FERN BLUFF MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT 4Q NEWSLETTER

Parks Survey Results

We had over 250 respondents to our Parks Survey, and we want to thank our residents who shared their feedback with us. To view a summary of the responses, please click <u>here</u>.

Some highlights:

81.5% of respondents are satisfied to very satisfied with the district parks. 93.46% of respondents feel that the district parks are safe to extremely safe 90.7% of respondents are satisfied to very satisfied with park amenities.

We will be assessing the results over the next few months as many suggestions and requests were submitted as well as numerous compliments for the parks and trails (several respondents stated that our park and trails were the reason they moved to our district.)

New and updated equipment is needed in all parks as current playscapes are aging out. We are excited to plan for the future!

Parkland Public Notice Hearing Summary

At the September 13, 2022 regular meeting a public hearing was held on the conveyance of District parkland for the Wyoming Springs extension project. Two representatives for the city of Round Rock were in attendance to address questions regarding the approximately 1.75 acres of right-of-way, land, and easement acquisition of which only 0.21 acres would be paved or converted to above-ground drainage structure. At the November 9, 2022 regular meeting, the Board of Directors approved the conveyance of the property, the city will pay a market price for the property and the city will construct a trail (sidewalk) along the proposed roadway and connect to the Brushy Creek Regional Trail.

Reminder: Winter Water Averaging (Sewer Averaging) in Effect

Winter Water Averaging (Sewer Averaging) began November 17, 2022. The Fern Bluff MUD calculates your sewer bill (wastewater) based on the amount of water you use during three consecutive winter billing cycles. Winter sewer averaging occurs between mid-November and mid-February which are your December, January, and February water bills. Since water use during these months is generally only indoor use and not outside irrigation, it's a good measure of the volume flowing into the sewer system. We recommend you turn-off or greatly reduce your irrigation system during the averaging period.

You may lower your sewer costs for the upcoming year by conserving water during these billing periods. The MUD recommends: turn off irrigation systems, fix leaking faucets and toilets and check/repair pool auto-fills. Should the weather be abnormally dry, irrigating occasionally will protect your plants during the dormant season.

Save money all year by conserving water during the winter months and lowering your sewer average for next year. Remember the dates: November 17, 2022 to February 16, 2023.

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Storm Drains and Fall Leaves

With Fall leaves collecting please remember to bag them and not sweep them into storm drains. Storm inlets flow into our waterways and work their way to Brushy Creek. For 10 Useful Tips To Reduce Stormwater Pollution please visit our website stormwater page.

Dead Tree Dangers

Severe freezes, extreme heat, and drought in the last few years have damaged many trees in our area. Large, dead limbs throughout our district are now breaking and falling. The National Storm Damage Center reports that falling trees cause over \$1 billion every year in damage and cause serious hazards for people, pets, vehicles, and homes. This is a wonderful time of year for tree work! Please assess your trees and remove any dead or dying limbs and trees, especially if over or near sidewalks and streets.

Community Center Booked for Holidays

The community center is fully booked for the rest of the year. We are already booking well into 2023 so please plan ahead for your events and call as soon as possible to book your date in 2023. Contact Cindi at 512-238-0606

Subscribe to Our YouTube Channel to View Board Meetings Online

The monthly Fern Bluff MUD Board of Directors meetings are now available online in real time. By subscribing to the Fern Bluff YouTube channel and clicking on the Notification Bell you will receive email meeting notifications as well as notifications of resumption of open meetings after executive sessions.

Water Restrictions Rescinded

Due to recent rains and cooler temperatures, mandatory water restrictions have been lifted.

Emergency Contact

Please be sure you have shared your up-to-date phone number and email address with the MUD. Emergency contact information is needed in case of a water or sewer leak, boil water notices, and other MUD information. You may signup or update your information by going to the MUD website and as always, you may also contact the MUD office at (512) 238-0606.