

SUMMER 2026 RESIDENT NEWSLETTER

HARRIS COUNTY
MUD 217

COMMUNITY NEWS

**Juneteenth
Event!**
June 13, 2026
11 AM - 2 PM



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CONSULTANT SPOTLIGHT

Honoring Excellence in Utility Management

A Special Thank You to Water WasteWater Management Services

Safe, clean, and reliable water utilities form the bedrock of a healthy, thriving neighborhood. At Harris County Municipal Utility District 217, we owe our seamless daily operations to the exceptional dedication of our utility operator, Water WasteWater Management Services (WWWMS, Inc.).

| MEET OUR DEDICATED OPERATORS



Clint Gehrke

This month, we proudly turn our community spotlight onto two industry veterans who keep our critical infrastructure running flawlessly: Paul Villarreal and Clint Gehrke.



Paul Villarreal

Both Paul and Clint are lifelong, career water and wastewater operators who discovered their passion for the field decades ago, both entering the utility industry in 1986. With a combined 80 years of hands-on expertise, they bring an unparalleled wealth of knowledge, skill, and operational precision to our District.

| WHAT IS CONTRACT OPERATIONS?

When we talk about the outstanding work done by WWWWMS, we are highlighting their comprehensive contract operations. For MUD 217, this refers to the complex, day-to-day care, monitoring, and total physical responsibility for the on-site operation and maintenance of our water distribution and sanitary sewer collection systems. It is a 24/7 commitment to safeguarding public health and protecting the local environment.

| GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

What truly sets Paul and Clint apart is their holistic commitment to our community. For them, service doesn't stop at the water facilities. They regularly go above and beyond their technical scope by actively helping to maintain our beloved local park and community building. Whether ensuring the infrastructure is safe or keeping our public spaces welcoming, their hard work elevates the quality of life for every family in MUD 217.

ABOUT WWWWMS, INC.

Founded in 2000, Water WasteWater Management Services, Inc. is a premier, full-service water utility operations company.

"Our primary focus is the efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally sound operation and management of water and wastewater facilities and utilities."

CORE COMMITMENTS

- Prompt, efficient, and deeply personable customer service.
- Strict adherence to environmental regulations.
- Proactive asset maintenance and system cost-efficiency.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU FROM MUD 217

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the residents of Harris County MUD 217, we extend our deepest gratitude to Paul Villarreal, Clint Gehrke, and the entire team at WWWWMS. Thank you for your tireless dedication, outstanding work ethic, and for always keeping our community safe and clean!

RECENT EVENTS

Winter Fest with Santa and Mrs Claus

What a magical time we had at our Winter Festival this past December! We were thrilled to welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus, but the true highlight was celebrating the holiday season with our incredible community. We love bringing neighbors together, and we are already counting down the days until next Christmas!

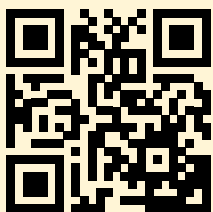


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Easter EGG- Stravaganza

Our annual Easter Egg-travaganza continues to be a community favorite, and this year was no exception. Residents enjoyed a fun-filled day as the Easter Bunny returned to spread smiles and cheer throughout the neighborhood. We are already looking forward to next year's celebration!



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Events like these take a village, and we are immensely grateful to our residents, vendors, and donors - your involvement and support are what allow us to keep hosting these special gatherings.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Join Us!

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Celebration



Where: HCMUD217 Admin Building, 12248 T C Jester

When: June 13, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

BBQ | GAMES | DJ | AND MUCH MORE!



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



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEMI-ANNUAL CLEANUP DAY

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH
FROM 9 AM TO 2 PM**

**ONE DAY ONLY!
FREE TO
HERITAGE
VILLAGE
RESIDENTS!**



It's time to clear out the clutter! If you have bulky items taking up valuable space that are too big for your regular trash bin, we've got you covered. We are bringing disposal and recycling services directly to the neighborhood to help you clean house safely and responsibly. Dumpsters, a shredding truck and an electronics recycling truck will be on-site to assist our residents in disposing of these materials.

