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Note from the Board of Directors

Welcome to the second quarter Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 81 (MUD 81) newsletter. Following the February freeze event, the MUD 81 Board contracted with its garbage and recycling provider, Best Trash, to collect storm debris in the community, and Best Trash collected more than 26 tons of debris!

We understand that many residents experienced leaking or burst pipes during the winter storm event, which compounded hardships many have experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to assist in the recovery efforts, the MUD 81 Board has approved a leak adjustment policy to allow residents who experienced excess water usage during the February freeze event due to leaking or burst pipes to apply by May 1st to have all charges, including West Harris County Regional Water Authority fees, associated with the excess water usage credited to their account.

For more information about the policy or to obtain copies of the leak adjustment request form, please visit the MUD 81 website, at www.hcmud81.com. Copies also may be obtained at the MUD 81 administration building, at 805 Hidden Canyon, during normal operating hours. For any questions or for more information, please contact the MUD 81 office, at 281-392-8112, or the MUD 81 operator, Municipal District Services (MDS), at 281-290-6500.

Proposed Storm System Improvements

Although MUD 81 originally constructed the storm sewer system in our community in the 1970s and 1980s, after its construction, MUD 81 conveyed the storm sewer system to Harris County for maintenance, and Harris County has been responsible for maintaining and repairing the system ever since. During and in the wake of the Tax Day Flood (April 2016), Hurricane Harvey (August 2017), and Tropical Storm Imelda (September 2019), MUD 81 and Harris County received reports that many homes within MUD 81 were flooded, which is a significant concern to members of the Board and our community.

As a result of these repeated large weather-related events, as part of Harris County's \$2.5 billion bond program that was approved by voters in August 2018, the Harris County Engineering Department awarded a series of stormwater studies to a number of local engineering firms. The stormwater studies were very preliminary and limited in scope. The results of these studies helped Harris County budget for proposed drainage improvement projects within MUD 81 and other municipal utility districts throughout Harris County, with a goal of improving resiliency and reducing or eliminating future structure flooding.

For nearly two years, MUD 81 has been coordinating 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, both located in Harris County, Precinct 3. Harris County has hired the MUD 81 Engineer, BGE, Inc. (BGE), to provide engineering services for both projects, and the engineering work is underway.

Cimarron Sections 2,3,4, & 5:

BGE has completed the required surveys, and the environmental work and geotechnical field work are complete. Final design of the proposed drainage improvements is underway. The proposed improvements include upsizing storm sewer lines, installing additional surface drains, and upsizing the outfall into the adjacent Harris County Flood Control District channel to help increase drainage capacity.

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 a new detention pond underneath the power lines north of Highland Knolls. In late August 2020, Harris County notified MUD 81 that the County had redefined the scope of the Memorial Parkway project to include significant additional detention/mitigation capacity, which they stated would be required due to new drainage criteria. Discussions are still ongoing regarding the design and location of new detention facilities. 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.

Bond Election:

What is the purpose of the bond election? With the addition of the required detention facilities, Harris County is requesting that MUD 81 pay for approximately \$6.6 million of the construction costs for the proposed drainage improvements for the Cimarron and Memorial Parkway subdivisions. MUD 81 currently does not have funds available to pay for these costs. Accordingly, the MUD 81 Board has called an election to be held on May 1, 2021 to ask the MUD 81 voters to decide whether to authorize the issuance of \$8.5 million in water, sewer, and drainage bonds to pay for the approximately \$6.6 million construction costs for the proposed Cimarron and Memorial Parkway drainage improvements, as well as the associated approximately \$1.1 million engineering and testing fees and approximately \$800,000 bond issuance fees and costs.

How would the proposed bonds impact my taxes? Your MUD 81 tax bill is made up of two components: (1) a debt service tax used to pay the principal of and interest on MUD 81's bonds, and (2) a maintenance and operations tax used to pay for the operational costs of the District. If the bonds were authorized by the MUD 81 voters at the May 1st election and issued, based upon financial projections and given the available information at this time, the average tax bill for the average residence homestead (valued at \$148,929), could increase by approximately \$104.25 per year if the MUD 81 maintenance and operations tax rate did not change. However, the MUD 81 Board has worked diligently with their financial advisor to lessen any potential impact to District residents and expects to be able to reduce the maintenance and operations tax rate if the bonds are approved by the voters and issued. As a result, at this time, there is no expected tax impact to MUD 81 residents if the bonds are approved and issued.

