



Update

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Holiday Safety and Security

The holiday season should bring feelings of peace and joy, not the stress and negativity that comes from being the victim of theft or other crimes. There are many things you can do to protect your home and family, your vehicle and your belongings. The most basic things you should do every day are lock your doors (house and car), turn on exterior lights and never leave valuables or your garage door opener inside your vehicle.

Block House MUD contracts with the Williamson County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) to provide additional security patrols in the neighborhood. The safety of our residents is of utmost importance and these officers also conduct welfare checks, respond to reports of suspicious activity, provide speed control during critical hours, conduct foot and bike patrols throughout the District parks and greenbelt areas, and provide security during community events. The Sheriff's deputies and the MUD Board encourage residents to call the WCSO if you witness suspicious activity; or if you see a crime, call 911.

Be just as vigilant in and around your home, and keep an eye on your neighbors' homes, too. Over 1 billion packages are delivered during November and December; here are some ways to help ensure they make it to their recipients:

- Have packages delivered to your place of work or schedule deliveries for times you will be home
- Talk to your neighbors about watching out for each other's deliveries
- Require a signature, so that packages aren't left outside
- Consider using a smart locker or P.O. Box - companies may be able to deliver inside your garage
- Monitor your front porch with security cameras or video doorbells
- Don't leave packaging from big holiday purchases on the curb for would-be thieves to see

Fireworks and Your Furry Friends

It's that time of the year when we begin to hear fireworks throughout the community. Even though fireworks of any kind are prohibited in Block House, there are residents that continue to ring in the New Year with fireworks.

Many pet owners find that fireworks commonly induce anxiety in their furry friends. Shelters indicate that during the holiday season they intake more lost dogs that have run away from home as a result of the stress from fireworks being let off near their home. The noise and unpredictability of fireworks leads many dogs to perceive them as a threat. This triggers their fight-or-flight response.

Here are some common tips to calm your dogs during fireworks:

- Walk them during daylight hours to avoid times when fireworks are likely to be set off
- Close windows and curtains to muffle the sound of fireworks
- Put on music or the TV to mask the firework sounds
- Create a quiet space where your dog can feel in control including hiding places around your home



Located within 5,000 feet of the City of Cedar Park and part of the City's ETJ (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction), Block House is subject to the City of Cedar Park's fireworks ordinance and violators can be fined.

No Changes to Trash/ Recycling Services for Holidays

Texas Disposal Systems' (TDS) schedule for the weeks that include Christmas Day and New Year's Day will not be affected by the upcoming holidays. Regularly scheduled trash pickup will run on its normally scheduled days - - Wednesday, December 23 and Wednesday, December 30. Recycling pickup during this time will on Wednesday, December 30.

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Restrictive Covenants and ACC Submissions

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Amenity Addresses

Walker House, Tumlinson Park and Pool -
 2600 S. Block House Drive
 Apache Park and Pool -
 3100 Block House Drive
 Tonkawa Park - 301 Susan Lane
 Bike Trail - 2601 S. Block House Drive

Walker House Hours

MUD Office will be closed for the week of Christmas

Regular Hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Wednesdays by appointment

Upcoming Events

Dec 20: OA Christmas Light
 Decorating Contest Judging
 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Jan 2: Polar Bear Plunge at
 Apache Pool at 10 a.m.

Jan 27: MUD Board Meeting



Live Christmas Tree Recycling

Christmas tree recycling is again being offered to Block House Creek residents by the MUD and our landscape company, Priority Landscapes. When you finish enjoying your live Christmas tree, remove all decorations and drop it off at the marked area near Tumlinson Pool between December 26 and January 12. Trees must be bare to be recycled, so remove all ornaments, tinsel, lights, and stands. Mulch created from the trees will be used in the community.

Keep Your Neighbors Safe While Walking or Riding

Block House is a very active neighborhood; and children and adults enjoy riding their bicycles daily. Dark winter mornings, with young riders new to cycling and new teenage drivers are factors that can contribute to dangerous conditions for our community on their way to school. Walkers and runners are also at risk as everyone is in a hurry to get to their destinations. Please remind your children of basic safety rules.

- Ride your bike with the traffic (on the same side of the road).
- At crosswalks, get off and walk your bike across the street, and always watch for cars. Do not assume that drivers can see you.
- The "lane" marked along the inside of the loop around the District is NOT a designated bike lane and caution should be exercised.
- Wear a helmet and light or reflective clothing and carry your school supplies in your backpack so your hands are free.

These few, simple precautions have been proven to help save many lives and prevent injuries. Please do all you can to increase the safety of some of our residents in Block House MUD.

COVID Update

After a sharp increase in hospitalizations for COVID-19 cases in Williamson County, the WC health district has move to the "Red Phase."

So what does this mean? Under the "Red Phase," people should stay home and avoid gatherings, continue to wear masks, social distance and wash your hands. The County continues to monitor the ongoing pandemic and will revise the County's COVID-19 status if warranted.

For more information, please visit www.wcchd.org/covid-19/

Wastewater Averaging In Effect



Winter wastewater averaging in Block House MUD is from December 3, 2020 through March 2, 2021.

Customers are encouraged to conserve water during this time period to help lower your bill for the following year.

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