

May 2024 Fern Bluff MUD Newsletter

Welcome to the May Fern Bluff MUD newsletter. The Fern Bluff MUD Board of Directors and staff work hard to ensure water and sewer continue to flow, that our parks and greenbelts are maintained to a high standard, and that our community center is ready for your visit.

Reminder: STAGE-1 Water Restrictions

Our lake levels are low! The Fern Bluff MUD purchases its wholesale water from the City of Round Rock and follows the city's drought contingency plan. Currently, we are in Stage-1 water restrictions. Outdoor irrigation is limited to twice per week, before 10 am or after 7 pm, and is based on the last digit of your address.

4 or 8	Sunday and/or Thursday
0 or 3	Monday and/or Thursday
2, 6 or 7	Tuesday and/or Friday
1, 5 or 9	Wednesday and/or Saturday

Water Supply Issues

At the February 27th, 2024, MUD Board meeting the Director for the Central Texas Water Coalition shared information with the board and interested residents regarding water supply issues for the Central Texas Region. Valuable information was presented, and you may read a synopsis of the meeting by clicking [HERE](#).

Protect our Storm Drains and Creeks

Do not blow leaves or grass clippings into the street curb cuts (storm drains) as this is an MS4 violation and violators are subject to fines. Clogged storm drains may cause flooding so please blow and bag your leaves, grass, and all landscape debris. Also, please do not plant shrubs, etc. near your water meter vault. Roots can and will break water lines. If you have plantings near your vault, always keep a minimum of 3ft X 3ft X 3ft clearance around and above the vault as this area is in a utility easement and must remain accessible for repairs and meter readings.

NEW: Dispose of Excess Cardboard and Styrofoam

The Deep Wood Recycle Center not only takes Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) but is **NOW** accepting Styrofoam, Glass, and Cardboard. **You do not need a voucher to drop off your Styrofoam, etc.** Simply drive in, take an immediate left, and drop materials in the marked

receptacles. You **will need an HHW voucher** to drop off hazardous materials and you may request a voucher at the MUD office. A valid ID, with a Fern Bluff MUD address, will be required.

Utility Construction Coming to Oak Brook

The Brushy Creek MUD will be decommissioning a wastewater lift station, and the construction will have an effect on Oak Brook residents and others that drive in the Hillside Drive, Sutter Creek area. Please see the letter, attached [HERE](#), that will be mailed to all Oak Brook Residents once the start date has been scheduled.

Greenbelt Summer Mowing

Mowing of the district's greenbelts will be done on a 3-week cycle beginning this month. Parks and the community center will be mowed weekly.

District Retention Ponds

District ponds are being treated for algae with slow progress. Fertilizer runoff from homeowners coupled with the recent rains is exacerbating the problem. We are expecting the ponds to clear up in a few weeks.

Traffic Issues in District

There have been many traffic issues including speeding and failure to STOP at stop signs throughout the district. Williamson County Sheriff Deputies have increased patrols in the district and numerous citations have been issued to violators. For your safety and the safety of others, please obey speed limits and traffic signs. If you have a young driver in the family, please counsel them to operate their/your vehicles legally and safely as several complaints have been noted.

Canine Reminder

To help our environment and to conserve water, the district has installed several pollinator/butterfly gardens along Brightwater Trail, Cheatham Park and Brightwater Park. Residents and visitors love them, and many walk their dogs through the gardens. Unfortunately, many plants are highly sensitive to dog urine (most flowering plants are) and we ask: **Enjoy the gardens but please don't let your dogs urinate on the plants and please pick up the poop! Please be courteous to area children: do not allow your dogs to relieve themselves in park playground areas or on the trails!** Several complaints have been received from our neighborhoods regarding residents walking their dogs and not cleaning up the poop left on the sidewalks and other neighbor's yards. Please be courteous and clean up after your pet and remind children with dog walking duty as well. **PICK UP THE POOP!**