How do I vote in the bond election? MUD 81 has contracted with Harris County to administer the bond election, so all MUD 81 registered voters may vote at any Harris County polling place during early voting and on election day. Early voting will occur from April 19th through April 27th, and Election Day voting will occur on Saturday, May 1st from 7:00 am-7:00 pm. For more information about early voting hours and polling locations, as well as Election Day polling locations, please visit Harris County's election website, at www.harrisvotes.com, or the MUD 81 website, at www.hcmud81.com. **NOTE** According to Harris County, voting will NOT occur at the MUD 81 building at 805 Hidden Canyon for the May 1st election. Applications for ballot by mail should be sent to: Early Voting Clerk, Harris County Election Division, P.O. Box 1148, Houston, Texas 77251-1148, e-mail: bbm@cco.hctx.net.

Where can I get more information? For more information about the bond election, please visit the MUD 81 website, at www.hcmud81.com.

Elección de Bonos:

¿Cuál es el propósito de la elección de bonos? Con el agregado de las instalaciones de retención requeridas, el Condado de Harris solicita que el MUD pague alrededor de \$6.6 millones en costos de construcción para las mejoras propuestas al drenaje para las subdivisiones de Cimarron y Memorial Parkway. El MUD 81 actualmente no tiene fondos disponibles para pagar estos costos. Por consiguiente, la Junta del MUD 81 ha convocado una elección a celebrarse el 1 de mayo de 2021 para pedirles a los votantes del MUD 81 que decidan si autorizan o no la emisión de \$8.5 millones en bonos para agua, alcantarillado y drenaje para pagar los alrededor de \$6.6 millones en costos de construcción para las mejoras al drenaje propuestas para Cimarron y Memorial Parkway, además de alrededor de \$1.1 millón para ingeniería y tarifas para pruebas y alrededor de \$800,000 para tarifas y costos de emisión de bonos.

¿De qué manera los bonos propuestos afectarían mis impuestos? Su factura de impuestos del MUD 81 está formada por dos componentes: (1) un impuesto para servicio de la deuda utilizado para pagar el capital e interés sobre los bonos del MUD 81 y (2) un impuesto de mantenimiento y operaciones utilizado para pagar los costos operativos del Distrito. Si los votantes del MUD 81 autorizasen los bonos en la elección del 1 de mayo y fuesen emitidos, según las proyecciones financieras y dada la información disponible por el momento, la factura promedio de impuestos para la residencia principal promedio (valuada en \$148,929), podría aumentar aproximadamente \$104.25 por año si la tasa del impuesto de mantenimiento y operaciones del MUD 81 no cambiara. Sin embargo, la Junta del MUD 81 ha trabajado con diligencia con su asesor financiero para reducir cualquier impacto potencial para los residentes del Distrito y espera poder reducir la tasa del impuesto de mantenimiento y operaciones si los votantes aprobasen los bonos y fuesen emitidos. En consecuencia, por el momento, no hay un impacto impositivo previsto para los residentes del MUD 81 si se aprobasen y emitiesen los bonos.

¿Cómo puedo votar en la elección de bonos? El MUD 81 contrató al Condado de Harris para administrar la elección de bonos, de modo que todos los votantes registrados del MUD 81 pueden votar en cualquiera de los lugares de votación del Condado de Harris durante la votación anticipada y el día de la elección. La votación anticipada será desde el 19 de abril hasta el 27 de abril inclusive y la votación el Día de Elección será el sábado 1 de mayo desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. Para obtener más información respecto de los horarios y lugares de votación anticipada además de los lugares de votación del Día de Elección, visite el sitio web sobre la elección del Condado de Harris en www.harrisvotes. com o el sitio web del MUD en www.hcmud81.com. **OBSERVACIÓN** Según el Condado de Harris, NO se votará en el edificio del MUD 81 ubicado en 805 Hidden Canyon para la elección del 1 de mayo. Las solicitudes de boleta para votar por correo deberían enviarse a: Early Voting Clerk, Harris County Election Division, P.O. Box 1148, Houston, Texas 77251-1148, correo electrónico: bbm@cco.hctx.net.

¿Dónde puedo obtener más información? Para obtener más información sobre la elección de bonos, visite el sitio web del MUD 81 en www. hcmud81.com.

