

HARRIS COUNTY

MUD 217

WINTER 2024

SAVE THE DATE:

Winterfest

WITH

Santa & Mrs. Claus

DEC. 7TH FROM 11-2

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CORDELIA BROWN



Harris County MUD 217 proudly recognizes Cordelia Brown, our dedicated and passionate President, whose unwavering commitment to our community has been a driving force behind its continued growth and success. Cordelia's leadership and hard work have made her an invaluable asset to both the MUD Board and the Heritage

Village community.

Born and raised in Houston, Cordelia has called Heritage Village home since 1997. She and her husband, Jessie, share a deep commitment to community service. Jessie, who currently serves on the Heritage Village HOA Board, and Cordelia have raised five children—Latria, Keith, Karista, Jessica, and Jessie II—in a neighborhood they work diligently to improve.

Cordelia's service to the community began in 1998 when she joined the Heritage Village HOA as a Director. From the outset, she played a key role in shaping a connected and engaged neighborhood. Despite occasional reluctance from other board members, her persistent advocacy led to the creation of several beloved community events, including Fun Day in the Park, the Annual Christmas Decorations at the Entrance, Santa Coming to Heritage Village, the Neighborhood Garage Sale, and the Annual Clean-Up (which Cordelia helped expand into a bi-annual event). She was also instrumental in launching National Night Out, a collaborative initiative between the HOA and MUD 217 that ran until 2018, aimed at enhancing neighborhood safety and fostering community bonds.

In 2004, Cordelia took her dedication to service to the next level by joining the Harris County MUD 217 Board, where she continued to build on her efforts to strengthen the sense of community. Under her leadership, additional events were introduced, including Food Drives, Christmas with Santa, Easter Egg-Extravaganza,

4th of July Celebration, and more recently, the Juneteenth Celebration. As a licensed real estate agent, Cordelia brings a unique perspective to her work, understanding that homeownership is about more than just finding a house—it's about choosing a neighborhood where families can truly feel at home, develop pride, and forge lasting connections.

Now serving as the MUD 217 Board President, Cordelia is focused on creating a safe, welcoming, and vibrant community for all residents. With a special emphasis on the safety and well-being of children, she is committed to ensuring that every resident can take pride in the place they call home. Her vision is to cultivate a community where future generations can thrive, just as her own children have.

Beyond her community work, Cordelia is a devoted family woman who enjoys spending her free time fishing, reading, and making memories with her loved ones. These personal passions keep her grounded and fuel her continued dedication to the betterment of Heritage Village.

Harris County MUD 217 extends a heartfelt thank you to Cordelia for her unwavering leadership, dedication, and passion for making our community a better place. We are incredibly fortunate to have her at the helm, guiding us toward a bright future for Heritage Village.



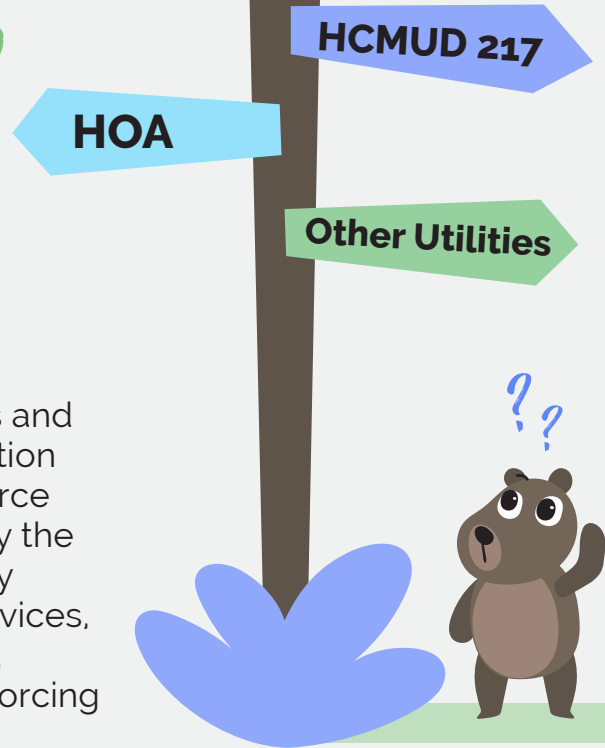
Thank you for your service!

WHO TO ASK?

When you see an issue or have a question do you know who to ask?

The MUD? The HOA? Other Utilities?

