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Block House MUD Budget 2024/2025 Upcoming Meetings and Key Deadlines

As we approach the fiscal year 2024/2025, the Block House Municipal Utility District (MUD) board of directors are in the process of finalizing its budget and setting the tax rate for the upcoming year. This is a critical time for the community, as these decisions impact the funding for essential services and infrastructure projects.

To ensure transparency and community involvement, several meetings have been scheduled. These meetings provide an opportunity for residents to engage with the budgeting process, ask questions, and offer input.

Key Meetings and Deadlines:

- Initial Budget Review Meeting: The first meeting will involve a detailed review of the proposed budget for the 2024/2025 fiscal year. During this session, board members will discuss projected revenues and expenses, including any new initiatives or changes from the previous year.
- Tax Rate Discussion: Following the budget review, a separate meeting will be dedicated to discussing the proposed tax rate. This rate is crucial as it determines the amount of funding available for the MUD's operations

Water Variance Information

Water variances are granted upon submission to the Crossroads Utility Services District Manager. Please email Ben Ingallina at <u>BIngalina@Crossroadsus.com</u>.

- 1. Name and address of the petitioner(s);
- 2. Purpose of water use;
- 3. Specific provision(s) of the plan from which the petitioner is requesting relief;
- 4. Detailed statement as to how the specific provision of the plan adversely affects the petitioner or what damage or harm will occur to the petitioner complies with this plan;
- 5. Description of the relief requested;
- 6. Period of time for which the variance is sought; You can find Water Variance information under the City of Cedar Parks Drought Contingency Plan here:

https://www.cedarparktexas.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5414/CH18-Article-1808_ Drought-Contingency_CO20230511E1

- and projects. Residents are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion.
- 3. Final Budget Approval Meeting: The final meeting in this series will involve the official approval of the budget and the setting of the tax rate. This meeting marks the culmination of the budgeting process, and the decisions made here will be implemented in the new fiscal year.

Community Involvement

Residents are strongly encouraged to attend these meetings to stay informed and voice their opinions. The decisions made during this budgeting process affect everyone in the Block House community, from the maintenance of parks and amenities to the funding of vital essential services.

Stay tuned for specific dates and times for these meetings, which will be announced shortly. Your participation is key to ensuring that the Block House MUD budget for 2024/2025 reflects the needs and priorities of the entire community.



Owner's Association (OA)

- Maintenance of OA Resident Properties Contact: careteam@rowcal.com
- Home related renovations

Block House MUD

- Construction updates to parks
- Water / Sewage
- Trash Service
- Maintenance of MUD Resident Properties Contact: <u>info@blockhousemudtx.gov</u>

Wiliamson County

- Bridges
- Sidewalks
- Roads
- Street Signs

UPCOMING EVENTS

MUD Special Board Meeting

August 21 • 5:30pm

Discuss any proposal to set a tax rate, take a record vote on the proposed tax rate.

MUD Special Board Meeting

September 11 • 5:30pm

Adopt the District's 2024-2025 budget. Hold a public hearing on the District's tax rate, take a record vote on the District's tax rate, adopt an Order Levying Taxes, and authorize filing of the Order Levying Taxes with Williamson County Tax Assessor-Collector.

(OA) Lantern-building Workshops

September 14 • 9am

September 15 • 4pm

September 18 & 19 • 6pm

Jumano Community Center Sponsored by BHCOA

(OA) Lantern Parade Line Up and Awards

September 21, 2024

Tumlinson Park Pavilion Sponsored by BHCOA

MUD Board Meeting

September 25, 2024 • 6:30pm

Walker House

∠ MUD BOARD ELECTION

The MUD board has two positions open ing up for election in November.

Voter participation is very important.

SAVE THE DATE

Market Day

Oct 5

Community Garden

(OA) Pumpkin Patch Oct 7-20

Tumlinson Park – ravine near the pool

MUD Community Yard Sale Oct 12

(OA) BHC Campout

Oct 12-13

Tumlinson Park Pavilion

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MUD Fall Bulk Trash Drop-Off Oct 19

Jumano Park



The City of Cedar Park Watering Schedule Watering Restrictions Are In Effect

The district purchases wholesale water through a contract for water and wastewater services to which the MUD must follow City of Cedar Park's watering restrictions.

These activities ARE allowed under current watering restrictions:

- Ornamental water fountains
- Irrigation and sprinklers before 10:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m. on your designated days
- Watering by hand anytime with a pistol grip nozzle or automatic shut-off
- A drip or soaker hose can be used anytime
- Residential car washing is allowed anytime but must use a pistol grip nozzle or automatic shutoff
- Charity car washes are allowed anytime but must use a pistol grip nozzle or automatic shut-off
- Commercial car washes, meeting minimum 50% water recycling requirement
- Splash pads and other commercial, recreational water devices
- Events involving the use of water, such as festivals, parties, water slides, and other activities involving the use of water if the water being used drains to a recirculating device or onto a pervious surface to prevent water waste

- Filling of all new and existing swimming pools, hot tubs, and wading pools
- Pressure washing must have a spray nozzle that uses no more than 3.5 gallons of water per minute and employs a working trigger shut-off with a protective weep mechanism
- Extended landscape variances must be requested. One 21-day variance is granted per installation.
- Irrigation of commercial plant nurseries and residential food-supplying vegetable gardens

These activities are NOT allowed under current watering restrictions:

- Water waste
- Off-schedule watering
- Broken or misdirected sprinkler heads
- Excessive runoff or ponding
- Controllable leaks

Apache and Tumlinson Pool Schedules for September, 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 |
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| Aug 17 - Dec 31 | 12pm - 5pm | 5pm - 9pm | CLOSED | 5pm - 9pm | CLOSED | 5pm - 9pm | 12pm - 5pm |

^{*} 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

Tumlinson Pool Schedule | 2600 S. Blockhouse Dr

Recreation pool with beach entry, splash features and water slide

| | Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
|------------------|------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|------------|
| Aug 31 - Sept 6 | 12pm - 6pm | 12pm - 8pm | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | 12pm - 6pm |
| Sept 7 - Sept 30 | 12pm - 6pm | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | 5pm - 8pm | 12pm - 6pm |

Pool schedule subject to change at any time

Both pools are managed by Premier Recreation www.premierrecreation.net (512) 591-0194

COMMUNITY GARDEN MARKET DAY

Thank you to the Community gardeners and all who joined in to make the first Market Day at Block House Community Garden a success!

The beautiful garden beds, seed swaps, and vendors made the event unforgettable. The MUD looks forward to another outstanding event on September 7th.



















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

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.

MUD GENERAL MANAGER

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Williamson County Sheriff's Office Non-Emergency (512) 864-8282

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