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Improved District Security

Heritage Village Detention Park Improvement Project



The much anticipated park improvement project is underway! Earlier this year, the Board of Harris County MUD 217 approved a large-scale project to improve accessibility, increase security and protection for park visitors, and enhance the overall beauty of our community. The total cost of this project is just over \$622,000, and will be paid by previously issued District bond funds with NO increase to property taxes. Furthermore, in October 2021, the Board approved an overall reduction in the tax rate from \$1.04 to \$0.98, in keeping with the history of tax reductions over the last 5 years.

Work began on August 30, 2021 when crews from Johnson Fence and Masonry started deconstructing and removing the original six foot chain link fence around the detention pond. Temporary construction fencing was installed to secure the jobsite. Next they identified, flagged and removed trees, bushes, and irrigation along

the District's property line that would be impacted by the new fence.

The landscape crew took care to save trees wherever possible.

A decorative eight-foot concrete fence will be installed in place of the original fence offering a more secure perimeter and improved safety for park visitors. A similar fence will also be installed along the back of the Administration Building property. In addition, crews will repaint the black wrought iron fence and pedestrian gates to give them a fresh new look and install new locks at all entrances.

Park accessibility will be enhanced by the construction of new walkways and ramps within the detention basin. Grading is already well underway to reduce the steepness of the slope and allow residents easier access into the park. The new walkways and ramps will be a combination





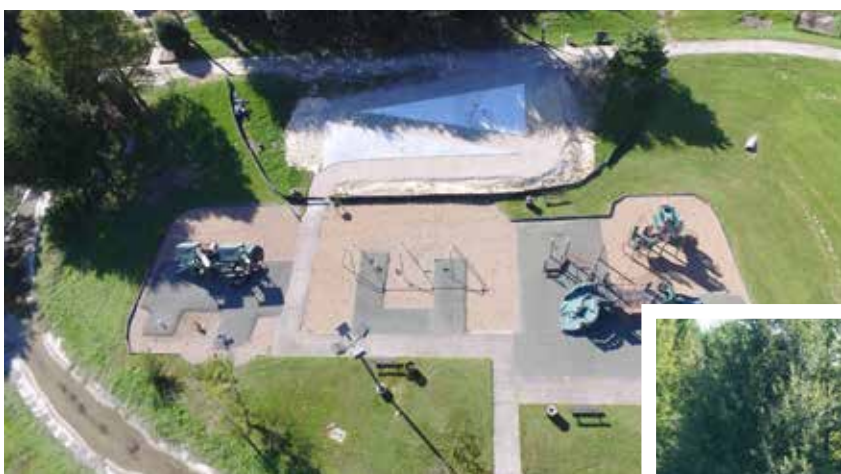
of crushed granite and asphalt, creating pleasant surfaces for all ages. We will also be installing a 210 foot elevated sidewalk inside the detention pond, keeping the center portion of the park available to Heritage Village residents, even following heavy rainfall.

When the construction phase is complete and the cold weather has passed, landscape crews

will return one last time with decorative plantings. The final steps are expected to be finished in late February 2022.

The Board of HCMUD 217 is excited to see this project unfold and eagerly await the day when we can announce that the park has reopened and it is ready for visitors!

Until the park has reopened, please visit the website regularly for construction updates and photos:
www.hcmud217.com



For the safety of residents and contractors alike, the park will remain closed during construction. Please respect the jobsite and observe all posted signs in the area.

Amenities ar



Harris County MUD 217 is happy to announce the reopening of the Administration building. During the pandemic, your Board of Directors worked to remodel the Administration building including the fitness center, conference room, and banquet hall.

Admin Building Hours:

MON – closed

TUE – 9AM – 3PM

WED – 9AM – 3PM

THUR – 9AM – 3PM

FRI – 9AM – 3PM

SAT – 9AM – 1PM

SUN – closed



Conference Room

The administration building also offers a full service conference room available for up to 25 people. The conference room comes with a standard meeting room setup, with the option for additional chairs to be added upon request. The conference room was recently renovated to include executive style meeting chairs, spacious tables, A/V equipment and a full service kitchen. The conference room will completely serve all your meeting needs.



Hold your meetings with all of the amenities of a normal office environment! Feel free to stop by anytime to take a look for yourself. Otherwise, if you are ready to begin scheduling your meeting, please complete the online reservation request form.

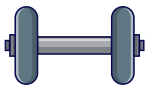
hcmud217.com/facilities/conference-center



Reopened!



Fitness Center



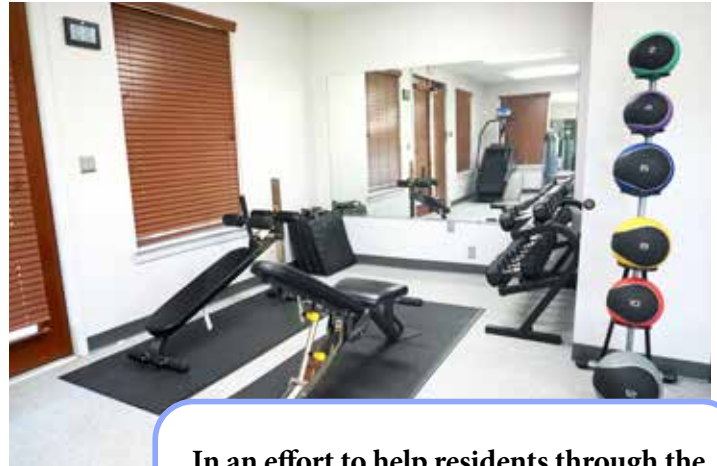
The winter months can be a challenging time to stick to an exercise plan. The weather is colder, the daylight hours are shorter and other priorities can make it hard to establish a routine. While exercise in winter may be tough, it is very important for health.



