October 2023 Fern Bluff MUD Newsletter

Tax Rate/Budget status

At the September Fern Bluff MUD Board of Directors meeting, the 2023 tax rate of $0.20 per $100 valuation was approved. The rate represents a reduction from the 2022 tax rate of $0.21 per $100 valuation.

Winter Wastewater Averaging

This year's winter wastewater averaging will commence on November 15, 2023, and will end on February 15, 2024. Save money all year by reducing water use during this period. For more information on winter water averaging, see the Fern Bluff website.

Fall Bulk Trash Pickup

The fall bulk trash pickup date has been set for Saturday, October 28, 2023. You will also get a notice from Fern Bluff regarding this pickup date, including what will/will not be accepted. All trash items must be at the curb by 7AM. Click here for more information.

Legislative Update

In August, the Texas Legislature approved SB 2 during a special session. SB 2 is aimed at providing school property tax relief to Texas property owners. Among other things, S.B. 2 would increase the amount of the general school district residence homestead property tax exemption from $40,000 to $100,000. However, for the bill to take effect, voters must still pass H.J.R. 2, which is a state constitutional amendment that will be on the ballot in November.

Earlier this year, during the Legislature's regular session, we informed you about HB 1793 and HB 2667. HB 1793 would require a person who wishes to run for election in a MUD to, among other qualifications, be a landowner within the district. HB 2667, would limit the amount of property taxes a municipal utility district may impose to $1.00 per $100 of valuation. However, none of these bills passed into law.

Fortunately, the fate of HB 2667 turned out to be inconsequential to property owners within Fern Bluff MUD, as the District's Board of Directors adopted a property tax rate of only $0.2000 per $100 of valuation.

Reminder: Stage 1 Drought Restrictions In Effect

As a wholesale water customer of the City of Round Rock, the Fern Bluff MUD adopted the city's drought plan. The MUD, as well as the city, is now in **Stage 1 Drought Restrictions**.

In Stage 1, outdoor watering is allowed two days per week based on the Watering Schedule below and must occur before 10:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m. Drip irrigation and soaker hoses are not exempt from the restrictions. For the full restrictions, see roundrocktexas.gov/water.

Outdoor Watering Schedule	
Address Ends in	Twice per Week – Stage 1
0 or 3	Monday / Thursday
4 or 8	Sunday / Thursday
1, 5 or 9	Wednesday / Saturday
2, 6 or 7	Tuesday / Friday