



## River Place MUD Launches Survey



The River Place MUD mailed postcards requesting residents provide valuable feedback about District facilities and services. Residents can access the survey from the web page below or by visiting the HOA website.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/riverplacemud>

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## Trails Ready for Spring Hikers

For the past year River Place resident, Bailey Ohlson, has been working on her Girl Scout Gold Award in pursuit of improving the nature trails in River Place. In collaboration with the River Place MUD and Home Depot this idea has become a reality and has already drastically improved sections of the hiking trails. Ohlson thanks all volunteers for all their help, the River Place MUD for their support, and Home Depot for their generous contributions to making her Gold Award possible.



## Board Meetings

4th Tuesday of the Month ▪ 2:00pm ▪ River Place Country Club ▪ 4207 River Place Boulevard

All homeowners, residents and interested parties are cordially invited to attend. Meeting dates and agendas are posted on the bulletin board in the pavilion at Sun Tree Park and the Travis County Courthouse.

**Differences between a Municipal Utility District (MUD) and a Home Owners Association (HOA)**

The function of these 2 entities can vary from community to community. In River Place, the Municipal Utility District (MUD) is a governmental agency that manages parks and recreational facilities such as the tennis courts, soccer fields, playgrounds, pavilions, nature trails, habitat nature pond and the boardwalk. Additionally the MUD is responsible for the drainage throughout the District (including detention ponds), single stream recycling, and solid waste disposal. Prior to October 2014 the MUD was also responsible for all aspects of water and wastewater service within the District.

The River Place Residential Community Association (RPRCA), more commonly known as the Home Owners Association (HOA), exists for two primary purposes – to manage the common areas and to enforce the Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CCR's) – as per the legal documents that created the HOA. These documents also call for two mandatory committees – Nominating Committee and the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). Additionally the HOA sponsors special events throughout the year (Easter Egg Hunt, Dads in the Hood, etc.).

On January 1, 2018, the City of Austin will complete Full Purpose Annexation, and contingent on voter approval, the MUD will convert into River Place Limited District (LD). The functions, mentioned above, that were previously handled by the MUD will now be handled by the LD with the exception of drainage throughout the District for which the City of Austin will assume responsibility.

The MUD (and LD) is comprised of five Board of Directors that serve a four year term. With certain qualifications any resident of the District can apply for a board position. The directors are publically elected to their position during the annual May General Election period. The board members select the officer positions for the board.

The HOA is comprised of nine Board of Directors that serve a three year term. Residents interested in serving on the Board submit an application to the Nominating Committee which reviews all board position applications. Potential board member names are placed on the annual proxy. At the annual HOA meeting, members are selected by proxy vote. The board members select officer positions for the board.

The MUD (LD) is funded through an annual ad valorem tax. Currently the ad valorem has two components (debt service and operations & maintenance). When the City of Austin completes Full Purpose Annexation they will assume any remaining debt and therefore the ad valorem tax will fund the operations and maintenance of the items mentioned above.

The HOA is funded through annual homeowner dues.

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