



**River Place MUD Newsletter** 

Fall 2017

# Texas Legislative Update

This year's legislative sessions were very interesting. Representative Paul Workman made a vigorous effort to include River Place MUD into the annexation Legislation that passed in both the regular session (vetoed by the Governor) and the special session (signed by the Governor). Our HOA was very involved in working with Rep Workman on this effort. Unfortunately Workman's amendment, which would have included the District in the approved legislation, was not part of the approved bill. That was probably our last hope for holding off/reversing the city of Austin from completing the annexation of the District on December 15, 2017 (The major portion of the annexation took place October, 2014 when the City annexed the MUD'S Water and Wastewater Plants-termed "Limited Purpose Annexation").

We now need to focus on transitioning from a Municipal Utility District (MUD) to a Limited District (LD). With the exception that the LD (to be called "Park District" in the future) will not be responsible for drainage issues throughout the District, residents will not notice any difference between the MUD and the LD. The city of Austin will be responsible for drainage issue in the future.

Although the MUD automatically converts to a LD upon the completion of the annexation process (termed "Full Purpose Annexation") on December 15, 2017, the LD is not official until approved by the residents of River Place during the May 2018 elections. That approval requires a positive majority vote from the residents that vote in the election.

In the very near future the District will hold a public meeting(s) to discuss with the residents of the District:

- The transition from a MUD to a Limited District
- Responsibilities of the Limited District
- Benefits of the Limited District
- What happens if the Limited District is not approved in the May 2018 election



#### **Board Meetings**

#### **Soccer Field Maintenance**

The River Place MUD is responsible for the maintenance and operations of the parks and trails in the District. Our fields receive a tremen-

dous amount of activity throughout the year. In order for us to maintain them at a level we feel our residents deserve it requires us to do semi-annual maintenance which includes chemical applications, over seeding or topdressing. We recently completed the two Sun Tree soccer fields and the large Woodlands field. The over-seeding process requires additional watering to help germinate the seeds which may require closing the fields for a period of time. 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 soccer fields

open at all times during maintenance. (this is not always possible during inclement weather conditions).





## **Garage Sale Clean Up Event**

The River Place Clean Up Event was a hit this year! Please join us again in the Spring!







## **River Place Tennis Memberships**

The Tennis Courts at Woodlands Park have been rekeyed!



Please contact Severn Trent to renew your Tennis Membership and get your new key. If you are not yet a Tennis Member and are interested in applying, please send an email request to Parks@STServices.com!



#### **Board of Directors**