

Winter Averaging – What To Know



Winter Averaging is a common practice in utility billing. It involves calculating an average based on your water consumption during winter, specifically November through February, which will determine your wastewater charge for the next 12 months.

The reasoning behind this approach is that during these winter months, outdoor water usage (e.g., watering lawns and gardens and washing your car in the driveway) is generally lower due to colder weather. Therefore, the winter months are considered a fair representation of residential wastewater use. The wastewater charge on your bills will be calculated using this average to determine a fixed amount, regardless of actual wastewater flow during the billing period.

It's important to remember that Winter Averaging only applies to wastewater billing. You will continue to be billed for potable water consumption based on your actual usage throughout the year.



**Burn Ban in Effect – Ends on
October 16, 2023**

The ban prohibits burning any household combustible materials, yard waste (leaves, grass, brush) or to clear land (trees, stumps, shrubbery).

It could result in fine up to \$500.

<https://www.wilcotx.gov/902/Burn-Ban-Status>

Apache Pool Fall & Winter Hours



Exciting News! In addition to the Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. hours, Apache Pool will be open on the weekends from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

These hours will be effective starting October 7 and going through April 30.

DID YOU KNOW?

Be aware of the prohibited items that will not be taken at the Bulk Trash Drop Off on October 21.

Items that **WILL NOT** be taken:

- Tires
- Hazardous waste, i.e., paint, solvents
- Refrigerators
- Air Conditioner units
- Porcelain tubs or toilets
- Mattresses

Residents should call Texas Disposal Systems and request a bulk curbside pickup at (844) 873-7734.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pumpkin Patch

October 14 - 22

Wednesday & Friday: 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Saturday & Sunday: 12pm - 7pm

Behind Tumlinson Pool

Sponsored by BHOA

Community Yard Sale

October 14

Resident's homes

Movie & Spooky Night

It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown

October 14 - begins at dusk

At Pumpkin Patch in Tumlinson Park

Bulk Trash Drop Off

October 21 • 9am - 1pm

Jumano Park - 1301 Black Kettle Drive

Sponsored by BH MUD

Block House MUD Board Meeting

October 27 • 6:30pm

Walker House

Full Moon Disc Golf Event

October 28 • 7:30pm - 10pm

Jumano Park - 1301 Black Kettle Drive

Pumpkin Carving

October 28 • 10am - dusk

Last Stop Haunt, Hutton Street

Sponsored by BHOA

Decorated Home Contest

October 28

Cash Prizes awarded

Sponsored by BHOA

Are you new to Block House?

Follow the link below to become familiar with the policies and procedures related to your utility service through Crossroads Utility Services.

<https://crossroadsus.com/my-district/block-house-municipal-utility-district/>



GETTING TO KNOW: DIRECTOR ROBERTS



How long have you lived in Block House?

I have happily called Block House Creek my home for almost 40 years, and I am blessed to have been a part of it from the beginning to today. My family roots are from Oak Hill and South Austin, as I am a fifth generation Austinite.

In 1983, we moved our family of five in the very beginning of what is now Block House Creek. Actually, we were the sixth family to move into BHC. There was no park or pool, just a plot of land with a shell for a pool that was being built and what is now Tumlinson Pool. My children grew up along the creek and enjoyed multiple years of enjoyment in the parks. Now my grandchildren get to do the same as their parents have done for so many years.

What is your favorite part of the Community?

My favorite part of Block House Creek is its namesake the Block House Creek! The natural beauty of the creek surrounding its amazing park amenities gives me so much to joy. I enjoy watching the walkers (with their dogs most times) and all the families exploring the outdoors.

The trails and the natural areas along BHC are my most enjoyable moments! I admire and respect the land that A.S. Walker and his family cherished back when BHC was a large ranch and knowing that he called it home makes it even better to know this community is built on solid family foundations.

The Walker House is a special place to reflect on the way it was back then for the Walker family. The large Cypress and Cottonwood trees that revive their roots in the natural spring fed waters, is another reason why I love BHC, and so do the Great Horned Owls! Let's keep BHC as natural as we can and preserve its natural beauty.

Favorite hobby or hobbies?

My Family is very important to me! Walking our trails in the early mornings to watch the sunrise is one of my favorite times of the day. Day tripping around our beautiful State of Texas gives me so much peace and joy with family and friends. Last but not least, exploring new restaurants because I love to eat!

Why did you run for the Board?

It was my initial inquiry at the first proposed tax rate meeting in 1984 that gave me a keen interest in the MUD. A new developer took over in 1984, and things were moving very quickly to get bonds sold. So, because of my interest, I was asked to fill a vacancy on the board as the MUD was going to sell its first developer reimbursement bonds.

My personal goal is to honor my elected position and always take my fiduciary responsibility to the highest integrity in honor and trust to all the taxpayers and residents of BHC. I take a lot of pride in knowing that the development of the parks and pools all had my input and implementation.

It is with enormous gratitude and pride that I am grateful for this opportunity to serve the people of Block House Creek.




I am proud to have been a part of so many facets of our community, to name a few, I was instrumental in naming Block House Creek Elementary; assisting with the Cap Metro on the Four-Quadrant Gates across the railroad crossing; starting the Block House Creek Tidal Waves; started the first Newsletter for the MUD; working with the developer to heat Apache Pool. I am always an advocate to lower the tax rate. My mantra is to be respectful and knowledgeable to do this position to the best of my ability. ■



THANK YOU!

To Priority Landscapes, for the beautiful field renovations at Luther Chance Field in Tumlinson Park



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2600 S. Block House Drive
Mondays - Thursday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Friday: (Appt. Only)
- Apache Park and Pool**
3100 Block House Drive
- Comanche Park**
2800 S. Block House Drive
- Tonkawa Park**
301 Susan Lane
- Bike Trail**
2601 S. Block House Drive
- Junamo Park & Community Center**
(Disc Golf Course & Community Garden)
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