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Cookies with Santa!

Director Spotlight



Meet your Director!



Education, dedication and separation are vital keys to a successful career in any service industry.

As the longest serving member on the Board of Directors of Harris County Municipal Utility District 217, Director Marian Henderson has excelled in all three categories, as she forged a standout career of more than forty years in the legal field of Public Finance and Local Government as a

paralegal and public official in the Water Service Industry.

Director Henderson is a native of Marshall, TX. Her parents were hard workers who stressed the value of an education with all four of their daughters. In addition to working or going to school during the day, everyone in the family was expected to come home and work on the family farm by tending animals and fields of produce. After high school, Marian attended Texas A&M University-Commerce and received her B.B.A. in Office Management by the age of 20. She fought against discrimination to land her first job at the prestigious University of Texas at M.D. Anderson Cancer Institute. A few years thereafter, Ms. Henderson relocated to Dallas to work as a Paralegal.

Her formal orientation into the world of water districts happened when she went to work for a small law firm in Houston in 1984. She soon developed expertise working with housing bonds and various water districts. Her work spoke for itself and she was promoted within the firm to the position of Administrative Assistant. Twelve years later, Director Henderson purchased her home in Heritage Village and, in 1996, was elected to the MUD 217 Board of Directors. She has continuously held her position since, apart from the 2 years she was enrolled in South Texas College of Law.

In her 26 years on the board, Director Henderson has been instrumental in bringing about many improvements to MUD 217. She believes that a public official's mindset should ALWAYS be to make decisions based on the greater good for the voters. As a board member, you must separate yourself from the representatives of special interests and conflicts of interest. Marian still battles neighboring districts over contracts for service that were put in place by developers and consultants who had such conflicts of interest. Why? Because she believes if you are still breathing, you have the capacity to affect change.

Ms. Henderson encourages people who are interested in a career in public service or municipal utilities to enroll in industry-related classes and seek out mentors to point them in the right direction to best assist your community. Although retired from her job as a public finance paralegal, she still looks to the future and offers training and seminars to new directors, so that they are better able to navigate the "muddy waters" where under-educated directors and greedy consultants reign. She believes that everyone deserves safe and clean drinking water, as well as a sanitary sewer system, that does not back-up every time it rains. She is proud of the example set by our Board of Directors in MUD 217.



Marian Henderson and her fellow HCMUD 217 Directors!

Upcoming Events

Fall Clean-Up Event

When: December 3, 2022 from 9 AM to 2 PM

Where: HCMUD217 Admin Building, 12248 T C Jester Blvd, Houston, TX 77067



It's time again to toss out items that have been taking up space and are too big to toss in the regular trash. Dumpsters, a shredding truck and an electronics recycling truck will be on-site to assist our residents in disposing of these materials.

Acceptable



Wood/Lumber	Plastic	Old Furniture
Trees	Metals	Clothes/Fabric
Wire	Green waste (leaves, grass)	Appliances with freon removed
Dirt	Roofing materials	
Concrete/Brick		

Unacceptable



Hazardous waste	Liquids	Chemical Drums
Oil	Sludge	Household trash (food/containers)
Bleach	Paints	Asbestos-containing materials
Flammable liquids	Tires	
Medical waste	Batteries	

Cookies with Santa

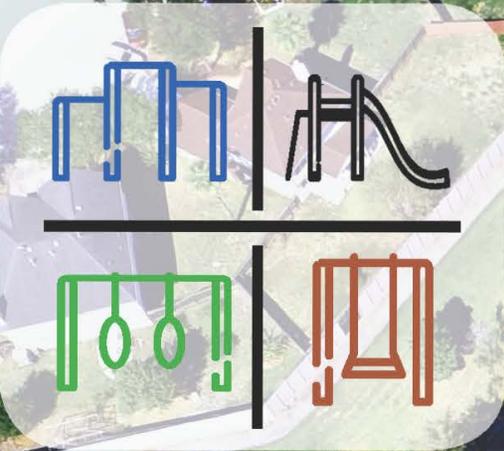
Harris County MUD 217 invites you and your family to share Cookies with Santa!

When: December 10, 2022 from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Where: HCMUD217 Admin Building, 12248 T C Jester Blvd, Houston, TX 77067

- Food
- Games & Prizes
- Photo Booth
- Face Painting
- Live DJ
- & Much more!





