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PECAN GROVE MUD – FIRE PLAN UPDATE

In a continuing effort to provide the District's residents with up-to-date information on the latest developments regarding a District Fire Plan, the Pecan Grove Municipal Utility District (PGMUD) has prepared the following status update. This article is provided as a simple summary of facts related to the most recent developments of the Fire Plan for the District. If you have any questions, you are encouraged to view approved minutes of the meetings of the District's Board of Directors (posted on the PGMUD website at www.pecangrovemud.com). All minutes of Board meetings are available under the Public Information Act.

On April 27, 2015, PGMUD submitted its Application for Fire Protection Plan (the "Fire Plan") to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ"). The PGMUD's submission of its Fire Plan for approval by the TCEQ is the culmination of efforts by the PGMUD, the Pecan Grove Volunteer Fire Department (the "PGVFD") and the City of Richmond Fire Department (the "City Department") to determine a plan for fire protection services that will best serve the needs of the residents of the District. The two fire departments agreed to which areas each would be served. To that end, the agreement with the PGVFD (the "PGVFD Agreement") was approved by a majority of the Board of Directors of the PGMUD in special session, open to the public, on April 15, 2015. Following approval of the PGVFD Agreement, the PGMUD approved an agreement with the City Department (the "City Agreement" and together, with the PGVFD Agreement, the "Agreements") in special session, open to the public, on April 24, 2015. Both Agreements were submitted as part of the application process to the TCEQ for approval of the District's Fire Plan. Under the Agreements, all customers served by the District will pay a mandatory monthly fee.

Once the District receives TCEQ approval, the Fire Plan can be placed on the ballot at the next available District election date. District voters will then vote on the Fire Plan. If approved by the voters, the PGMUD will provide fire service for the District.

The District cannot determine the exact length of time the formal process to obtain TCEQ approval may take. Please watch for the latest information in future newsletters and on the District's web page. We plan to keep you updated as the process continues.

Spotlight on Deputy Jordan Kelley

Deputy Kelley was born in Houston, but got to Ft. Bend County as soon as possible! Deputy Kelley, an Eagle Scout and B.F.Terry High School Graduate, was very close to his Grandpa, R.L. "Tiny" Gaston, who had a long distinguished career in Ft. Bend County law enforcement. Deputy Kelley's Father, Wayne Kelley, also worked for the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office as a reserve Deputy. After High School he worked for Ft. Bend County Vehicle Maintenance while attending Wharton County Junior College where he completed his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice. Kelley then entered the Wharton County Jr. College Police Academy.

After graduation he worked at the Ft. Bend County Sheriff's Office as a Civilian Jailer in August 2011 and after 3 years was then promoted to Patrol Deputy. He successfully completed his

field training and began working on patrol. He worked several districts while on patrol but couldn't resist a contract Deputy position in his own stomping grounds, Pecan Grove.

On his days off Deputy Kelley enjoys farming and ranching with the Rocking J Cattle Company and spending time with his family. He is following his Grandpa and Father's path in law enforcement and he understands that being a Police Officer is a career that requires the ability to work with people. Deputy Kelley's disposition, abilities, and intelligence make him a great fit for the Sheriff's Department and the residents of Pecan Grove!



Projects in the District

Drainage Projects:

The District is still planning to proceed with the Grove 4 & 5, then Plantation 4 & 5, then finishing up with Plantation 7. The District is currently working on property acquisition for the Grove 4 & 5, and the District anticipates bidding the project by June. The District has dedicated funding for Grove 4 & 5, and once additional funding is available the Plantation 4 & 5 project will bid. The work on Plantation 7 involves coordinating with the new owners of the Pecan Grove Plantation Country Club to acquire property needed for storage of stormwater. The owners of the club are very helpful, and the District is working with them to ensure a design meets the needs and requirements of both parties. This project is expected to start construction December 2016.

Pecan Lakes Levy:

The Pump Station is complete, and the Contractor for the earthen levee and floodwall is near completion. FEMA has approved the Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) submitted by the District, and after the objection period expires on July 9th, 2015, the Pecan Lakes Subdivision will be removed from the floodplain. All necessary documents and approvals have been posted on the District website.

Water Plant No. 2 Rehab:

This project has bid, and the District is awarding the contract to WW Payton. The project scope includes recoating all facilities, as well as necessary repairs to all facilities on site. The contracted completion time of the project is 250 calendar days.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Rehab:

The District is currently in the design phase of the Waste Water Treatment Plant ("WWTP") Rehabilitation project. This project will repair and replace many items on the site to ensure the WWTP is operating as efficiently as possible.

Upcoming Engineer Projects:

The District will be conducting a sanitary sewer cleaning and televising of Plantation 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, as well as Greens Section 1 and 2. The District Engineer will review the tapes of the interior of the sanitary sewer lines to make recommended repairs to the underground sanitary sewer system. These projects have been budgeted for but the Board hasn't authorized any action to be taken yet.

After the Storm

PECAN GROVE RESIDENTIAL TRASH SERVICES AFTER A TROPICAL STORM / HURRICANE

Should a significant gulf storm strike Pecan Grove, your residential solid waste provider, WCA Waste Corporation, will service the community on your regularly scheduled collection days, Mondays and Thursdays, as soon as the roads and highways are cleared and opened. Please note the following suggestions and guidelines:

- Should a storm cause extended loss of residential electricity, initial priority may be placed on the removal of household garbage only, particularly foodstuff and other waste with the proclivity to become putrid. This may delay the normal collection and removal of heavy items and regular yard waste. To distinguish these items, WCA asks that they be placed at the curb in bags or cans and marked with some type of orange-colored product (paint, ribbon, etc.) to ensure collection.
- Once the initial removal of household garbage is completed, WCA will resume the curb collection of normal amounts of bagged and bundled yard waste (not attributable to the storm), with initial limits of six bags and/or bundles per home per service day.
- The post-storm cleanup may necessitate the temporary suspension of the curbside recycling program to free up more trucks and personnel for cleanup. WCA and/or the Pecan Grove MUD will notify you of any such issues.

Conserving

YOUR *Water*

- Only water your lawn 2 -3 times a week
- *Water your lawn in late evening or early morning*
- Check your watering system for breaks, clogs and leaks
- *Sweep driveways, sidewalks and steps instead of hosing them off*
- When washing your car use a pail and a hose with a trigger
- *Pour leftover ice from coolers, buckets and drinks onto plants or grass*
- Wash pets on the lawn

Golf Cart Reminders

- A valid Driver's License is required to operate a golf cart on a public roadway.
- You cannot authorize your child to operate the golf cart on the roadway unless your child has a Learner's Permit and you are with them or he or she has a valid Driver's License.
- Insurance is not required for the golf cart, but an operator will be liable for any damages.
- Golf carts are not required to have a "slow vehicle" emblem unless they are operated on roads with speed limits of 35 or higher (i.e. FM 359).
- Lights, brakes and turn signals are not required
- Golf carts may not be operated on sidewalks
- Golf carts may not be operated on trails or water retention areas owned by the Municipal Utility District. Operation of any motorized vehicle on these areas is a violation of the Texas Water Code. (Class C Misdemeanor)
- Specific questions should be directed to Major Chad Norvell at 281-341-4705 or email at chad.norvell@fortbendcountytexas.gov. Non-emergency calls should be made to 281-341-4665.