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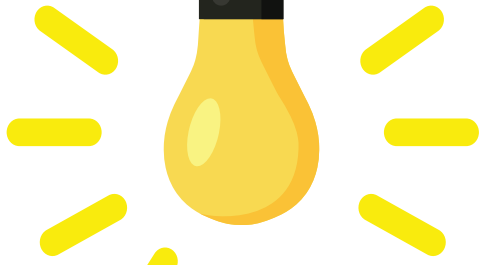
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HARRIS COUNTY

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217



# DIRECTOR

# SPOTLIGHT



**Director Debra Johnson**

Debra Johnson stands as a pillar of dedication, leadership, and community engagement within Harris County MUD 217. With over four decades of service in education and community involvement, Debra's impact within our District is undeniable.

Her journey in Houston began in 1982 when she seized an opportunity to embark on a teaching career within HISD. Over the course of 39 years, Debra's roles evolved from teacher to assistant principal and principal, leaving an indelible mark on schools across Houston, New Caney, and Conroe. Even in retirement, her passion for education burns brightly as she continues to guide and mentor new educators through the Region 4 ESC Alternative Certification Program.

Living in Heritage Village since 1999 alongside her husband Curtis, Debra finds joy in family time, cherishing moments with their two adult children, Quanisha and Edward, and their five beloved grandchildren.

Beyond her illustrious career in education, Debra's commitment to community shines through her role as Vice President of Harris County MUD 217's board. Appointed in 2016 to fill a vacancy, she has since been re-elected twice, now serving her second four-year term. Recognizing the need for enhanced communication and support within the community, Debra spearheaded the development of a district newsletter, ensuring residents receive valuable conservation tips and timely updates on district activities.

Furthermore, Debra played a pivotal role in establishing and promoting the MUD 217 website, a vital hub of resources for the Heritage Village community. Through this platform, residents gain access to crucial updates on district affairs, water services facilitated by WWWMS, and convenient bill payment options.

Debra's passion for conservation and community is essential in her support of the many District events at the HC MUD 217 administration building. These events have been a massive success and serve to foster unity and camaraderie among neighbors and families within Heritage Village.

Debra Johnson's unwavering dedication to education, community, and conservation epitomizes the spirit of service and stands as a beacon of inspiration for all within Harris County MUD 217. Her tireless efforts continue to shape and enrich the lives of those around her, making her an invaluable asset to the community.



# past events



*We greatly appreciate the involvement of our residents in making our events a success! Harris County MUD 217 extends heartfelt thanks to every individual who joins us in supporting our community through these events. Your presence enables us to host more events, and we eagerly anticipate your participation in our next one!*

**Winter Festival with Santa & Mrs. Claus** - Harris County MUD 217 had the pleasure of hosting Santa and Mrs. Claus at our Winter Festival in December alongside our amazing community. We are so grateful for all of the families who were able to attend and the wonderful vendors and donors who put in the effort to make it all possible. We hope to see you again next Christmas!



Don't forget to visit our website to check out pictures from past events and stay informed about our upcoming events.

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO SEE OUR EVENT PHOTO GALLERY!



**Are you registered for Emergency Alerts?**

**Register for Emergency Alerts today**

**Text YES to (832) 610-2511 or Scan the QR Code**



# Easter EGG- STRAVAGANZA!



Where: HCMUD217 Admin  
Building, 12248 T C Jester

When: March 23, 2024 from  
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 PM

Please join Harris County  
MUD 217 at our Easter Egg-  
stravaganza and help  
welcome the Easter Bunny!

## Egg Hunt Schedule

Ages 7-12 11:45

Ages 4-6 12:45

Infants - Age 3 Bag of goodies

**Food,  
Games,  
Face Painting,  
DJ, and  
much more!**





## Upcoming Events

# Annual Cleanup Day

April 13<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>AM</sup>-2<sup>PM</sup>

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.

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

### HEAVY TRASH DUMPSTER GUIDE



#### Acceptable

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



#### Unacceptable

Hazardous waste	Medical waste	Chemical Drums
Oil	Liquids	Household trash /Food
Bleach	Paints	Flammable liquids
Asbestos containing materials	Tires	
	Batteries	

All HCMUD217 residents are welcome to attend this celebration of freedom!