Heavy Trash Dumpster

9 AM-Until full

Electronics & Shredding

9 AM-2PM Only

Both the shredder and heavy trash container will be located at:
HCMUD 217 Admin Building - 12248 TC Jester Blvd, Houston, TX 77067



Unacceptable items:

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



Acceptable items:

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

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Hurricane season officially begins on June 1st. Harris County MUD 217 wants to ensure that all residents in Heritage Village are fully prepared.

While the MUD board works year-round to maintain our local water, sewer, and drainage systems, a major storm can strain even the toughest infrastructure. Preparing early doesn't just protect your home—it helps safeguard our entire community. Here is your quick-start guide to staying ahead of the storm this year.

LOCK DOWN YOUR EMERGENCY KIT

Assume you may need to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours. Before the grocery store lines wrap around the block, make sure your bin includes:

- 🌀 **Water:** At least 1 gallon per person (and pet) per day, for 3 to 7 days.
- 🌀 **Food:** A 3-day supply of non-perishable goods and a manual can opener.
- 🌀 **Power & Light:** Flashlights, plenty of extra batteries, and fully charged portable power banks.
- 🌀 **Medical:** A first-aid kit and a minimum 7-day supply of essential prescription medications.
- 🌀 **Documents:** Hard copies of insurance policies, IDs, and medical records stored in a waterproof bag.

SMART WATER & PLUMBING STRATEGIES

When severe storms knock out regional power, water pressures can be affected. Take these quick steps before a hurricane makes landfall:

- 🌀 **Fill the Tubs:** Clean your bathtubs and fill them with water. This water isn't for drinking; it's for manually pouring into your toilet bowl to force a flush if water pressure drops.
- 🌀 **Know Your Shutoff:** Locate your home's main water shutoff valve. If you are ordered to evacuate, turn your water off here to prevent catastrophic internal flooding from broken household pipes.
- 🌀 **Clear the Meter Box:** Ensure your water meter box is clear of debris so utility crews can access it quickly if emergency repairs are needed.

PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD DRAINAGE

Our local drainage system can only do its job if it isn't blocked by debris. You can significantly reduce local street flooding by taking a few minutes to secure your yard:

- 🌀 **Clear the Drains:** Double-check that nearby storm drains are free of trash, lawn clippings, and fallen branches. Reminder: Stormwater drains are not trash dumpsters!

SECURE YOUR PROPERTY

- 🌀 **Trim trees** and remove any loose branches that may become hazardous during high winds.
- 🌀 **Reinforce windows and doors** with storm shutters or plywood. Ensure roof is able to withstand strong winds.
- 🌀 **Secure outdoor furniture**, equipment, and other objects that could be blown away / cause damage.

STAY CONNECTED & GET REAL-TIME ALERTS

Reliable information is your best tool during a weather emergency. Don't rely on neighborhood rumor mills—get the facts directly from the source.

- 🌀 **Sign up for emergency alerts** to receive information on evacuation orders or shelter locations. hcmud217.com/your-community/emergency-alerts/



- 🌀 Regularly monitor local news channels, radio stations, and official weather websites for updates from the **National Hurricane Center (NHC)**
- 🌀 **Emergency Numbers:** Keep the Harris County Sheriff's Office non-emergency line handy at **(713) 221-6000**. For life-threatening emergencies, always dial **9-1-1**.

Taking a few small steps today can make all the difference tomorrow. Let's look out for one another and keep Heritage Village safe this season!

WATCH VS. WARNING: KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

Hurricane Watch - Hurricane conditions are a threat within 48 hours. Review your hurricane plans, keep informed and be ready to act if a warning flooding is issued.

Hurricane Warning - Hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours. Complete your storm preparations and leave the area if directed to do so by authorities.

HURRICANE SAFETY CHECKLIST

What should I do?

- Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio for critical information from the National Weather Service (NWS).
- Check your disaster supplies and replace or restock as needed.
- Bring in anything that can be picked up by the wind (bicycles, lawn furniture).
- Close windows, doors and hurricane shutters. If you do not have hurricane shutters, close and board up all windows and doors with plywood.
- Turn the refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and keep them closed as much as possible so that food will last longer if the power goes out.
- Turn off propane tanks and unplug small appliances.
- Fill your car's gas tank.
- Talk with members of your household and create an evacuation plan. Planning and practicing your evacuation plan minimizes confusion and fear during the event.
- Learn about your community's hurricane response plan. Plan routes to local shelters, register family members with special medical needs as required and make plans for your pets to be cared for.
- Evacuate if advised by authorities. Be careful to avoid flooded roads and washed out bridges.
- Because standard homeowners insurance doesn't cover flooding, it's important to have protection from the floods associated with hurricanes, tropical storms, heavy rains and other conditions that impact the U.S. For more information on flood insurance, please visit the National Flood www.FloodSmart.gov Insurance Program Web

What supplies do I need?

