





**River Place MUD Newsletter** 

**Summer 2017** 



# July 4th Celebration

Join the River Place MUD and Country Club in our annual Independence Day Celebration! Enjoy a Complimentary Afternoon at the Club for our Annual July 4th Celebration! Featuring an All American BBQ Buffet, Pool Games, a Poolside DJ, Water Slide, Face Painting, Balloon Twisting, Cotton Candy & Snow Cones!



# Closure of River Place Fields During Summer

The River Place Municipal Utility District (the District) is responsible for the maintenance and operations of the parks and trails. The District's goal is to maintain the condition of these facilities at a level of quality to ensure both the safety and pleasure for our residents. Our fields receive a tremendous amount of activity throughout the year. In order to maintain them at a level we feel our residents deserve requires that we close them from time to time. These closures can be a result of routine maintenance (chemical applications, overseeding, and/or top-dressing) or because of inclement weather. We strive to keep the closures to a minimum, but maintaining the integrity of the fields is something we must consider. As much as possible, we try to keep two to three fields always open (this is not always possible, especially during

inclement weather conditions).

Because of the Spring rains and cooler temperatures through May and June of this year, the Winter Rye Grass remained green for a longer period of time than normal thus causing the Bermuda grass to delay it's natural early growing season. As a result, the three large fields (two at Sun Tree Park and one at the Woodlands Park) will require a summer maintenance program of overseeding with Bermuda grass, topdressing and fertilizing. These fields are scheduled to be closed from June 27th through August 13th. Germination of the Bermuda seed requires watering the fields that are on the summer maintenance program three times a day for at least a 14 day period.

The three smaller fields at Woodlands Park will be open.

### Nature Trails

The District's trails are very popular due to the physical fitness of walking and/or running them as well as the enjoyment of its natural beauty. Since our parks and trails are open to the general public, we have a heavy volume of people from outside the community (nonresidents) using the trails. Nonresidents, as well as residents, use vehicles to get to the trail-heads. This heavy vehicular traffic has created a huge concern for street safety at the trail entrances. The District formed an ad hoc committee to look into things that can be done to help alleviate the parking issues. The committee is made up of both MUD board members as well as residents. Recommendation from the committee should be presented to the board in the next few months.

#### **Board Meetings**

## Solid Waste Collection Update

The District is amending their agreement for solid waste collections to add clarity to bulky and bundles items. The amendment to the agreement now states that the solid waste collector will pick up six 30 gallon plastic bags (that weigh up to 50 lbs) and/or bundled items that weigh up to 40 lbs weekly. Residents can contact the collections company to make arrangements for items that exceed the weight limits.

Please refer to our website for addition information on this topic.

BULK PRICING tesident's must contact Waste Connection		
ITEM	PRICE	INSTRUCTIONS
WASHER	\$60.00	mornto o nono
DRYER	\$60.00	
STOVE	\$60.00	
COUCH	\$50.00	
LOVESEAT	\$40.00	
RECLINER	\$40.00	
WATER HEATER	\$40.00	drained
WATER SOFTENER	\$40.00	drained
REFRIGERATOR	\$75.00	tagged by licensed technician
A/C	\$60.00	tagged by licensed technician
BBQ GRILL	\$50.00	
PICNIC TABLE	\$50.00	
TOILET	\$40.00	
BUNDLED BRUSH	\$5.00 per BUNDLE	\$50.00 minimum
BAGS	\$5.00 per BAG	\$50.00 minimum
Price for brush and Bags is	for more than six per week	each collection event
MATTRESS		
QUEEN	\$50.00	
KING	\$50.00	

#### Dads in the Hood







The River Place Board wants to thank the River Place HOA for hosting the event and hopes all that participated had a wonderful evening.

### Scout Projects for The Trails

Several scouts have in the past and are currently working on Eagle Scout projects along the trails. Current projects include; a scout recently installed stainless steel chains across the four major streams along the trails that allows hikers to cross the steams safely (Four Points Home Depot Store donated the chain for this project (over \$400)). A scout is working on updating all of the trails maps, another is working on installing weather hazards signs that includes safety tips, lastly a scout is planning on cutting and removing the invasive trees and shrubs (Ligustrum) along the lower trails this Fall. So far the District has helped over thirteen boys and girl scouts achieve their Eagle Scout or Gold Awards for projects involving our parks or trails. We have also been fortunate to work with honor society students who are attempting to earn points for helping with different projects. We feel the District's participations with these organization has been a win win for all.

#### Reminder:

The District continues to have issues with vandals. The District will pay \$1500 to anyone providing information that leads to the apprehension and conviction of persons causing damage to MUD property. Persons causing damage to the District property will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. To report such activity, please call the Travis County Sheriff's office at 512-854-9770.

#### **Board of Directors**