

From the Block House MUD Financial Advisor Lauren Smith

The levy of the District tax rate is a two-step process and is done in conjunction with the adoption of the District’s budget. Each year, the District undertakes due diligence to ensure that the District’s budget addresses the operation and maintenance needs of the District. Such expenditures include the maintenance of the District’s water and wastewater systems, park and pool operation and maintenance, and the maintenance of the District’s amenities.

After the Board of Directors of the District has a firm understanding of budget considerations, a proposed O&M (operations and maintenance) tax rate is established. At the same time, the Board also undertakes due

diligence relating to the I&S (debt service) tax rate and the fire tax rate. The Board then formally meets to approve a proposed tax rate and, subsequent to such approval, the proposed tax rate is published in a newspaper of general circulation.

After publication, the Board once again formally meets in the context of an official meeting and conducts a public hearing relating to the tax levy. After the public hearing and further deliberation, the Board levies the tax rate.

As a local government entity of the State of Texas, the District must adopt its tax rate annually in accordance with all applicable state laws.

📅 UPCOMING EVENTS

Block House MUD Board Meeting
August 23

BHC Campout
September 23
Tumlinson Park
Sponsored by BHCOA

Lantern Building Workshop
September 23, 24, and 30
Jumano Community Center
Sponsored by BHOA

Option 1 Levy Tax Rate Meeting
September 6

Option 2 Levy Tax Rate Meeting
September 13

September MUD Board Meeting
September 27

Stage 2 Watering Schedule

Odd Addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9	Wednesday and/or Saturdays
Even Addresses ending in 2, 4, 6, 8, or 0	Thursday and/or Sundays
All commercial addresses	Tuesdays and/or Fridays

For details regarding the Stage 2 watering schedule, please visit our website’s Block House MUD Water Conservation page.
<https://www.blockhousemudtx.gov/our-community/environmental-stewardship/water-conservation>



Bulk Pick-up & Recycling

We are excited about the upcoming Community Cleanup Day on October 21! You can pay for two recycling bins.

More information: <https://www.blockhousemudtx.gov/our-community/environmental-stewardship/solid-waste-trash-and-recycling-services-information>

Community Garden Plots

Want to get involved? Visit the Gardeners of the Block House Community Facebook group to join in on seed swapping and other related community garden news.

Guidelines & Application: <https://www.blockhousemudtx.gov/home/showpublished-document/114/637520383359200000>

Message from Texas Disposal Systems

On July 26, due to the extremely high temperatures, Texas Disposal Systems began picking up trash at 6 a.m. This will ensure the safety of our service providers. The service will return to a 7 a.m. start on Wednesday, September 6, 2023.

Remember to have your carts at the curb by 6 a.m. We appreciate your understanding!

Prepare Your Home for a Wildfire

Help protect your home and stop the spread of wildland fires by following these eight steps.

Firewise Tips: <https://smokeybear.com/en/prevention-how-tos/equipment-use-and-maintenance/how-to-prepare-your-home-for-wildfire>

🗣️ DID YOU KNOW?

Summer Field Reservations are open!

Block House MUD allows field reservations during the week at Luther Chance Field, Tonkawa Field 1, and Tonkawa Field 2.

You must be a resident to reserve a field for your team and are allowed one night per week for field use.



Tidal Waves Season Recap from Amanda Stanfield



Thank you, Neighbors, for being incredible hosts for the Tidal Waves Swim Team. This team is considered one of the favorite host teams on the circuit. The Tidal Waves know the incredible sacrifice it takes from the whole neighborhood to earn that status and we so appreciate it!

The Tidal Waves ended the season as Division 3 District Champs, and had 23 new records set this season!

Thank you to the incredibly talented coaching staff this year who made it so fun for the swimmers! Bring on the 2024 season!

GETTING TO KNOW: DIRECTOR JOHNSON



How long have you lived in Block House?

My family of 4 moved into the neighborhood back in the summer of 2010. We're now a family of 6 and over 13 years later we're still loving the neighborhood. It's the longest in my life I've lived in a single home.

What is your favorite part of the Community?

While the community has many wonderful components, I love the green spaces the most. I love that you can drive through the neighborhood and see tall green trees almost everywhere.

Favorite hobby or hobbies?

I enjoy swimming and goofing around with my kids. I also enjoy trying new restaurants with my wife (particularly asian-fusion and cajun).

Why did you run for the Board?

I ran for the Board, in part, to help ensure openness and transparency to the MUD Board's operations. I'm delighted to say that we've accomplished great strides in that regard. Each public meeting is recorded and posted to YouTube. AT&T has almost finished their upgrade to the Walker House internet so the meetings will be available live quite soon.

Tips from Tripp

Two common turf pests to be aware of in the summer... especially in this heat

Chinch Bugs

Often found in St. Augustine grass in hot and dry conditions. In most cases, the first indicator you have chinch bugs; you will see what looks like the grass suffering from drought along curbs, sidewalks, or other structures that will generate additional heat. They love the heat!




To determine if your lawn has a chinch bug problem, I suggest searching online for the "coffee can test for chinch bugs." They can be treated with typical insecticides at local stores such as Home Depot or Lowes.

Grub Worms

Most likely to be found in St. Augustine but can also be found in Bermuda and Zoysia grasses as well. The turf lacks water because grubs eat the roots and, therefore, cannot take in the moisture needed. Checking for fares is as simple as pulling up on the grass, and if it pulls up very quickly, like carpet, you probably have grubs.

The next step would be to confirm fares are present by using a shovel to remove several one square foot sections about 2 inches deep in different areas of the damaged turf. If you find less than five grubs in a square-foot, you may not need to treat them yet; however, if you find more than five grubs, you have a grub infestation that needs to be addressed before the damage becomes extensive.



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