



# Harris County

## Municipal Utility District

No. 81

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MDS: 281-290-6500 (24/7)



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281-313-2378



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WHEELER & ASSOCIATES:  
713-462-8906



**GENERAL QUESTIONS**  
ABHR/LEGAL:  
713-860-6400



**MUD 81 OFFICE**  
281-392-8112  
(8 AM - 2 PM, M-F)

### HARRIS COUNTY MUD 81

805 Hidden Canyon  
Katy, Texas, 77450

281-392-8112  
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### Note from the Board of Directors

Happy Spring from the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 81 (MUD 81) Board of Directors! If spring makes you think of spring cleaning, be sure to stop by MUD 81's spring community shred event to discard those papers that you no longer need. You will find more details about the upcoming April shred event in this newsletter. And, while it is only spring, summer (and hurricane season) will be here before you know it. Read on for more information about preparing for hurricane season. Also in this newsletter you can learn more about the voluntary property tax exemptions granted by the MUD 81 Board for this tax year, the status of improvement projects undertaken by MUD 81, and advice on what NOT to flush down the toilet!

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.



### Free Spring Community Shred Event for MUD 81 Residents

Please mark your calendars for our next MUD 81 community shred event to destroy and dispose of your unwanted, papers—particularly those papers that may contain sensitive information!



- **DATE:** Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 9 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
- **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!



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<http://www.bjconcepts.com/hcmud81/signup.html>

## Tax Exemptions for the 2025 Tax Year

Each spring, the MUD 81 Board considers the voluntary tax exemptions provided for by state law for residential homesteads and individuals who are over 65 years in age or disabled.

For many years, MUD 81 has granted a 20% residential homestead exemption for its taxpayers. That 20% residential homestead exemption, **which is the maximum allowed by law**, will continue for 2025. Also, again in 2025, the MUD 81 Board has granted a **\$10,000** exemption for the residential homestead of individuals who are disabled or 65 years of age or older. These exemptions are available to apply to your 2025 tax bill, which will be sent out this fall in the October or November timeframe after taxes are levied.

**In order to benefit from these exemptions, eligible individuals are required to file for the exemption with the Harris Central Appraisal District (HCAD).** For questions about eligibility or if you are not sure if you previously have applied, please contact HCAD at (713) 957-7800. The required exemption forms are available on the HCAD website, at <https://hcad.org/>.

## 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 drainage improvements within Cimarron Subdivision – Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 and Harris County's proposed drainage improvements within MUD 81 for the Memorial Parkway Subdivision. The purpose of these 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. 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.

Harris County's drainage improvements within Cimarron Subdivision – Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 were completed during 2024. Harris County's proposed drainage improvements for the Memorial Parkway Subdivision required Harris County to submit 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 Harris County is awaiting approval of this application.

## Ongoing Construction Projects:

- **Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation – Memorial Parkway Sections Nos. 3, 4, and 5.** The MUD 81 Board authorized the sanitary sewer rehabilitation for Memorial Parkway Sections Nos. 3, 4, and 5. This project is currently under construction.
- **Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation – Cimarron Subdivision, Section Nos. 1, 2, and 3, and Memorial Parkway Section Nos. 6, 7, and 8.** The MUD 81 Board authorized 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. The cleaning and televising of these lines is now complete, and the MUD 81 Board authorized BGE to design a rehabilitation project based on BGE's evaluation of the information received from the televising and cleaning.
- **Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation – Cimarron Subdivision, Section Nos. 4, 5, and 6, Memorial Parkway Section Nos. 9, 11, and 13, Silverstone, Section No. 1.** The MUD 81 Board authorized BGE to design the televising and cleaning of the Cimarron Subdivision, Section Nos. 4, 5, and 6, Memorial Parkway Section Nos. 9, 11, and 13, and Silverstone, Section No. 1 sanitary sewer lines. After the cleaning and televising of these lines is complete, BGE will



evaluate the information received to identify any areas in need of repairs.

- **Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation – Sewer Line Along Kenlake Drive.** The MUD 81 Board authorized BGE to design the rehabilitation of portions of a sanitary sewer line along Kenlake Drive. The resulting design plans have been submitted to Harris County for review.
- **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 working on the design for rehabilitation of MUD 81's elevated storage tank. This aging facility requires improvements to ensure it will continue to function as designed.

### To Flush or Not to Flush

In recent years, cities and municipal utility district operators across Texas have been noticing **vast amounts of so-called "flushable" wipes and other products clogging up their sanitary sewer systems and wastewater treatment infrastructure.** While some of these products may be labeled as "flushable," they don't break down like toilet paper, which can cause pipes to clog or burst.

In addition to so-called "flushable" wipes, many operators have reported **paper towels, sanitary wipes, cleaning products, and other items being flushed down toilets.** Not only is this problematic for MUD 81, but it can be a serious problem for homeowners, resulting in massive damage and expensive plumbing bills. Please help us protect your home and MUD 81's sanitary sewer system by limiting what you flush down your toilet!

## Patty Potty's DO NOT FLUSH LIST



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| • Diapers       | • Facial Pads                |
| • Paper Towels  | • Dental Floss               |
| • Facial Tissue | • Cigarettes                 |
| • Cotton Swabs  | • Cotton Balls               |
| • Baby Wipes    | • Kitty Litter               |
| • Adult Wipes   | • Women's Hygiene Products   |
| • Hair          | • All-Purpose Cleaning Wipes |
| • Gum Wrappers  | • Adhesive Bandages          |
| • Candy         | • Makeup Remover Wipes       |



# GETTING READY FOR HURRICANE SEASON

» [www.readyharris.org](http://www.readyharris.org)

Although it may be hard to believe, hurricane season will be here before you know it. Make a plan now so that you and your family will be ready when a flood, hurricane, or other emergency event occurs. 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, <http://www.readyharris.org>, to sign up for emergency alerts and for more important information.

## DISASTER SUPPLY KIT CHECKLIST

- ☐ Water - at least a seven day supply (one gallon per person, per day)
- ☐ Food - at least a seven day supply of non-perishable/canned food (Change out stored water and food supplies every six months)
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Flashlight with extra batteries
- ☐ Battery-powered radio
- ☐ Medications and special items (pain relievers, diapers, etc.)
- ☐ Tools and supplies
- ☐ Sanitation (toilet paper, personal hygiene items, etc.)
- ☐ Change of clothes and bedding
- ☐ Cash
- ☐ Important family documents (birth certificates, insurance/bank account information, etc.)
- ☐ Food, water and medicine for your pets
- ☐ Kennels or crates for pets

## HURRICANE WARNINGS

When a hurricane warning is issued by the National Weather Service and the Houston metropolitan area, including MUD 81, is threatened, you should:

- Monitor your local TV and radio stations
- Fuel your vehicle and generators
- Check your disaster supply kit
- Consider whether to cover windows
- Bring in all outdoor furniture, toys, and other objects
- Take pictures of your property and possessions for insurance purposes
- Evacuate immediately if directed by government officials

## HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

- In the event of an emergency, dial 911
- MUD 81 24-hour line for water/sewer issues: (281) 290-6500
- Harris County: (713) 755-5000
- Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management: (713) 881-3100
- Harris County Toll Road Authority Roadside Assistance (daily from 5:00 am - midnight): (281) 584-7500



Be #ReadyRoundtheClock