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VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION

The Board of Directors of Harris County M.U.D. No. 208 is always faced with the dilemma of how to conserve water while keeping our gardens and lawns green. The Board has an ongoing responsibility to implement reduced water consumption programs for water conservation.

The Board is asking residents to adjust their water usage with the following plan. This is a voluntary program designed to limit the daily amount of water used by residents.

All M.U.D. 208 residents are encouraged to participate in a 5-day watering schedule for outdoor uses avoiding the peak hours between 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Harris County Extension Bureau suggests that watering once every 5 days for longer lengths of time is more beneficial to promote deep-rooted vegetation than the every day watering that is common.

The Board strongly encourages all residents to comply with the above program to reduce the average daily water consumption, therefore allowing the proper water storage levels to be maintained. If you have any questions or need to report a leak, please contact H₂O Consulting, Inc. at 281-861-6215.

SURFACE WATER CONVERSION UPDATE

As a continuous update in this newsletter, Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 208 is discussing many issues associated with the supply and cost of water, including the conversion from ground water to surface water. The conversion from ground water to surface water in Copperfield and West Harris County is the responsibility of the West Harris County Regional Water Authority (WHCRWA). The WHCRWA has finalized a 50 million dollar contract with the City of Houston to supply water to the west side of the county. The fifty million dollar payment covers the WHCRWA share of the cost of getting water from city owned water supplies, treating the water and transferring water through a pipeline to West Harris County.

The nearest City of Houston water supply to the Copperfield area is in the vicinity of FM 529 and Eldridge Road; therefore additions to the existing water system will be required to deliver this water to the Copperfield districts. Significant strides have been made during the last several months to finalize the proposed alignments of the water transmission lines that will serve our area and on March 30, 2004 the WHCRWA broke ground and has awarded two contracts that will effect the Copperfield Area. These two contracts will involve running the new surface water lines along West Road between Huffmeister and Telge. According to the current schedule, surface water will be available

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to portions of the Copperfield area near the beginning of 2005 with all construction complete by the summer of 2005. The construction of these facilities could cause traffic disruption to some areas during different phases of the construction.

Additional information and a map of proposed water line layouts can be found at <http://www.harriscountymud208.com> and additional information about the WHCRWA can be found at <http://www.whcrwa.com>.

REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE UPDATE

As part of the ongoing repairs and preventative maintenance program in MUD 208, the Board of Directors has approved the following projects:

- Manhole Repairs Continuing - The district is continuing to systematically evaluate and complete repairs to manholes to keep manholes sealed. This will keep unwanted storm water runoff from entering the wastewater system. Please refrain from covering manholes with landscaping or decking. Access to manholes is critical for the evaluation and inspection of the wastewater system.
- Televising of Sewer Lines - The inspection of South Creek lines will continue this year. As areas of the district's lines are scheduled to be cleaned and televised you will be notified of that process prior to work being performed. The inspections are used to identify current and potential problems that may develop in the wastewater system so that repairs can be performed.
- Sewer Line Repairs- As sewer lines are being inspected and damages are noted repairs are being scheduled. Your patience is greatly appreciated as repairs are completed.
- Meter Replacement Program - Over 75% of the meters in the District have been replaced over the last two years. When your water meter exceeds 1.5 million gallons of water usage, the meter will be scheduled to be replaced to insure accuracy.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SPLASHPAD PROJECT

The Southcreek Village Community Association has completed the installation of a splash pad at the Southcreek Park at the corner of Park Falls and Royal Gardens. Harris County MUD No. 208 assisted the Community Association in installing a Water Quality Management System or recirculation system which will conserve water used for the splash pad, thus reducing the water demand on our water system. The splash pad opened on April 1st and is accessible to all residents of Harris County MUD No. 208.

WATER CONSERVATION RATE SCHEDULE

The Board has adopted an annual water Rate Order that is effective **every** summer between the months of May through September. The following chart will explain the rate schedule as it is currently calculated.

Water Rates		
	Summer Rate Schedule (May-September)	Remainder Year Rate Schedule
Residential	\$8.00 for the first 8 thousand gallons	\$12.50 for the first 10 thousand gallons
	\$2.50 per thousand gallons from 8 to 20 thousand gallons	\$1.25 per thousand gallons from 10 to 20 thousand gallons
	\$3.00 per thousand gallons over 20 thousand gallons	\$1.50 per thousand gallons over 20 thousand gallons
Multi-Family/ Commercial	\$8.00 for the first 8 thousand gallons	\$15.00 for the first 10 thousand gallons
	\$2.50 per thousand gallons from 8 to 20 thousand gallons	\$1.50 per thousand gallons over 10 thousand gallons
	\$3.00 per thousand gallons over 20 thousand gallons	
Parks and Recreation	\$0.90 per thousand gallons	\$0.45 per thousand gallons

The Board of Directors of Harris County M.U.D. No. 208 thanks all of its residents for their efforts in conserving water and reducing their consumption.

MEET OUR NEWEST DIRECTOR

Our newly elected Harris County MUD 208 board member is Brent Powell. He and his family have lived in MUD 208 for nearly 10 years. Brent is employed at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston, where he manages training and development for all personnel.

Brent was a reporter for Channel 11 in Houston for three years focusing on environmental and health issues. He attended the University of Texas in Austin and eventually received his doctorate from Texas A&M University. We Welcome Brent to the Board.

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