimarron Sections 2,3,4, & 5:

After many years of planning and over a year of construction, the Cimarron drainage improvements are complete! MUD 81 Board members Patrick Cathcart, Bruce Cox, and George Goff were pleased to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony hosted by Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Leslie Briones for this important project on April 30, 2024.



Memorial Parkway:

BGE has completed the field work and is continuing with the design of the Memorial Parkway drainage improvements. The proposed improvements include upsizing storm sewer lines, installing additional surface drains, and constructing new detention facilities to meet current drainage criteria. Harris County has submitted 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 is awaiting their response.

Because of the regional benefit that the detention facilities would provide, MUD 81 has requested and Harris County has agreed to coordinate with other nearby MUDs to request that those MUDs also share in the costs of the project. The MUD 81 Board also has 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:

- **Generator Replacement at Water Plant No. 2.** MUD 81 advertised for competitive bids for the replacement of the emergency generator at water plant no. 2 and awarded the project to the lowest qualified bidder, CSE W-Industries. Due to supply chain issues, the generator took nearly a year to be delivered, but it has been installed and this project is now complete.
- **Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation – Memorial Parkway Sections Nos. 3, 4, and 5.** MUD 81's engineer, BGE, has completed the detailed design drawings for the rehabilitation of the sanitary sewer lines in Memorial Parkway Section Nos. 3, 4, and 5. BGE is awaiting final approval of the plans by Harris County and will advertise for competitive bids for the project once the plans are approved.
- **Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation – Cimarron Subdivision, Section Nos. 1, 2, and 3, and Memorial Parkway Section Nos. 6, 7, and 8.** After receiving competitive bids, the MUD 81 Board awarded a contract to the lowest qualified bidder, Chief Solutions, for the televising and cleaning of the Cimarron Subdivision, Section Nos. 1, 2, and 3, and Memorial Parkway Section Nos. 6, 7, and 8 sanitary sewer lines and work is underway. As with the prior sanitary sewer line projects, once this project is complete, BGE will utilize the information to identify areas in need of repairs.
- **Park York Force Main Replacement.** Design is underway for the replacement of the sanitary sewer force main along Park York. 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 preparing a design proposal for rehabilitation of MUD 81's elevated storage tank at water plant no. 3. This aging facility requires improvements to ensure it will continue to function as designed.



Storm Recovery

As you know, the Houston area, including MUD 81, have been hit hard by unusually severe spring storms, including the derecho on May 16th. Many residents have experienced property damage, including downed trees and fences, and still are working to recover from the storm. There are numerous federal, state, and local resources that are available to help with the recovery. One important resource is Harris County's curbside storm debris removal program, which has been ongoing since shortly after the storm and is expected to continue through July. Please see the graphic below for information on how to sort storm debris for curbside collection by Harris County's crews.

To report home damage and request debris pick up, please call Harris County's Debris Hotline, at (713) 274-3880, or Harris County Precinct 4, at (832) 927-4444.

Please separate your storm debris from your household garbage. As a reminder, here are Best Trash's collection guidelines for tree debris: Tree limbs may not exceed 4 inches in diameter, no longer than 4 feet and tied and bundled not heavier than 40 lbs. and separated to show they are tied/bundled. Crews may collect up to 3 bundles each service day. Following a large storm event, please be aware that Best Trash asks their crews to prioritize the household trash before the storm debris. For any questions or for more information, please contact Best Trash, at (281) 313-2378, or visit <http://hcmud81.com/trash.html>.

For more information about available disaster recovery resources, please visit <https://www.readyharris.org/>, or <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/disaster-resources>.

Separating Your Debris

Debris should be placed curbside, without blocking the roadway or storm drains.
Debris collectors will make at least three passes in your area.

NO PICKUP ZONE
Any debris placed from the sidewalk toward your property will not be picked up.

DEBRIS SEPARATION
Separate debris into the six categories shown below.

DO NOT STACK OR LEAN
Placing debris near or on trees, poles, or other structures makes removal difficult. This includes fire hydrants and meters.

UNSURE WHERE TO PLACE DEBRIS?
If you don't have a sidewalk, ditch, or utility line in front of your house, place debris at the edge of your property before the curb. Use clear trash bags for loose debris.

Normal Household Trash
Normal household trash and bagged debris of any kind will not be picked up with disaster debris. You should continue to follow your normal garbage removal schedule.

VEGETATIVE DEBRIS
• Leaves (do not put in bags)
• Logs
• Plants
• Tree branches

CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS
• Building materials
• Carpet
• Drywall
• Furniture
• Lumber
• Mattresses
• Plumbing

APPLIANCES & WHITE GOODS
• Air conditioners
• Dishwashers
• Freezers
• Refrigerators
• Stoves
• Washers, dryers
• Water heaters

ELECTRONICS
• Computers
• Radios
• Stereos
• Televisions
• Other devices with a cord

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
Household hazardous Waste (HHW), such as paint (oil-based and latex), automotive chemicals, batteries, and lawn chemicals. HHW will not be picked up with regular debris piles. Harris County will notify all residents about HHW collection dates and drop-off locations.




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For more information visit www.eng.hctx.net or call the Debris Hotline at 713-274-3880

Dealing with the Summer Heat

When temperatures soar, it sometimes can be difficult to find enough activities to beat the heat. Harris County Public Libraries currently are open and can be a great place to cool down and enjoy a new book. The closest location for MUD 81 residents is at 1815 Westgreen Blvd., near the intersection of Westgreen and Highland Knolls. For more information regarding hours and occupancy restrictions, please visit <https://www.hcpl.net/>.

It also is helpful to familiarize yourself with the signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Know the signs and be ready to seek immediate medical attention if needed.

Heat Exhaustion		Heat Stroke
ACT FAST <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Move to a cooler area• Loosen clothing• Sip cool water• Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve	 <p><i>Dizziness</i> <i>Thirst</i> <i>Heavy Sweating</i> <i>Nausea</i> <i>Weakness</i></p>	ACT FAST CALL 911 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Move person to a cooler area• Loosen clothing and remove extra layers• Cool with water or ice
<i>Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke.</i>		<i>Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.</i>
<div>Stay Cool, Stay Hydrated, Stay Informed!</div>		

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