

Annual Cocoa Christmas – Another Success!

Block House MUD's Annual Cocoa Christmas, held on Saturday, December 2nd, was a fun and memorable time for residents and their families. Photos with Santa were a big hit!

Thank you to Cedar Park Fire Department for bringing Santa to the Walker House by firetruck.



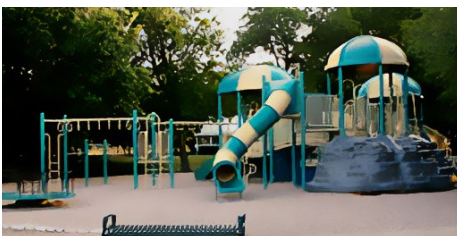
Mistletoe Market

Each November, the MUD allows a variety of hometown vendors to host the Mistletoe Market at the Walker House to display and sell their homemade décor, foods, attire, knick-knacks, and much more.

This event has occurred for over 20 years and is a huge success each year!



Tumlinson Park Playscape Closures



Both big and small playscapes located at Tumlinson Park have been removed. The Board is working on having them replaced.

Please feel free to utilize the other play-

scapes in the neighborhood. Apache Park and Tonkawa Park both have great playscapes for use.

Block House MUD Board Special Meeting - January 17

A Special Meeting is being held on January 17th to discuss the playscape. To view this meeting on YouTube,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvVye2Z5384>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Martin Luther King Jr Day
January 15

MUD Special Board Meeting
January 17 • 6:30pm
Walker House
See article on Page 1

MUD Board Meeting
January 24 • 6:30pm
Walker House

Valentine's Day
February 14

President's Day
February 19

Polar Bear Swim - a Huge Success!



Thank you to everyone who braved the cold to jump into a nice warm pool compliments of the MUD. Thank you to Premier for providing lifeguards for this event!

Six swimmers passed their swim test and will get to register for the 2024 season!

Follow us on Facebook and our website, tid-alwaves.swimtopia.com, to see our swim test dates and registration dates.



Backflow Prevention

Backflow prevention in residential homes is critical to ensuring drinking water quality. Backflow occurs when water flows in the opposite direction, potentially contaminating the potable water supply with non-potable water or other substances. This reversal of water flow can happen due to changes in waterline pressure, such as turning off a water hose while submerged in a dirty bucket.

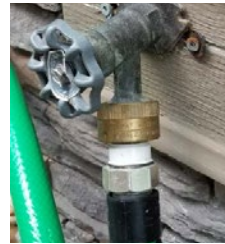
In residential systems, the most commonly present backflow device is utilized to prevent the siphoning effect in irrigation systems. These devices, known as RPZs (Reduced Pressure Zones), are required and found downstream of a home's water meter and custom-



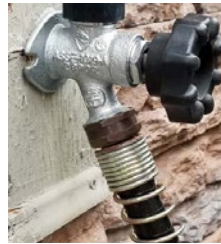
A common example of an RPZ installation

er shutoff valve and are designed to ensure the prevention of siphoning contaminants such as chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides, and bacteria into the drinking water supply when sprinkler systems operate.

Homeowners should also install hose bib vacuum breakers at the end of their outside hose bibs. These devices also relieve the vacuum created by utilizing a water hose around the house.



Hose bib vacuum breaker; Brass device between hose and valve.



The vacuum break is not installed; the hose is directly connected without the backflow prevention device.

CHECKLIST FOR STAYING SAFE DURING THE WINTER MONTHS

Prepare Your Home

- ✔ Install weather stripping and insulation
- ✔ Insulate water runs that run along exterior walls
- ✔ Clean out gutters and repair roof leaks
- ✔ Check heating system
- ✔ Inspect and clean out fireplaces

Prepare Your Vehicle

- ✔ Service radiator and maintain antifreeze level
- ✔ Check your tire tread
- ✔ Keep gas tank full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines
- ✔ Prepare a winter emergency kit in your car

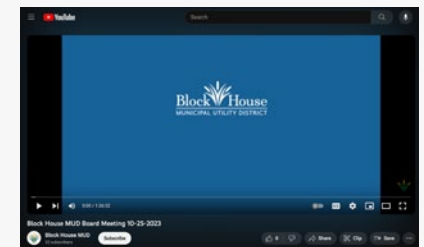
Prepare For Emergencies

- ✔ Stock food that needs now refrigeration or cooking
- ✔ Ensure your cell phone is fully charged
- ✔ When traveling, be aware of current weather conditions

You can watch the Block House MUD Board Meetings live stream on YouTube.

Follow the link here to see the monthly streamed meetings:

<https://www.youtube.com/@blockhousemud>



Apache Pool – January, 2024




6 lane, 25 meter pool, heated mid October - mid March

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
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Apache Pool – February, 2024

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