# House Around the Block

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# **Garbage and Refuse Covenant Provision**

Block House Municipal Utility District consists of 11 residential sections, each with its own set of restrictive covenants that govern permissible development and use, among other restrictions, on any given property in the District. For each of the 11 sections, the restrictive covenants include "Garbage and Refuse Storage and Disposal" provisions that dictate the manner and method in which trash, garbage, and raw materials may be stored on Block House residential lots. In pertinent part, each set of covenants specifies that

- No residential lot can be used as a dumping ground or for the open storage of any materials whatsoever;
- No trash or refuse may ever be burned on any residential lots:
- Trash must be stored in containers made of metal, plastic, or masonry with tightly fitting lids;



- Trash containers must be kept in a clean and sanitary condition; and
- Trash containers (not just the trash) must be screened from public view at all times, save and except for when they are picked up by the trash service.

Failure to abide by any of these requirements constitutes a violation of the restrictive covenants and may result in the District taking legal action to enforce the covenants in order to protect taxable property value and maintain the general hygiene and sanitation standards of our community.

# THE UPCOMING EVENTS

# **Shred Day**

April 6

Tonkawa Park (Sponsored by BHOA)

# Community Yard Sale

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

# **MUD Board Meeting**

April 24 • 6:30pm

Walker House

#### REVAMP OF BLOCK HOUSE GARDENS

Block House MUD would like to introduce resident Monica Lovejoy and her husband, Mark, as the Community Garden Liaisons. They have taken over the maintenance of the community garden, reconstructing the plot sizes and providing new gardening tips to enhance the production of produce grown in the area.

The MUD has recently stocked up on fresh compost, conveniently stored under a tarp for all our gardeners. Additionally, there is some aged straw readily available., a fantastic mulching material for your seedling flowers and vegetables.

If anyone is interested in getting a bed but needs more experience, Mark and Monica are very willing to help with questions. They can be reached at **Gardners@Blockhousemudtx.gov**.









After

# How are MUDs created?

A majority of property owners in the proposed district petitions the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality to create a MUD. The TCEQ evaluates the petition, holds a public hearing, and grants or denies the pe-

After approval, the TCEQ appoints five temporary members to the MUD's Board of Directors, until an election is called to elect permanent Board members, to confirm the MUD's creation, and to authorize bonds and taxing authority for bond repayment.

# How does a MUD work?

The public elected Board of Directors manages and controls all of the affairs of the MUD subject to the continuing supervision of the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality.

The Board establishes policies in the interest of its residents and utility customers. A MUD may adopt and enforce all necessary charges, fees, and taxes in order to provide district facilities and service.



# **Fire Breaking News**

Residents of Block House MUD, Priority Landscapes will be focusing on fire-breaking the red areas located throughout the neighborhood, which are situated behind resident homes, creeks, and trails.

Fire breaking involves clearing an area of any combustible material, such as trees, shrubs, and grass. This creates a 'fuel-free' zone that helps reduce the intensity of a fire and provides extra protection to the homes.

The cleared land, forms an effective break in both the vertical and horizontal continuity of the fuel, which reduces the flame length and makes it easier to suppress the fire.





Green Areas



Yellow Areas







Red Areas







2024 Apache Pool Schedule | 3100 N. Blockhouse Dr

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

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Jan 1 - Apr 19	12pm - 5pm	5pm - 9pm	CLOSED	5pm - 9pm	CLOSED	5pm - 9pm	12pm - 5pm
Apr 20 - May 24	12pm - 5pm	CLOSED*	CLOSED*	CLOSED*	CLOSED*	CLOSED*	12pm - 5pm

<sup>\*</sup> Swim Team | Swim Lesson in 2 lanes Monday - Thursday 4:30pm-7:00pm - additional cost to Premier Recreation Water Aerobics Monday & Wednesday 7:00pm - 8:00pm in 2 lanes (June-August) additional cost to Premier Recreation

#### 2024 Tumlinson Pool Schedule | 2600 S. Blockhouse Dr Recreation pool with beach entry, splash features and water slide

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Jan 1 - Apr 26	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Apr 27 - May 24*	12pm - 5pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	12pm - 5pm

Pool schedule subject to change at any time

Special Events - May 24: Blockhouse Elementary pool party - Pool closed to community

# Important Payment Update from Crossroads Utility Services

The P.O. Box address has changed for mailed payments. Please also update this address if you utilize bank bill pay (ie. Chase.com, WellsFargo.com, etc)

BLOCK HOUSE MUD P.O. BOX 8009 ROUND ROCK, TX 78683-8009



Ensure your full 15-digit account number is referenced on checks mailed to us. Reference your billing statement for the full account number.

# DID YOU KNOW?

## Water Flows Once Again

The neighborhood water fountains have been turned back on. You and your pet can beat the heat and stay hydrated!



# Around The Block – Digital Edition

Download the latest Around The Block newsletter on the Block House MUD website to get bonus information:

www.blockhousemudtx.gov/newsletter

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











#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Ursula Logan, President
David Shoemaker, Vice President
David Johnson, Treasurer
Robert Young, Secretary
Cecilia Roberts, Assistant Secretary

## **AMENITY ADDRESSES**

Walker House, Tumlinson Park and Pool 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

3100 Block House Drive

Comanche Park

2800 S. Block House Drive

Tonkawa Park 301 Susan Lane

Bike Trail

2601 S. Block House Drive

Jumano Park & Community Center (Disc Golf Course & Community Garden)

1301 Black Kettle Dr.

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