



Harris County Water Control & Improvement District No. 36

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NOVEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the tax rate for the District will remain the same for this year as in the previous 10 years. The tax rate is \$0.28 per \$100.00 property evaluation. This is one of the lowest tax rates in all of Harris County. The Property tax value is appraised and set by Harris County Appraisal District. Even though the District has many ongoing construction projects they have no direct impact on the tax rate. The projects underway at this time are funded through Grants from Harris County Community Services. The District applies for Grants each year which involves a considerable amount of time and paperwork on the staff in the office and field. It is certainly essential to continue submitting applications as this year the District was awarded three (3) Grants. This being said, please know that your Directors continue to work wisely to ensure that the property owners of Cloverleaf maintain a low tax rate.

However, the District can replace all of the sewer lines but, if the public continues to dump grease down the sinks the District will continue to have sanitary sewer problems. The District is asking its residents to **"TRAP THE GREASE"** and properly dispose of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) especially in the kitchen. The District spends hundreds of thousands of dollars each year clearing grease blockages from the main sewer system. FOG is not good for your health, and presents a major problem for your plumbing system, and to the public sewer system. Since most inside plumbing lines are small and most sewer lines are only a little larger, FOG and foreign materials can easily block the sewer. A blocked sewer can be worse than just inconvenient or unpleasant. A blocked sewer can cause an overflow that sends pollution into our streets, creeks, streams, and bayous. Restaurants, car washes and other commercial establishments are required to have a grease trap and have it cleaned monthly. Please take a minute to properly dispose of grease, oil, or other items that can stop up your plumbing. **Do not pour grease products down sinks or toilets.** Pour liquid oil and grease into heat resistant bags, cans, or containers. Use things you already have in your home such as coffee cans, pet food cans, food jars, etc. When the containers are full of grease, seal and throw away the container with your household trash. Also scrape fats, grease, and food from plates and cooking utensils into the trash. The grease that accumulates in the sewer lines hardens like a rock, especially during the cold weather. This action affects everyone in the community as well as the sewer treatment facilities. We are urging the customers of the District to step up and do their share to **"TRAP THE GREASE"** and dispose of all grease in the proper manner. In doing so your family may not ever have to use the plunger again. Please stop by the office for a free grease container bag.

Please encourage everyone to clean up around our neighborhood and to pick up all trash. People who pile up the trash in their yards are creating a health issue and this trash is a nuisance. To report this, contact the Health Department at 713 439-6270. Sometimes cleaning up around your home may inspire your neighbor to do the same. **There will be NO interruptions on garbage pick-up service during the upcoming Holiday season.**

Garbage collections are limited to 2 containers of household trash on Wednesday and Saturday. No remodeling material, tires, trees, or trash bags over 40 pounds will be accepted. Please contact WCA directly at telephone number 281.368-8397 for any problems, or for special handling arrangements.

To report street light outages contact the office with the 6-digit number on the light at 713.453-5493.

**"The Board of Directors and Staff Wish Everyone a Wonderful & Safe Holiday Season and
Want to Thank you for your Continued Support"**

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