



District News

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Coming Soon! New Options for Online Payments

Good news for customers who pay their bills online! The District is working to implement some improvements to our online payment interface. Once the new system is in place, customers should be able to log in with either the account number or their email address, and have the option to store their credit card information for future transactions (will not be required).



Our billing software company has also partnered with a third party EBox service to offer electronic receipt of payments from customers banks. More information about these services is coming soon. Keep up with the latest news by liking us on facebook, or sign up for our Email news service at <http://www.tcmud.org/about-tcmud-1/subscriptions/>.

Drought Update: Stage 2 - Water Warning

Although the recent light rain, cool temperatures and low customer demand for water have kept lake levels just above 60% of capacity, experts says there is a high probability that we will reach the 60% trigger for Stage 2 drought conditions in early 2015. In order to allow ample time to plan, Stage 2 restrictions will not be implemented prior to March 1st.



Stage 2 restrictions include all the water use limitations of Stage 1, but limit landscape watering with irrigation systems to once per week. For a preliminary schedule and more information please visit our website

at <http://www.tcmud.org/customer-service/water-restrictions/>.

What can you do to prepare? Think about incorporating drip irrigation, soaker hoses or tree bubblers to water areas like trees, shrubs, and foundations. Consider postponing new sod or landscaping that will have a hard time getting established in this drought, or use native and drought tolerant plants. If you own a pool or spa, get a cover to reduce water loss from evaporation when not in use. Investigate more efficient sprinkler heads to get the most from your irrigation system.

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Citizens Fire Academy Starts February 12th. Visit www.trophyclubfd.org for Details.

Fire EMS Consolidation Committee

At the January 20, 2015 joint meeting between the Board of Directors and the Trophy Club Town Council, both parties agreed to form a committee to explore the financial and operational impacts of consolidating fire and emergency medical services under one government entity. Currently fire services are provided by Trophy Club Municipal Utility District No. 1, while EMS is offered by the Town. This results in dual reporting and budgeting for the Fire Department.



The Board of Directors is accepting applications for a citizen to serve on this committee. If you are interested, applications are available on our website at www.tcmud.org, or at the front desk of the Svore Municipal Building at 100 Municipal Drive. Completed applications must be received by Wednesday, February 11 at 5:00 pm. The Board is expected to review the submissions and appoint a citizen to the committee at the February 17, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

Water Fest 2015 - Saturday, March 21 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Trophy Club MUD No. 1 will hold its annual Water Fest on Saturday, March 21 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please join us at the fire station to celebrate our 40th anniversary and learn about water conservation indoors and outdoors. We'll have guest speakers, kids activities, complimentary lunch and more! Stay tuned – details coming soon!

Projects Underway to Better Serve Our Customers

Great things are coming our way this year in water, wastewater, and the fire department! The District has been working in partnership with the City of Fort Worth to increase water supply capacity over the past few years. A 48-inch water line is under construction to bring additional supply to Trophy Club and other area providers. The District's estimated cost for this regional project is \$680,000 and it is the first of three projects necessary to increase supply. The second project is an upgraded water line that will be shared with the Town of Westlake. Fort Worth has engaged an engineering firm to determine the most cost-effective route for this new line and the cost to the District for participation in the study is \$32,500. The study is expected to be completed in mid-April. At that time the three entities will decide on the timeline for construction planning. Finally, the third project is to upgrade the 21-inch water line that serves Trophy Club from Highway 170 to the water plant on Municipal Drive and to determine any additional storage needs. The District is in the process of engaging an engineering firm to kick off this study.



In the wastewater department, the District has recently issued bonds to fund an upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant. The plant will utilize a state-of-the-art treatment process known as Membrane Bioreactor System (MBR) to treat wastewater to a purity level that meets current State standards and new limits expected in the next permit. The wastewater plant is expected to cost approximately \$14.5 million dollars and will go out for bid in February with construction starting in May 2015.

Last, but not least, the District has ordered a new fire ladder truck for the fire department to replace the 20-year old ladder truck. The new truck will have a longer ladder (105 foot vs. 75 foot ladder of existing truck) to better serve the taller homes, businesses, and schools. The truck is expected to be delivered at the end of 2015 and will cost \$1.1 million.