Open 7 days a week from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m., the Fitness Center is a comfortable air conditioned space that is sure to help you reach your physical fitness goals. This newly renovated space features modern cable weight resistance machines, free-weights, treadmills, large mirrors, water fountains, separate men's and women's changing rooms, and a television for watching your favorite show while burning the calories away.

The Fitness Center is only available to residents of Heritage Village Subdivision (proof of residency required).

A healthy district is a happy district!



In an effort to help residents through the tough winter months, the district gym is ***FREE*** for the rest of the year!

hcmud217.com/facilities/fitness-center



Open 7 days a week from 5 AM to 11 PM

Starting January 2022 membership cost will be \$60 for the year.

ONLY \$5/month!!!

***\$10 charge for Gym ID Card required**

***Available for reservations beginning January 1, 2022.**

For additional information relating to the fitness center, conference room, or banquet room, please contact Marina Galvan, Facilities Manager, at 832-249-7000.



Banquet Hall

Harris County MUD 217 offers a large banquet hall for private rental that will accommodate up to 75 guests, per fire code. The banquet hall comes with a standard setup with round or square tables with linens and coverings. If you are interested in a custom setup, you are more than welcomed to provide your own. The room also features a full service kitchen for food preparation and a custom serving bar. For events that require access to the outside, your guests can access the fully covered patio and garden area via adjacent french door openings.

With beautiful, modern decor, and updated amenities, the banquet hall is sure to be the perfect venue for your next event. Feel free to stop by anytime to take a look for yourself. Otherwise, if you are ready to begin scheduling your event, please complete the online reservation request form.

hcmud217.com/facilities/banquet-room

The banquet hall will be available for reservations beginning January 1, 2022.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Harris County MUD 217 hosted two district Bi-Annual Clean Up events during 2021. We hope you enjoyed them as much as we have.

These annual cleanup events are always popular and the events this year were no different. Residents showed up in droves to get rid of unwanted clutter and voice their support for these events. The district will be hosting the semi-annual clean up days twice a year. Check our website for photos of these and other events. Your Board of Directors is continuing to work for you!

Past Events

HCMUD 217 Annual Clean-Up Day - May 29

HCMUD 217 Annual Clean-Up Day - November 6



Winter Festival with Santa

Harris County MUD 217 Invites you to join us for a Winter Festival with Santa! Bring your family to visit and enjoy some holiday treats.

- Games & Prizes
- Face Painting
- Photo Booth
- Movie
- Live DJ

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Admin Building

12248 T C Jester Blvd, Houston, TX 77067





Smart Meters

Harris County MUD 217 partnered with Water WasteWater Management Services and Accurate Meter to bring smart water meters to our district. The new smart meters are a more accurate and intelligent tool for water conservation and will greatly improve our water system's operational efficiency. Our goal is to reduce water loss due to leaks, improve visibility of water usage trends, and accelerate reporting and handling of problems.

Smart Meter Update

Unfortunately, since the announcement of the new smart meters in the Spring newsletter, the manufacturer has experienced significant pandemic delays. We anticipate installation of the smart meters to begin in November 2021, pending any additional delays.

Residents do not need to take any action! The District's Operator will notify residents when installation begins.

If you have any questions, please use the "Contact Us" page from the website. hcmud217.com/contact

RESIDENT BENEFITS

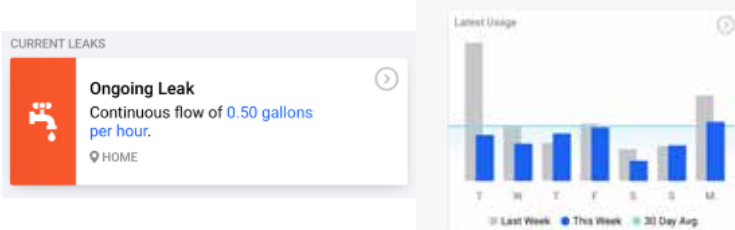
- Website and Mobile App to manage your account
- Accurate meter read - only pay for your usage
- Proactive water conservation
- Access to personal usage data (daily, weekly, monthly and yearly intervals)
- Set up warnings/alerts (high usage, continuous usage or leaks)

DISTRICT BENEFITS

- Reduce operational costs by eliminating the need to manually read meters and reduce errors in billing information
- Provide greater accuracy
- Provide better services to customers
- Quicker response to inquiries
- Proactive approach to leaks & outages
- Access & Transparency



EyeOnWater is a cloud-based portal that quickly connects you to your water usage. Through the EyeOnWater website or mobile app you can review your water consumption, track your usage and create custom alerts.



Once your smart meter has been installed, log on to EyeOnWater to create an account.

To learn more about EyeOnWater's features and benefits or to view instructional videos, visit: hcmud217.com/utilities/smart-meters



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Back by popular demand
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For any other questions or comments regarding the MUD and its functions, please
[visit our website or contact@hcmud217.com](mailto:contact@hcmud217.com)

Sign up for text-message alerts by texting YES to (832) 610-2511

NUMBERS TO KNOW

Situation

Emergency (Life Threatening, Eminent Danger)
Report a Criminal Act
File a Complaint (nuisances & other misdemeanors)
Report Suspicious Persons or Activity
Water or Sewer Issues (WWMS)
Garbage Service (WCA)
Heritage Park Matters (MUD217)
MUD Admin Bldg Events
Animal Control

Number

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832-249-7000
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