Each entity has a different set of powers, functions and responsibilities. While the HOA is a private association created to manage a neighborhood and help enforce its rules, a MUD is a political subdivision created by the State as a local governmental entity. MUDs primary responsibilities are to provide water and sewer services, but they can also offer other services like garbage, recycling, security, recreational amenities, and enforcing of deed restrictions.



However, not all issues within the District are the responsibility of the MUD. Please review the list below to assist whom to contact.

Harris County MUD 217

- Heritage Park Detention
- Water / Sewage
- Trash Service
- Additional Private Security
- Community Events
- Administrative Building Rental
- Gym
- Recreational Amenities

Law Enforcement Services

- Harris County Pct. 4 Constable's Office
- Harris County Sheriff's Office
- Emergency & Non-Emergency

Heritage Village HOA

- Annual Assessment Fees
- Parking
- Pool Oversight (tags, lifeguard, maintenance)
- Swords Creek Playground
- Deed Restrictions and Violations

Centerpoint Energy

- Streetlights

Harris County Precinct 1

Commissioner Rodney Ellis

- Roads
- Street Signs
- Sidewalks
- Bridges

RECENT EVENTS

Easter Egg-travaganza

Our annual Easter Egg-travaganza is a community favorite and this year was no different. This event brought joy and excitement as we welcomed the Easter Bunny back to the neighborhood. We can't wait to celebrate again next year!



Juneteenth Celebration

The inaugural Juneteenth Celebration hosted by Harris County MUD 217 was a tremendous success, thanks to the wonderful support from our community. It's this enthusiasm that enables us to continue celebrating and honoring our shared heritage. Thank you to everyone who attended, and we look forward to seeing you again next year!



National Night Out

Our National Night Out was a great success, bringing together residents for an evening of food, games, and community spirit. This event is part of Harris County MUD 217's commitment to fostering strong police-community partnerships and building camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and more welcoming for all. We extend our gratitude to the residents and law enforcement officers who joined us in this shared effort to create a caring community!



Fall Clean-Up Event

A big thank you to all who participated in our Fall Clean-Up Event! Your efforts made a noticeable difference in keeping our community beautiful and clean. We're grateful to everyone who contributed to this initiative and showed pride in our neighborhood. Thank You to Our Community!



Harris County MUD 217 deeply appreciates the involvement of our residents in making each of our events a success. Your support allows us to continue hosting meaningful community gatherings, and we look forward to seeing even more of you at our upcoming events!

Don't forget to visit our website for photos of past events and to stay updated on future events!



UPCOMING EVENTS



*Harris County MUD 217 invites you
and your family to share*

Winterfest with Santa and Mrs. Claus

When:

**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 7TH
FROM 11AM TO 2PM**

Where:

**HCMUD217 ADMIN
BUILDING
12248 TC JESTER BLVD**

FOOD – GAMES & PRIZES – DJ – PHOTO BOOTH – RAFFLE – MUCH MORE!!!



WATER CONSERVATION *Tips*

As water becomes an increasingly precious resource, homeowners can make a real impact by incorporating water-saving practices into daily routines.

These tips and tricks not only conserve water but also reduce utility bills and contribute to environmental sustainability.

Fix Leaks Promptly

Even small leaks in faucets, toilets, or pipes can waste significant amounts of water over time. Regularly check for leaks and repair them promptly to prevent water wastage.

Shorten Shower Times

Try to limit showers to five minutes or less, and consider installing a water-saving shower timer to help keep track. Shortening your showers by just a few minutes can save hundreds of gallons each month.

Use Water-Efficient Appliances

Modern appliances are designed with water conservation in mind. Consider upgrading to water-efficient dishwashers and washing machines, which use significantly less water than older models. When using these appliances, always run them with full loads to maximize water efficiency.

Install Low-Flow Fixtures

Low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators reduce water flow without sacrificing pressure. This lowers water usage and saves homeowners money. Low-flow toilets, which use about half as much water per flush as older models, are also highly effective.

