

Lakes of Savannah South **MUD News**

Fall 2017

FROM THE MUD 21 BOARD...

The Board of Directors after careful consideration has lowered the 2018 tax rate for all property owners from \$1.20 to \$1.14 per \$100 of the appraised value of your home. This tax rate decrease was approved with the idea of providing tax relief due to increasing appraisal values in the community. In addition, in the Spring, the board will be considering a new Homestead exemption of 5% off the assessed value. No additional paperwork is necessary, just hold the standard Homestead exemption with Brazoria County. The Board is happy to maintain the offering of a property tax exemption for senior citizens 65 years of age or older or persons with disabilities at \$25,000

MEETINGS & UPDATES

Meetings:

The Board regularly meets the third Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the law offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, 24th Floor, Houston, Texas, 77027. Meetings of the Board are open to the public. If you are unable to attend, please reach out to a board member to let them know of any questions or concerns you may have, so they can be brought up and discussed in an open forum.

Updates:

To stay up-to-date and get community updates register now at
www.BCMUD21.com

Harvey is History...

Hurricane Harvey came and stayed for coffee. He dropped well over 45" of rain on our neighborhood, and, due to a well-designed drainage system, we took it in stride.

We want to congratulate each of you for keeping your cool and staying well informed. At several breaks through the storm, we got out and checked on our neighbors, assisted each other with supplies and reinforced our sense of community. Your MUD21 Board is proud of how well you endured and then you impressed us with how fast you came together as a community and put together support for worthy causes all over Houston. The amount of supplies, from water to diapers to dog food; clothing, food, fuel and even toys came pouring out of our homes to assist neighborhoods who were far worse off than us. Once again, Lakes of Savannah South, you have set the example and demonstrated why this is an amazing community to call home and raise a family.



Keeping You and Your Home Safe...

Keep Emergency Supplies Well Stocked

In the event of an emergency, you want to be prepared. A safe home should have the following items stocked in a safe place, in case you need them:

- Batteries, flashlights, a radio.
- A pocketknife.
- Canned goods and other nonperishable items.
- Lots of water.
- Matches or lighters and candles.

Protect Your Home Against the Risk of Fire

As a home owner or renter, it's important to take

steps to protect your home against the threat of fire. Here's some simple solutions to keeping your home fire-protected:

- Install smoke detectors and test them regularly.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in your home, and keep it updated regularly.
- Unplug electrical devices that are not in use and make sure your wiring is up to date.
- Develop an escape plan and practice it with your family.

S.E.A.L. Hotline 281.575.2500

REVERSE OSMOSIS WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM

The Board has authorized the District engineer to prepare the plans, specifications, and bidding documents for the construction of the reverse osmosis system to improve the quality



of water in our district. The new system will lower the fluoride levels and remove the constituents that cause the unwanted taste and odor to the District's water. Installation



of the new equipment and various site work for the reverse osmosis system is being built on the current water plant site and construction is currently underway. Once the system has completed installation, water quality tests will be performed to determine that target constituents

have been reduced to the desired concentrations. The test results and application to distribute treated water will be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for approval. TCEQ certification takes 4-6 weeks on average, but this process has been slower since Harvey.



Once the TCEQ approves the District's application, the new RO system will be placed into service and provide our community with a large supply of filtered water for years to come.



Join Patty's Potty Patrol

NO WIPES IN THE PIPES!!!

There are quite a few things we as a community can do to help ourselves. In regard to our water treatment system, we spend quite a bit of money every year cleaning out solid, fibrous materials that we flush down the drain every day.

This debris we flush also takes a heavy toll on our processing equipment and pumps. We can do better. Before you decide to flush something like a shop towel, baby wipe or anything else not designed to dissolve immediately in water, think twice. Please keep in mind that we treat all our own waste water on site, and someone will have to retrieve it out of the water at some point downstream after you have flushed it.

PERSONAL SAFETY: WHAT YOU CAN DO

Safety and Security Tips from S.E.A.L. Security Solutions - 281.575.2500

Personal safety, including safety both inside and outside your home, is your responsibility. There are many things a person can do to increase their level of personal safety. This article covers the basics of personal safety, and it is our hope that these reminders will benefit you. Basic practices, such as keeping doors and windows locked, parking your vehicle(s) in the garage, and not leaving tools or other implements available outside that can be used to gain entry to your home are just some of the easy steps you can take to ensure your personal safety.

Being Safe at Home

- Keep a first aid kit handy. This should include bandages and gauze, isopropyl alcohol and hydrogen peroxide, surgical tape, antibiotics, and over-the-counter pain killers.
- Keep emergency supplies well stocked.
- Have a security system installed and display the evidence prominently.
- Outfit your doors with good-quality locks.
- Keep your yard clean and well-lit.
- Keep your car inside the garage, if you have one.

Protect Your Home Against the Risk of Burglary

Burglary is one of the most traumatic and confidence-shattering things that can occur to someone. Take the steps necessary to make sure it doesn't happen to you and your family:

- Have a security system installed and display the evidence prominently.
- Outfit your doors with good-quality locks.
- Keep your yard clean and well-lit.
- Keep your car inside the garage, if you have one.

Being Safe at Night

- Carry a cell phone.
- Travel in groups- stick to well-lit areas and use reliable routes.
- Avoid neighborhoods with high crime rates.
- Let people know where you're going.
- Consider carrying a personal defense- While it's not for everyone, learning to safely carry mace can be an effective safety tool. Deterrents like this are effective against assailants, stray dogs, and they can help you feel safe.

Best Practices

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Trust your gut. If a situation or person feels unsafe they probably are. Even if they are perfectly fine, it's better to be safe than to get into a bad situation because you didn't trust your instincts.
- Use timers to turn lights and televisions on and off when you are not home.
- Keep valuables in a floor or wall safe. When installing a safe, avoid obvious locations such as the master bedroom closet.

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