Heritage Park

Your District Park

Originally established in 2008 and located at Whitinham Drive, Heritage Park has been the primary outdoor experience for Heritage

Village residents for many years. Along with being a great amenity for recreation, the park also provides much-needed stormwater detention during episodes of heavy rainfall. But in recent years, the park has been in need of a bit of TLC to enable it to continue providing well for the community.

Over much of the last year, the park was closed for renovations. On September 1, Harris County MUD 217 was happy to reintroduce Heritage Park to families with not only updates to its original offerings, but some nice new features, as well.

The new layout includes additional walking trails—with paths now elevated within flood prone areas, increased ADA accessibility for residents & guests, lush landscaping and a privacy wall. Residents are encouraged to get outdoors and enjoy the beautiful Fall weather with time well spent at Heritage Village's newly renovated park!

To ensure a safe & enjoyable experience for all, visitors are asked to be mindful of the following rules while visiting the park:

- *Use at your own risk*
- *Motor vehicles prohibited*
- *No alcoholic beverages*
- *Please refrain from use of profanity*
- *No glass containers*
- *Fundraising is not permitted on the property*
- *Fires, firearms and fireworks are strictly prohibited*
- *No skateboards*
- *Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult*
- *All pets must be on leashes at all times*



Past Events



National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.



4th of July

Harris County MUD 217's 4th of July Event is a community favorite each and every year. We look forward as always to seeing our residents smiling faces again next July!



Gentleman's Brunch

Our inaugural Gentlemen's Health Brunch was a giant success! Residents in attendance were shown presentations by guest speakers on the topics of health, finance, and police interactions.

Easter Egg Hunt

Another annual favorite of our community, our Easter Egg Hunt was a tremendous success! There is never any shortage of games, food, or fun when the Easter Bunny visits.



Our resident's participation is what makes our events great. Harris County MUD 217 would like to thank each and every person who comes out to support our community at these events. You make it possible for us to continue to host these events. We look forward to seeing you at our next event!




Find your Picture in our Gallery!

Please visit our website to view all the pictures of these events and to stay up to date on our upcoming events!

HOLIDAY HOSTING

'Tis the season to gather with family, friends and loved ones and rejoice over delicious food and much-needed togetherness. We'd like to offer one of our favorite holiday recipes to prepare your heart (and tummy) for this festive time of year. Whether you plan to host or visit with loved ones, it will knock everyone's warm & fuzzy socks off!

Are you looking for a morning of breakfast that you can cozy up to in your pajamas? This **Baked French Toast Casserole** is absolutely divine. Pair it with warm, amber Maple syrup (the real stuff) and it will be a true holiday hit!

Directions

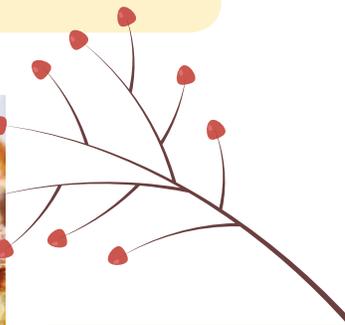
You'll start out with half a loaf of French Bread and then cut it into cubes. You could substitute other breads, but it really just won't have that perfect flavor and texture. After you chop up the bread, then next melt some butter in a small sauce pan and stir in a cup of brown sugar. This is the bottom layer of your French Toast Casserole and it gives it an amazing caramelly flavor once it's been baked.

Next you'll add in your bread cubes, then pour a mixture of eggs, milk, cinnamon, and vanilla over the top. Pop it into the oven and bake for about 30 minutes. Remove from oven and allow to cool.

Sprinkle with powdered sugar and...Enjoy!



Image and recipe by Belle of The Kitchen



Ingredients

- 1/2 Loaf French bread
- 1/2 C Butter
- 1 C Brown sugar
- 6 Eggs
- 2 C Milk
- 2 Tsp Vanilla Extract
- 2 Tsp Cinnamon

Topping:

- Powdered Sugar & Cinnamon

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NUMBERS TO KNOW



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	281-895-8547
Water or Sewer Issues (WWMS)	281-368-8397
Garbage Service (WCA)	832-249-7000
Heritage Park Matters (MUD217)	832-993-3191
MUD Admin Bldg Events	281-999-3191
Animal Control	mud217sec@gmail.com