Cuoäc Baàu Cöû Traùi Phieáu:

Muïc ñích cuûa cuoäc baàu côû traùi phieáu naøy laø gì? Khi boå sung theâm caùc cô sôû vaät chaát coâng trình giöŏ nöôùc caàn coù, Quaän Harris ñang yeâu caàu MUD 81 chi traû khoaûng 6,6 trieäu Myŏ kim chi phí xaây döïng cho caùc coâng trình caûi tieán coáng raŏnh ñöôïc ñeà xuaát cho caùc phaân khu Cimarron vaø Memorial Parkway. MUD 81 hieän khoâng coù saün ngaân quyŏ ñeå ñaøi thoï cho caùc chi phí naøy. Do ñoù, Ban Giaùm Ñoác cuûa MUD 81 ñaŏ yeâu caàu toå chòùc moät cuoäc baàu coû vaøo ngaøy 1 thaùng Naêm, 2021 ñeå yeâu caàu caùc coû tri cuûa MUD 81 quyeát ñònh coù cho pheùp phaùt haønh caùc traùi phieáu caáp thoaùt nöôùc vaø coang raŏnh trò giaù 8,5 trieäu Myŏ kim ñeå ñaøi thoï cho khoaûng 6,6 trieäu Myŏ kim caùc chi phí xaây döïng cho caùc coâng trình caûi tieán coáng raŏnh ñöôïc ñeà xuaát cho Cimarron vaø Memorial Parkway, cuŏng nhỏ caùc loaiï phí thoû nghieäm vaø kyŏ thuaät lieân quan trò giaù khoaûng 1,1 trieäu Myŏ kim, vaø khoaûng \$800,000 chi phí vaø leä phí phaùt haønh traùi phieáu hay khoâng.

Caùc traùi phieáu ñöôïc ñeà xuaát naøy seõ taùc ñoäng nhö theá naøo leân caùc khoaûn thueá cuûa toâi? Hoùa ñôn thueá cuûa quyù vò vôùi MUD 81 bao goàm hai phaàn: (1) moät khoaûn thueá traû nôï ñöôïc duøng ñeå traû tieàn goác vaø laõi cuûa caùc traùi phieáu cuûa MUD 81, vaø



(2) moät khoaûn thueá hoaït ñoäng vaø baûo trì ñöôïc duøng ñeå ñaøi thoï cho caùc chi phí vaän haønh cuûa Cô Quan. Neáu caùc traùi phieáu naøy ñöôïc caùc cöû tri cuûa MUD 81 cho pheùp taïi cuoäc baàu cöû ngaøy 1 thaùng Naêm vaø ñöôïc phaùt haønh, döïa treân caùc döï baùo taøi chính vaø thoâng tin coù saün vaøo thôøi ñieåm naøy, soá tieàn trung bình treân hoùa ñôn thueá cho moät cö gia nôi chuû sôû hööu cö nguï ôû möùc trung bình (trò giaù \$148,929), seõ taêng thaønh khoaûng \$104.25 moãi naêm neáu möùc thueá hoaït ñoäng vaø baûo trì cuûa MUD 81 khoâng thay ñoåi. Tuy nhieân, Ban Giaùm Ñoác MUD 81 ñaõ laøm vieäc caàn maãn vôùi coá vaán taøi chính cuûa Cô Quan ñeå giaûm nheï taùc ñoäng baát kyø coù theå coù leân caùc cö daân cuûa Cô Quan, vaø döï kieán laø coù theå giaûm möùc thueá hoaït ñoäng vaø baûo trì neáu caùc traùi phieáu naøy ñöôïc caùc cöû tri pheâ chuaån vaø ñöôïc phaùt haønh. Do ñoù, vaøo thôøi ñieåm hieän taïi, döï kieán laø seố khoâng coù taùc ñoäng thueá naøo leân caùc cö daân cuûa MUD 81 neáu caùc traùi phieáu naøy ñöôïc pheâ chuaån vaø phaùt haønh.

