



# Update

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## Summer is Here: Lock Up Your Belongings



With school out for the summer, the warm weather, later sunsets, and idle time can sometimes lead to trouble in the form of criminal mischief. Block House MUD and the Williamson County Sheriff's Department remind residents to lock your vehicles, close your

garages, bring in your bicycles and other equipment, and to remove valuables from your vehicles, whether parked in your driveway or on the street.

If you ever witness suspicious activity in the neighborhood, don't hesitate to contact the Williamson County Sheriff's Office. It is their job to determine whether suspicious activity is criminal activity. It is our job to "play it safe."

Call 9-1-1 in any emergency. If it's not an emergency, call 512-864-8282 (option 1, option 1). That will connect you to Sheriff's dispatch, but it won't tie up emergency lines. Even if you're not sure anything illegal is going on, it's best to call.

Provide as much detailed information as possible to the deputies. Let's all work together to keep our neighborhood a safe place for our families!

## You're Invited: Fire Station No. 5 Open House

We have a new fire station serving Block House, and all residents are invited to attend a public open house! Saturday, June 8 from 10:00am until 1:00pm at The City of Cedar Park's Fire Station No. 5, located at 1501 Cottonwood Creek Trail.



The come-and-go event will include tours of the new station.

The new station houses the Cedar Park Fire Department and Williamson County EMS. The Grand Opening Ceremony took place on Friday, May 3. Fire Station Number 5 includes space for one fire quint, one brush truck, one EMS crew, an EMS Commander and future space for a second EMS crew, and will house the city's Emergency Command Post.

## Block House MUD Under New Management

At the April 24 Board of Directors meeting, Pinnacle Texas Management Services tendered its resignation as General Manager for Block House MUD effective July 1. Crossroads Utility Services has been contracted to serve as Interim General Manager and, as of June 5, will be the point of contact for day-to-day management operations for the District.

Residents are already familiar with Crossroads, which has been serving the District as the water utility operator and billing agent for a number of years. Pinnacle Texas will continue to handle deed restriction enforcement, ACC submission, and communications.

As a result of the change in management, Walker House staffing will change. **As of June 5, and until further notice, Walker House will not be a staffed location.** Please stay tuned for updates on Walker House staffing. **For amenity reservations and other questions unrelated to your water account, calling 512-259-0959 will still get you to a Block House dedicated representative.**

There will be no change to water utility operations. **For all water utility related questions, please contact Crossroads Utility Services at 512-246-1400.**

MUD-Sponsored  
Professional Fireworks Show  
July 4th  
Watch for details!

**Stage 2 watering restrictions (two days per week) are in effect for Block House MUD**

## Block House MUD Board of Directors

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**Walker House Hours:** There is currently no on-site representative. Please contact Crossroads at 512-259-0959.

## Upcoming Events

Tues/Thurs: Zumba

June 8: Tidal Waves Swim Meet

June 13: BHCOA Board Meeting

June 21: BHC Game Night

June 26: MUD Board Meeting

June 29: Tidal Waves Swim Meet

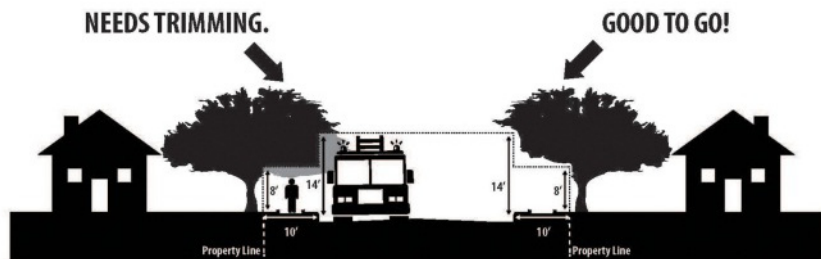
July 4: Party and Fireworks

Visit [www.blockhousemud.com](http://www.blockhousemud.com)  
for more information

## Trim Your Trees for Public Safety

Block House MUD contracts with a certified arborist to trim trees, bushes, and other vegetation in the parks, but streets and sidewalks are maintained by individual residents and/or Williamson County. Tree trimming helps ensure the safety of our neighbors, utility workers, EMS, Fire Department, school buses, etc. Foliage around water meters must also be groomed so the meter may easily be manually read, if necessary. In order to accommodate fire trucks and other emergency vehicles, tree branches should be trimmed a minimum of eight feet above the sidewalk and 14 feet over the street (see picture below).

Trees that encroach upon these heights in the right-of-way may need to be trimmed in order to prevent vehicle obstruction or damage. Residents are encouraged to arrange for their own tree trimming, either doing it personally or by engaging a certified arborist, so that trees appear even and meet owners' aesthetic standards. If Williamson County or Cedar Park fire crews trim trees and foliage out of public right-of-ways, please be aware that they do not do any aesthetic trimming; it is for safety purposes only and may not meet your standards for how you would like your trees and foliage to look.



### Oak wilt

The hot summer through cold winter months are the best times to trim trees. This is because the beetles that help propagate oak wilt, the most destructive disease affecting live oaks and red oaks in Central Texas, slow their activity between July and January. Oak wilt is caused by the fungus *Ceratycystitis fagecearum*, which is easily spread when beetles carrying the fungal spores from infected red oaks to fresh, open wounds on healthy oaks.

While trimming oak trees between February 1 and June 30, when the beetles are particularly active, is discouraged, trimming can be done if necessary. It's just important to pay careful attention to treating tree wounds and disinfecting tree trimming tools, particularly during these months. Fresh tree wounds should be sealed with a tree wound dressing or latex paint, and tree pruning tools should be cleaned with a 10 percent bleach solution or Lysol at all times of the year. The MUD Board recommends contacting a certified arborist to trim your trees.

Visit <http://texasoakwilt.org> for additional resources.

*Thanks to the City of Cedar Park for providing this information and graphic.*

## July 4th Event for Block House Creek residents!



The BHCOA is planning a fun event for Independence Day! Plans include a DJ, a water slide, laser tag, Kona Ice, petting zoo, hot dogs, hamburgers, Thumper BBQ food truck, and lots more!

**More details coming soon!**