- Water-at least a 3-day supply; one gallon per person per day
- Food-at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio)
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Medications (7-day supply) and medical items (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane)
- Multi-purpose tool
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- Cell phone with chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket
- Map(s) of the area
- Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
- Tools/supplies for securing your home
- Extra set of car and house keys
- Extra clothing, hat and shoes
- Rain gear
- Insect repellent and sunscreen
- Camera for photos of damage

What do I do after a hurricane?

- Continue listening to a NOAA Weather Radio or the local news for the latest updates.
- Stay alert for extended rainfall and subsequent flooding even after the hurricane or tropical storm has ended.
- If you evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe.
- Drive only if necessary and avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges.
- Keep away from loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the power company.
- Stay out of any building that has water around it.
- Inspect your home for damage. Take pictures of damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance purposes.
- Use flashlights in the dark. Do NOT use candles.
- Avoid drinking or preparing food with tap water until you are sure it's not contaminated.
- Check refrigerated food for spoilage. If in doubt, throw it out.
- Wear protective clothing and be cautious when cleaning up to avoid injury.
- Watch animals closely and keep them under your direct control.
- Use the telephone only for emergency calls.

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**American
Red Cross**

A Message from the President of MUD 217



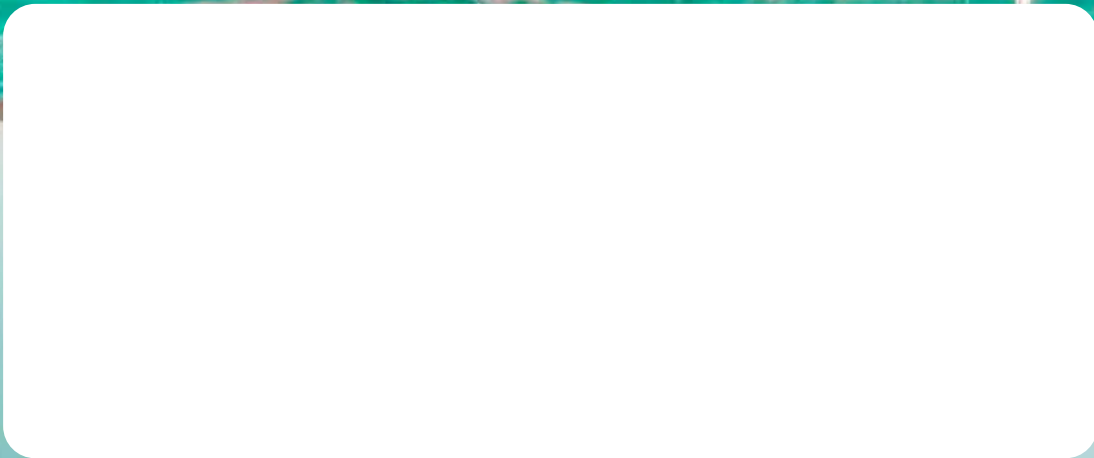
Dear Residents,

As President of the Board of Directors for MUD 217, I would like to thank our residents for your continued support and engagement in our community. The Board remains committed to serving the district with responsibility, transparency, and a focus on the long-term well-being of our neighborhood. We understand the importance of maintaining essential services, protecting district resources, and making decisions that support the stability and future of the community.

Our goal is to lead with care, sound judgment, and respect for the residents we serve. We also recognize the value of clear communication and community trust as we continue addressing district matters and planning for the future. MUD 217 is strengthened by the people who call this community home. Your involvement, patience, and pride in the neighborhood are greatly appreciated, and they play an important role in helping our district move in a positive direction.

Thank you for being a valued part of this community.

*Sincerely,
Condellia Brown, President, MUD 217*



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