# JUNE TEENTH

F R E E D O M   D A Y

- **BBQ**
- **Games**
- **DJ**
- **and much more**

Where: HCMUD217 Admin Building, 12248 T C Jester

When: June 22, 2024  
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



# Spring Planting Tips



As the frost thaws and the sun begins to shine a little brighter, it's time to dust off your gardening gloves and get ready for spring planting! Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, a well-organized plan can make all the difference in ensuring a beautiful garden throughout the season. To help you get started, here's a comprehensive spring planting checklist to guide you through the essential tasks:



1. Assess Your Garden: Take a walk around your garden and assess its condition after the winter months. Look for any signs of damage, such as broken branches, soil erosion, or pest infestations.



2. Clean Up: Remove any debris, fallen leaves, or dead plants from the garden beds. Clearing away old vegetation helps prevent the spread of diseases and pests, and it also allows for better air circulation and sunlight exposure for new growth.



3. Plan Your Garden Layout: Decide which plants you want to grow and where you'll plant them. Take into account factors like sunlight exposure and spacing requirements.




4. Planting - Follow the spacing and planting depth recommendations on the seed packets, and water the seeds gently after planting.



5. Pruning and Maintenance: Prune shrubs, trees, and perennial plants as needed to promote healthy growth and shape. Remove any dead or damaged branches, and thin out overcrowded areas to improve air circulation and sunlight penetration.



6. Watering and Fertilizing: Keep newly planted seeds and seedlings consistently moist but not waterlogged. Once plants are established, water deeply and infrequently to encourage deep root growth.

By following this spring planting checklist, you'll be well on your way to creating a vibrant and thriving garden that brings joy and satisfaction throughout the season. Happy gardening! 





Houston's climate is characterized by hot and humid summers, mild winters, and occasional heavy rainfall, making it suitable for a wide range of plants. Here are some plants that thrive in Houston gardens:

**Tropical Plants:** With its warm temperatures and high humidity, Houston provides an ideal environment for tropical plants. Consider adding palms, hibiscus, bougainvillea, bird of paradise, and ixora to your garden for a lush, tropical feel.



**Drought-Tolerant Plants:** Drought-tolerant plants like agave, yucca, lantana, esperanza (Tecoma stans), and Mexican feather grass (Nassella tenuissima) are excellent choices for conserving water and maintaining a beautiful garden.



**Native Plants:** Native plants are well-adapted to our climate and soil conditions, making them resilient and low-maintenance options for gardeners. Consider incorporating Texas sage (Leucophyllum frutescens), Gulf Coast muhly grass (Muhlenbergia capillaris), Turk's cap (Malvaviscus arboreus), and inland sea oats (Chasmanthium latifolium) into your garden for a natural look.



**Heat-Loving Annuals and Perennials:** The hot summers are perfect for growing heat-loving annuals and perennials. Zinnias, lantana, pentas, salvias, and verbena are just a few options that will thrive in Houston's warm climate and add vibrant colors to your garden.



**Vegetables and Herbs:** Houston's long growing season allows for year-round vegetable and herb gardening. Tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, squash, basil, rosemary, mint, and cilantro are popular choices that will flourish in Houston's gardens with proper care.



**Shade-Loving Plants:** In areas of the garden with limited sunlight, shade-loving plants can thrive. Consider planting hostas, ferns, caladiums, impatiens, and Japanese maple trees to add interest and texture to shaded areas of your garden.



**Fruit Trees:** Our climate is well-suited to growing a variety of fruit trees. Citrus trees like oranges, lemons, and grapefruits, as well as figs, peaches, plums, pears, and persimmons, can thrive in Houston's warm temperatures and occasional frost.

When planning your garden, be sure to consider factors such as sun exposure, soil type, and water requirements for each plant. By selecting plants that are well-suited to Houston's unique climate, you can create a beautiful and thriving garden that will delight you year-round.



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\*Minimum hours of Premises Usage included in base rental fee = six (6) (consisting of estimated 1.5 hrs. for set-up & 3 hrs. for event & 1.5 hrs. for clean-up.)

Additional usage hours requested - Number of hours \_\_\_\_\_ x \$120.00/hour = \_\_\_\_\_

	Weekdays (9am to 5pm)	Weekdays and After 5:30pm on (9am to 5pm)	Weekends anytime on	Funeral Repast Services	Weekdays after 5:30pm and Weekends
	Base Rental Fee: \$410 Security Deposit: \$100	Base Rental Fee: \$460 Security Deposit: \$100	Base Rental Fee: \$510 Security Deposit: \$100	Base Rental Fee: \$280 Security Deposit: \$0	Base Rental Fee: \$710 Security Deposit: \$100
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Non-Residents					

Harris County MUD 217 is happy to announce that our Board of Directors has recently voted to lower the price of renting our Banquet Room.

Check out our new rental prices!



RENT OUR  
BANQUET ROOM!



Scan the QR  
Code to request  
your reservation!