Laøm caùch naøo toâi coù theå boû phieáu trong cuoäc baàu cốû traùi phieáu naøy? MUD 81 ñaõ kyù hôïp ñoàng vôùi Quaän Harris ñeå tieán haønh cuoäc baàu côû traùi phieáu naøy, vì vaäy taát caû caùc côû tri ñaõ ghi danh boû phieáu cuûa MUD 81 coù theå boû phieáu taïi baát kyø ñòa ñieåm phoøng phieáu naøo cuûa Quaän Harris trong thôøi gian tieán haønh boû phieáu sôùm vaø vaøo ngaøy baàu côû. Thuû tuïc boû phieáu sôùm seŏ dieān ra töø ngaøy 19 thaùng Tö ñeán heát ngaøy 27 thaùng Tö, vaø thuû tuïc boû phieáu vaøo Ngaøy Baàu Cöû seŏ dieān ra töø 7 giôø saùng-7 giôø toái thöù Baûy, ngaøy 1 thaùng Naêm. Ñeå tìm hieåu theâm thoâng tin veà giôø môû côûa vaø caùc ñòa ñieåm phoøng phieáu tieán haønh boû phieáu sôùm, cuōng nhö caùc ñòa ñieåm phoøng phieáu vaøo Ngaøy Baàu Côû, vui loøng truy caäp trang maïng baàu coû cuûa Quaän Harris taïi www.harrisvotes.com, hoaëc trang maïng cuûa MUD 81 taïi www.hcmud81.com. **LÖU YÛ** Theo thoâng baùo cuûa Quaän Harris, thuû tuïc boû phieáu seŏ KHOÂNG dieān ra taïi toøa nhaø cuûa MUD 81 taïi 805 Hidden Canyon cho cuoäc baàu coû ngaøy 1 thaùng Naêm. Ñòa chæ nhaän ñôn xin laù phieáu baàu qua thö: Early Voting Clerk, Harris County Election Division, P.O. Box 1148, Houston, Texas 77251-1148, thö ñieän töû: bbm@cco.hctx.net.

Toâi coù theả tìm hieảu theâm thoâng tin ôû ñaâu? Ñeả bieát theâm thoâng tin veà cuoäc baàu cöû traùi phieáu naøy, vui loøng truy caäp trang maïng cuûa MUD 81 taïi www.hcmud81.com.

債券選舉:

為何要求舉行債券選舉? 隨著所需滯留設施的增加,Harris縣要求MUD 81支付約660萬美元的建造成本,用於Cimarron和Memorial Parkway轄區的擬議排水改善項目。MUD 81目前沒有充足的資金來支付這些成本。故此,MUD 81董事會已召集一項將於2021年5月1日舉行的選舉,要求MUD 81選民決定是否授權發行850萬美元的水務、污水和排水債券,以支付約660萬美元的Cimarron和Memorial Parkway擬議排水改善項目的建造成本、相關的約110萬美元的工程和測試費,以及約80萬美元的債券發行費用及成本。

擬議債券將如何影響我的納稅?您的MUD 81納稅額由兩部分組成:(1) 用於償還MUD 81債券本金和利息的債務清償稅,以及(2) 用於支付本區運營成本的維護與運營稅。如果債券於5月1日選舉中由MUD 81選民授權並發行,則根據財務預測並鑑於現時可掌握的資訊,平均宅基地(價值148,929美元)的平均納稅額每年可能會增加約104.25美元——前提是MUD 81維護與運營稅率未發生變化。然而,MUD 81董事會已與其財務顧問共同努力,以減輕當地居民受到的任何潛在影響,若債券經選民批准並發行,還有望降低維護與運營稅率。因此,從目前來看,如果債券獲得批准和發行,預計不會對MUD 81居民產生稅收影響。

如何在債券選舉中投票? MUD 81已與Harris縣簽訂合約來執行債券選舉,因此MUD 81所有註冊選民皆可在提前投票期間及選舉日當天,前往Harris縣的任何投票所投票。提前投票將於4月19日至4月27日進行,選舉日投票將於5月1日(週六)上午7:00至晚上7:00進行。如需詳細了解提前投票時間和投票地點以及選舉日投票地點,請瀏覽Harris縣選舉網站(網址為www. harrisvotes. com)或MUD 81網站(網址為www. hcmud81. com)。**注意**根據Harris縣的決定,5月1日選舉的投票不會在805 Hidden Canyon的MUD 81大樓舉行。郵遞選票申請應寄至: Early Voting Clerk,Harris County Election Division,P.O. Box 1148,Houston,Texas 77251-1148,電子郵件: bbm@cco.hctx.net。

在哪裡可以獲得更多相關資訊?如需瞭解本次債券選舉的其他資訊,請前往MUD 81網站: www.hcmud81.com。

The Freeze of February 2021

As you know, during Winter Storm Uri in February 2021, MUD 81 issued a boil water notice. This occurred because the pressure in the MUD 81 water supply system dropped below the state-mandated minimum threshold when power outages and freeze-related equipment failures caused certain water plant facilities to go offline at the same time water demand surged due to a combination of voluntary faucet dripping and unexpected leaking and burst pipes.

