

Firebreak Preparedness – and how you can help

As we exit this winter season and prepare to walk in the spring season. If you are interested in helping with the 10-foot firebreak behind your home and maybe a neighbor or two, please know that you will be working at your own risk as a volunteer in the community.

You will focus on China berry trees, Ficus trees, dried vines, and downed limbs.

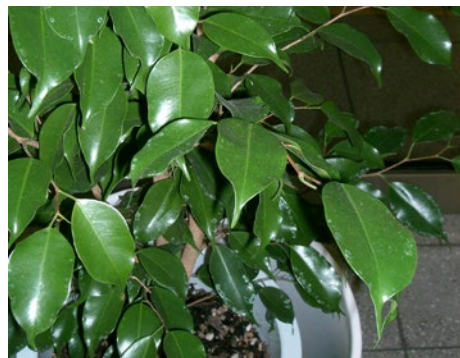
Disclaimer: Your backyard limbs and leaves piles are not to be added. This is only for trailside firebreak debris.

Earth Day is April 22nd. If we can all work together to have areas cleaned before then, you can bundle the debris, and we will have a pick-up scheduled by Priority Landscapes with your Google pin drop location on that day.

You can send a Google pin drop and photos of your progress to info@blockhousemudtx.gov.



China Berry



Ficus

UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt

March 20 • Time TBD (morning)

Tumlinson Park & Luther Chance field

(Sponsored by BHOA)

MUD Board Meeting

March 27 • 6:30pm

Walker House

Easter Egg Hunt

March 30 • Time TBD (morning)

Tumlinson Park & Luther Chance field

(Sponsored by BHOA)

Shred Day

April 6

Tonkawa Park

(Sponsored by BHOA)

Community Yard Sale

April 6

Neighborhood wide

(Sponsored by MUD)

Spring Bulk Trash Drop-off

April 13 • 9am - 1pm

Jumano Park

(Sponsored by MUD)

Town Hall / Safety Day

April 13 • 1pm - 3pm

Pavilion

2024 Apache Pool Schedule January 1 - April 26

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

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
12pm - 5pm	5pm - 9pm	CLOSED	5pm - 9pm	CLOSED	5pm - 9pm	12pm - 5pm

Thank you, Priority Landscapes

At the January MUD Board Meeting, the district approved adding additional mulch to both Apache and Tumlinson playscapes after completing the December inspection.



The district landscaper will monitor the areas quarterly to ensure the mulch level meets the inspection standards, as the MUD wants to ensure the safety of each playscape.



Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup Event – March 16



Williamson County and Waste Management are hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup Event on Saturday, March 16, at the Williamson County Expo Center, 5350 Bill Pickett Trail, in Taylor, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is open to residents of Williamson County only.

For a list of accepted items, please visit: <https://www.wilcotx.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=279>

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What is a Water District?

A water district is a local government entity—a particular district—that provides water and sewer service and even roads and other limited services that cities provide. These special districts are usually called municipal utility districts (MUDs), water control and improvement districts (WCIDs), or something similar.

Texas and other states have many special districts, like school districts, that collect fees and taxes in a set area to provide services to the area. MUDs are the most common type of water district in Texas. Texas first created MUDs starting in the late 1960s.

MUDs and other water districts caught on in the Houston area in the 1980s as development outpaced the growth of the City of Houston. Today, over 950 MUDs and around 400 other water districts exist in Texas. Most water districts are created around the city, called the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ).

To learn more about the History of Water Districts, Water District Bonds, District Boards, and Advantages of water Districts, you can visit <https://awbd.org/learn/what-is-a-water-district>

What is an Architectural Control Committee Form?

All sections of the MUD are subject to restrictive covenant documents which state exactly or in effect:

No building, structure, fence, wall, or other improvement shall be commenced, erected, constructed, placed, or maintained upon any Lot, nor shall any exterior addition to or change or alteration therein be made until a Development Plan has been submitted in accordance herewith to and approved by the Architectural Control Committee.


The Architectural Committee consists of homeowners in the district who have volunteered their time and efforts to participate in this process which helps to ensure the property values and quality of life in Block House Creek.

Turnaround times for submissions to the Architectural Committee vary, but you should plan on approximately 30 days for your plan to be considered and a decision made. It is critical that you do not begin any construction or make any financial commitments associated with construction until you have received approval of your plans.

You can help speed up the process by ensuring that your application for approval is complete and legible. Plan drawings do not have to be of engineering quality but must show all dimensions and placement on your lot clearly and include all building lines and utility easements. The plat map you received when you purchased your home is the best way to convey information in plain view.

You can find the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) on the Block House MUD website here:

<https://www.blockhousemudtx.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/110/637637649350570000>

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DID YOU KNOW?

Block House MUD has 15 pet waste stations throughout the district?

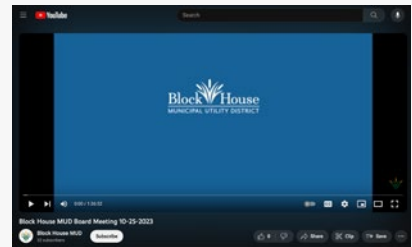
Walking along the 3-mile loop and all five parks in the neighborhood, you will find doggie pots with waste bags for your pet's needs.






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>



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 Friday: (Appt. Only)

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 2800 S. Block House Drive

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