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HARRIS COUNTY MUD 217

# Director Spotlight

## Director Sonnier Washington

"I remember walking through a newly constructed park after living in the district for a very short time. I recalled it being the first time I was filled with an immense sense of pride in our District. That pride led to me becoming more active and later representing the district on the Water Board. That same passion exists today to ensure our park remains enjoyable for all who utilize it."

Wanting to be more active in the community, Mr. Washington decided to run for the Harris County MUD 217 Board of Directors in 2010 and has served our community for the past 11 years. Sonnier Washington is the current Assistant Secretary of Harris County MUD 217 Board of Directors and has also served as President. As a native Texan, Sonnier has deep seeded country roots that fuel his love of fresh air and the outdoors. This passion shows in his work as a member of the Harris County MUD 217 Board of Directors. Recently becoming a first time father, Director Washington is committed to making our community the very best it can be, now and in the future. His ideas include intensive details and planning for future park renovations.

His wide range of knowledge has benefited the district in countless ways. In his professional life, Sonnier has many years of experience in

the financial sector. He has worked in banking, finance and real estate before changing careers paths into information technology.

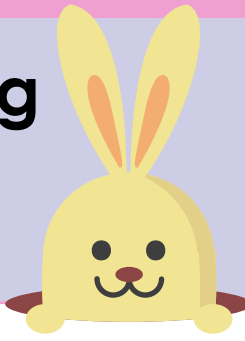
Sonnier's love of his family, art, and the outdoors shines throughout the district.



Sonnier and his fellow HC MUD 217 Directors



## Upcoming events



### EASTER EGG HUNT WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Harris County MUD 217 invites you to join us for the return of our annual Easter Egg Hunt!

**Where:**

HC MUD217 Admin Building, 12248 T C Jester Blvd, Houston, TX 77067

**When:**

April 9, 2022 from 10am - 12pm

**Times/ages:**

10:30 Egg hunt #1 ages 4-6

11:30 Egg hunt #2 ages 7-11

*Age 3 and below receive a goody bag*

- ARTS & CRAFTS
- FACE PAINTING
- LIVE DJ
- PHOTO BOOTH

### Join us For

#### Gentlemen's Health Brunch

Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm

Ages 16 and up

and

#### Heritage Village 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration

Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Past events

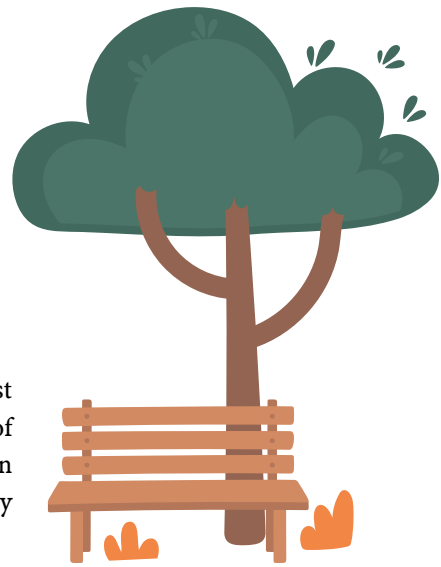
### Winter Festival with Santa - Dec 2021

Harris County MUD 217 would like to thank all the residents of Heritage Village, Santa Claus, and our many supporters who helped to make this event a huge success. We had over 200 residents attend! Check our website for photos of this and other events. We are looking forward to seeing you at our next event!





# Heritage Park



## Harris County MUD 217 is proud to announce that Heritage Park is set to reopen by June 9, 2022!

Construction crews have been making several improvements to the park since its closure on August 30, 2021. New ramps with handrails and elevated walkways have been completed and installation of the concrete fence surrounding the perimeter of the park is almost finished. As soon as construction is completed, landscape crews will begin planting a wide variety of decorative plants. Barring any weather delays, Heritage Park will reopen by June 9, 2022.

Please visit the Harris County MUD 217 website to view pictures and stay up to date on the progress of the construction.



For the safety of both residents and contractors, the park will remain closed during construction.

Please observe all posted signs in the area.