The MUD 81 operator and engineer are actively reviewing winterization requirements for all of MUD 81's water plants to help prevent a recurrence during any future low temperature events. The recent freeze highlighted issues with some of the District's emergency generators, which provide power to the water plants and other facilities during power outage events. Lessons learned include ensuring a mixture of natural gas-powered and diesel-powered generators in case of fuel supply difficulties with either source. The MUD 81 operator and engineer expect to provide recommendations to the MUD 81 Board regarding winterization upgrades in the near future.

Ongoing Construction Projects

- Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Memorial Parkway Sections No. 1 & No. 2. MUD 81 advertised for competitive bids for the Memorial Parkway Sections 1 and 2 sanitary sewer rehabilitation project and recently awarded the project to the lowest qualified bidder, Texas Pride Utilities, LLC. Work is expected to commence in the next couple of months.
- Alternate Fill Lines for Ground Storage Tanks at Water Plant No. 1, No. 2, and No. 4. BGE has completed the design drawings for
 the addition of an additional fill line for the ground storage tanks at water plant nos. 1, 2, and 4 and submitted the plans to the Texas
 Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), the state agency that oversees water districts like MUD 81, for review. This will enable
 each of these three water plants to function as pressure booster stations when the adjacent water wells are out of commission for
 inspection and/or repair.
- Disinfection System Upgrades at WTPs No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4. BGE has completed the design drawings for the upgrade of disinfection systems at all four water plants and submitted the plans to the TCEQ for review.

Take Control of Your Irrigation System!

There's no need to use your lawn irrigation system more than once or twice a week — only more often if there are extended periods of no rainfall. Do not water at all if your lawn isn't thirsty. Frequent watering creates a shallow root system that requires excessive water during hot, dry periods. Set your system controller to complete your watering by 4:30 am — well before neighborhood water demand is at its peak.





EMERGENCY ESSENTIALS KIT

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Believe it or not, hurricane season is right around the corner! Whether it is flooding or a hurricane or tropical storm, emergency preparedness isn't just smart planning, it is a necessity. It only takes one catastrophic event impacting the Houston area to cause damage to your home or business. One step you can take is to assemble an emergency essentials kit now to avoid the large crowds later! Please visit Harris County's emergency preparedness website, readyharris.org, to sign up for emergency alerts and for more important information.

Preparedness in Harris County is not just for Hurricane Season. Avoid panic buying by stocking up on these items over the entire year. It is safer, more efficient and less expensive than waiting until disaster strikes.

FOOD:	BABY ITEMS:	FAMILY SAFETY ITEMS:
☐ 7-day supply of non-perishable food	☐ Formula, bottles and powdered milk	☐ Smoke detector with battery for each floor
☐ Hand-operated can opener	□ Diapers	☐ Carbon monoxide detector with battery backup
☐ Plastic plates, cups & utensil	☐ Baby wipes	☐ Fire extinguisher
WATER:	☐ Diaper rash ointment	□ Sunscreen
 1 gallon of drinking water per person, per day enough for 7 days 	HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: Disinfectant wipes	☐ Insect repellent☐ Shovel and basic tools
FIRST AID: ☐ American Red Cross approved first aid kit	☐ Toilet paper, paper towels and garbage bags☐ Non-scented bleach for sanitization	TRANSPORTATION ITEMS: ☐ State and regional road maps ☐ Basic repair items (tools, tire patch kit, engine oi ☐ Games, books and puzzles
☐ Backup prescriptions for essential medications	LIGHTING: ☐ Flashlights per person with extra batteries	
PERSONAL HYGIENE: ☐ Hand sanitizer (minimum 60% alcohol) ☐ Dental care and vision products	☐ Fluorescent lanterns for each common area ☐ Waterproof matches or a utility lighter	PET NEEDS: □ 7-day supply of non-perishable pet food & water
☐ Travel-size soaps and other beauty supplies	COMMUNICATION:	 □ Crate or pet carrier and leash □ Pet medications and pet first aid kit □ Current photo in case you are separated □ Cat litter and box □ Pet bed and toys
 □ Change of clothes, shoes & blanket per person □ CLEAN AIR ITEMS: □ Cloth face coverings (N-95 masks if available) □ Plastic sheeting 	 □ Portable, battery-powered radio □ Landline phone with long cord □ Extra batteries for flashlights, lanterns and radio □ Extra cell phone battery or car charger 	





☐ Duct tape







□ Whistle

Be #ReadyRoundtheClock