Harvest Rainwater

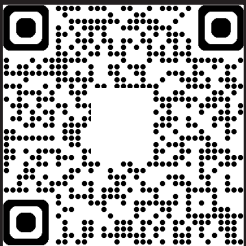
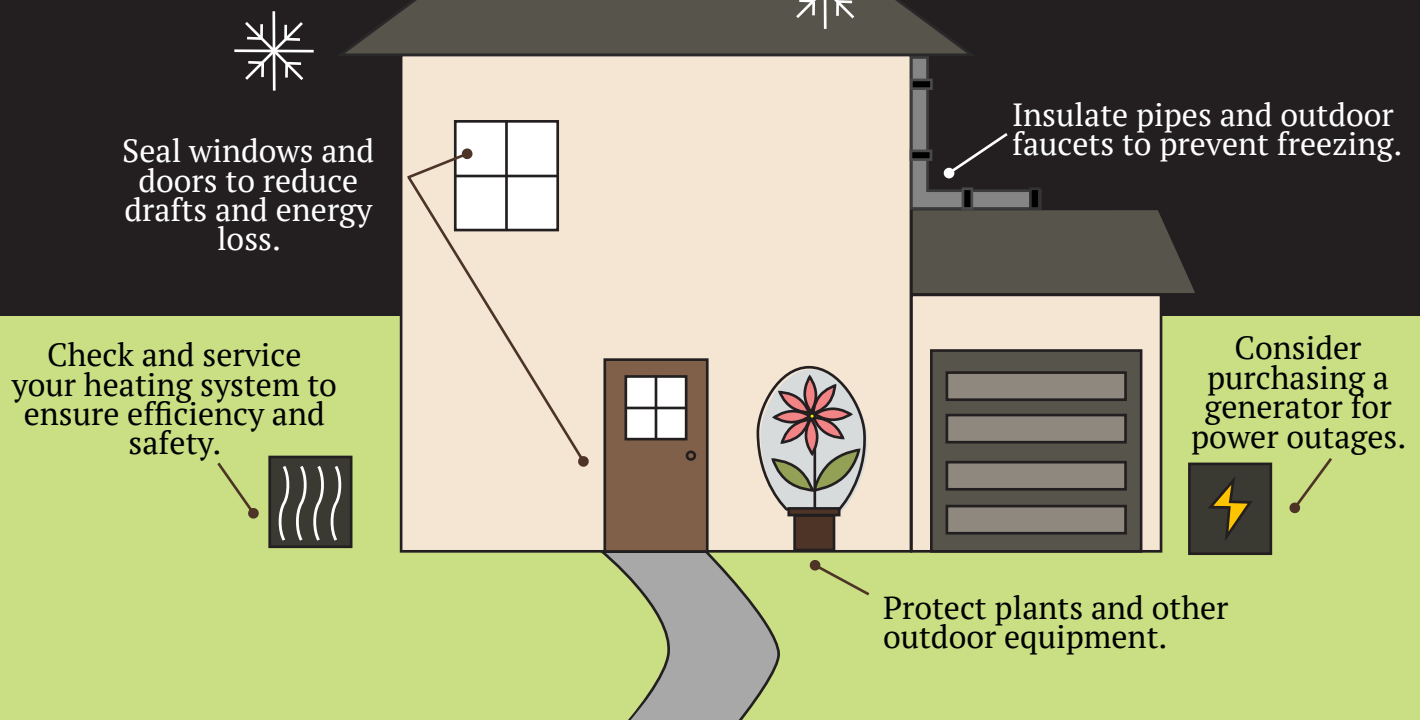
By setting up rain barrels or cisterns to collect rainwater from your roof, you can store water for use in your garden or even for non-potable indoor purposes like toilet flushing.

Water Wisely

Homeowners can conserve water by choosing native, drought-resistant plants that thrive in their region's climate, reducing the need for irrigation. If you have a lawn, water it deeply but infrequently, and do so in the early morning or late evening to minimize evaporation.

WINTERIZING YOUR HOME

Winter in Houston can be unpredictable, with temperatures that range from mild to freezing and occasional snow and ice storms. Preparing for winter is essential for Texas homeowners, as freezing conditions can lead to significant challenges, such as power outages and frozen pipes. Here are some effective steps to get your home winter-ready and safe for the season ahead.



Scan here to sign up for District alerts, and be ready to act if severe weather is approaching.

Keep an eye on the weather forecast during winter, and stay informed about any potential winter weather advisories in your area.

While Texas winters are often mild, recent severe winter storms have shown how important it is for homeowners to be prepared for extreme weather. Insulating pipes, checking heating systems, sealing drafts, and having emergency supplies on hand can help Texas homeowners stay safe, comfortable, and resilient against winter's unpredictable challenges.

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 (WWWMS)
Garbage Service (Texas Pride)
Heritage Park Matters (MUD217)
MUD Admin Bldg Events
Animal Control

Number

911
911
713-221-6000
mud217sec@gmail.com
281-895-8547
281-342-8178
832-249-7000
832-993-3191
281-999-3191

For any other questions or comments regarding the MUD and its functions, please visit our website or contact@hcmud217.com

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