[www.hcmud217.com](http://www.hcmud217.com)



## HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY BEAUTIFUL!

### Please DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS OR IN YARDS

Parking on the grass is prohibited and could result in an HOA violation!



Using any portion of a residential lot, other than a driveway or garage, for the parking of any motor vehicle, negatively impacts the overall appearance and the property values of the entire community. It is considered to be noxious and offensive for any vehicle to be parked at any time on a residential lot in any area other than on a paved driveway or within a garage. Boats, trailers, motor-homes, recreational vehicles, campers, semi-truck tractors, construction trailers, or any kind of similar vehicles may not be parked or kept within the Heritage Village neighborhood for any period of time, other than for temporary purposes, including loading and unloading.



# Upgraded Water Meters!

# Smart Meters

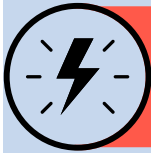
## Account Creation & Helpful Tips

Your Board of Directors is so proud of the Smart meters that were recently installed throughout Harris County MUD 217. These smart meters provide more accurate readings than standard water meters and allow residents to track their water usage and create custom alerts by using the EyeOnWater's website or mobile app.

<https://eyeonwater.com/signin>



**If visiting the site for the first time, you will need to Create an Account:**



**First Step**

EyeOnWater English | Help

Email Address:

Password:

[Forgot Password?](#)

Download on the App Store GET IT ON Google Play

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



**Then, enter your Account Information**



**Enter Info**

EyeOnWater Help

**Steps to Create an EyeOnWater Account**

1. Enter your service or billing address ZIP/Postal Code.
2. Enter your account number as it appears on your water bill. Don't have a copy of your water bill? Contact your utility.
3. Enter and confirm your email address.
4. Create and confirm your password.
5. Read and accept the Terms of Use.
6. Verify your email address in the confirmation email.
7. Enjoy using EyeOnWater!

**SAMPLE WATER BILL**

CUSTOMER NAME	SERVICE LOCATION	ACCOUNT NUMBER
JOHN SMITH	123 MAIN STREET	XXXXXX-XXXXXX-XXXXXX

DUE DATE	CURRENT CHARGES
01/15/2017	\$45.50

Service or Billing ZIP/Postal Code:

Account Number:

Some utilities use a customer number, others omit hyphens, trailing zeros and non-numeric characters. When in doubt, consult your utility to learn which number to use when creating an EyeOnWater account.

Already have an account? Sign in here.



**A sample of the EyeOnWater Dashboard in use!**

**And Done!**

All that remains is to enter your email address and create a password. Verify your email address by clicking on the link in the confirmation email and you're all set!



# Spring and Summer Planting Tips



## Spring has Sprung!

It's time to grab your gloves and head out to the garden! For generations, gardeners have known that planting, watering, weeding and all the beauty that emerges as a result, is good for you. And science is catching on, too, with numerous studies showing that gardening can improve your physical and emotional well-being and provide social benefits as well. Whether it's a few plants in the windowsill, containers on a deck, beds and borders in the yard or a vegetable plot, gardens big and small can reap big benefits for you and your family. It's also a great way to get the kids outdoors and enjoy the beautiful, blue skies!

Before you set out for the garden center, here's a couple of things to consider: where you will be planting, whether your garden will be directly in the sunlight or shaded with trees and what kinds of plants you will need (flowers, shrubs, bushes or even fruits and veggies!)

**Careful  
planning now  
will save you  
water and  
frustration later.**

**Happy Planting!**



It can be undeniably hot in Texas during summer – there may be little to no rain for long periods of time. Now that you have spent a huge chunk of your time and energy devoted to making your yard look nice, you may wonder what kinds of plants survive a summer in Texas. Surely, there is nothing worse than creating the garden of your dreams, only to find wilted stems and scorched leaves in your landscape. By selecting the right combination of vegetation, you can conserve water and have a beautiful garden throughout the dry, blistering summer months.

The Texas heat is creeping into our gardens and homes, and these summer plants are not only some of the toughest, hardiest plants that will thrive – they will beautify your outdoor space with their showy, colorful blooms.

Ref: USDA



## Help out your Pollinators!

- Bees and other pollinators play a critical role in our food production.
- More than 80% of the world's flowering plants need a pollinator to reproduce; including more than 130 types of fruits and vegetables.
- More than 100 types of U.S. grown crops rely on pollinators.
- Bee populations have dropped alarmingly, as have the populations of many other pollinator species like butterflies due to dwindling habitat, disease, and environmental contaminants.

**This icon means super pollinator attractors!**



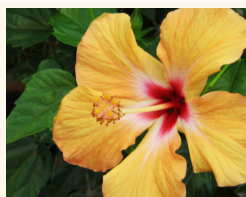


# Here is a helpful list of our favorite summer plants that thrive in the Texas heat:



## Angelonia

Also known as the summer snapdragons, Angelonia is a spreading annual and are among the top picks for those looking for a taller plant. They come in blue, pink, red, purple, and white. Plus, they are wonderful for potting!



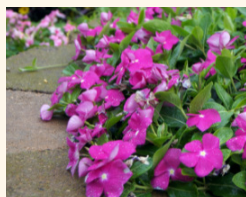
## Hibiscus

You can't talk about heat-resistant flowers without giving hibiscus a shoutout. The hibiscus plant produces the biggest rose mallow flowers than any hardy perennial. These showy flowers feature huge, ruffled, and thin petals in pinks, yellows, peaches, corals, blues, whites, and reds.



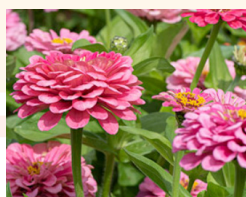
## Lantana

This beauty comes in yellow, orange, lavender, or pink blooms. They are available as an annual and a perennial and are considered to be a bushy and low-growing plant. They bloom throughout the summer and well into the fall. If you are planting a variety of annuals, we suggest that you plant your Lantana towards the back, since they will likely grow tall and exceed the height of your other flowering plants.



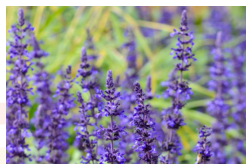
## Vinca

Also known as Madagascar periwinkle, vincas are wonderful annual blooms for bedding. They will perform well in any kind of garden and will thrive even during the hottest days of summer. The plants can grow about 6-18 inches tall, depending on the variety. If you haven't tried planting vincas, you should know that it has an expanded color palette that includes shades of rose, pink, and lilac.



## Zinnia

Zinnias are one of the most well-known garden plants, and they are available in more than a dozen species. Apart from being easy to care for, zinnias come in an assortment of colors, from pastel greens and pinks to flaming oranges and reds. They are warm-season, fast-growing flowers that require minimal care and bloom with abandon.



## Mystic Spires Blue Salvia

A relative of sage, Mystic Spires Blue Salvia is a hearty, drought-tolerant bush that sprouts blue flowers and has a long blooming season. This perennial will grow 18-24 inches and attract butterflies and hummingbirds. They prefer full sun to grow.



## Bottle Brush

Available in both dwarf and full-sized varieties, bottle brush is an excellent choice for southeast Texas gardens. With its distinctive red bloom, it can add a splash of color to your garden. They prefer full sun, but will grow in partial shade as well.



## Ornamental Grasses

Introduce a different texture to your garden with an ornamental grass species. There are many different varieties, each with a distinctive color and texture. They grow well in full sun and require very little water.



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

Residents, please  
remember that  
all trash must be  
bagged up and  
placed in a trash  
can in order to  
be picked up!



Situation	Number
Emergency (Life Threatening, Eminent Danger)	911
Report a Criminal Act	911
File a Complaint (nuisances & other misdemeanors)	713-221-6000
Report Suspicious Persons or Activity	mud217sec@gmail.com
Water or Sewer Issues (WWMS)	281-895-8547
Garbage Service (WCA)	281-368-8397
Heritage Park Matters (MUD217)	832-249-7000
MUD Admin Bldg Events	832-993-3191
Animal Control	281-999-3191

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

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