



HC WCID 116 / Huntwick Recreation Facilities Newsletter

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6 Ways to Reduce Outdoor Water Use This Spring

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As temperatures rise, property water use and costs are increasing.

It's spring, which means temperatures and as a result, outdoor water use are on the rise. While it's important to be water conscious throughout the year, the spring and summer require increased attention to irrigation schedules and outdoor water use.

Experts estimate that 50 percent of the water we use outdoors goes to waste from evaporation, wind, or runoff due to overwatering.

In many areas, the amount of water multifamily and commercial properties use to sustain lush landscaping spikes in the summer – sometimes two to four times as much as the rest of the year. While buying a timer for your irrigation system seems like the obvious solution, more times than not the system is installed with set times and never seasonally adjusted; leading to unnecessary water waste during the cooler months.

With that in mind, we've compiled a few tips to help you beat the heat and keep your water use under control:

TIMING IS EVERYTHING

Know how much water your landscape actually needs before you set your sprinkler. Your local utility can offer recommendations for how much water certain plants need in your region and best times to water. Generally, it's best to water lawns and landscapes in the early morning and evening, after the sun goes down, because significant amounts of water can be lost due to evaporation during the heat of the day.



TUNE UP YOUR SYSTEM

Inspect irrigation systems and check for leaks and broken or clogged sprinkler heads.

Fix sprinkler heads that are broken or spraying on the sidewalk, street, or driveway.



Did you know? Just one broken sprinkler head can waste up to 25,000 gallons of water over a six-month irrigation season.

SEPARATE YOUR PLANTS INTO ZONES

When planting, assign areas of your landscape different hydro-zones depending on sun/shade exposure, soil and plant types, and type of sprinklers, then adjust your irrigation system or watering schedule based on those zones' specific needs. This helps you avoid overwatering some areas or under-watering others.

Even if your property doesn't have a sprinkler system, there are a number of simple steps you can take

to promote a healthier lawn and garden with less water this summer:

STEP ON IT

Grass doesn't always need water just because it's hot out. Step on the lawn, and if the grass springs back, it doesn't need water. An inexpensive soil moisture sensor can also show the amount of moisture at the plant's roots and discourage overwatering.



LEAVE IT LONG

Raise your lawn mower blade. Longer grass promotes deeper root growth, resulting in a more drought-resistant lawn, reduced evaporation, and fewer weeds.



GIVE YOUR HOSE A BREAK

Sweep driveways, sidewalks, and steps rather than hosing them off. And don't forget to check for leaks at your spigot connection and tighten as necessary.

For more water saving tips, visit watersignal.com/tips/.

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The updates regarding HRF Patron, Patron Group and additional services events and activities contained in this newsletter are being provided for informational and scheduling purposes only and are not being endorsed, promoted or recommended by the District.

Huntwick Pool 2019 Schedule

With the exception of swim team practices and meets, the Pool remains open to all HRF Full Patrons and their paid guests during hours listed below. Contact HRF Coordinator to book your next pool party.

NOW HIRING LIFEGUARDS!! Lifeguards are managed by Aquatic Management of Houston. Visit <https://www.houston-pmg.com/summer-job-application> to complete application online or call 281-446-5003. Specify Huntwick Pool as preferred location.

May 3 through May 30	(School Hours)
<u>Day(s)</u>	<u>Pool Times</u>
Monday - Thursday	CLOSED
Friday	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Saturday	11:00 am - 9:00 pm
Sunday	12:00 noon - 8:00 pm
<i>Memorial Day</i>	<i>11:00 am - 8:00 pm</i>

May 31 through August 18	
<u>Day(s)</u>	<u>Pool Times</u>
Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday - Thursday	11:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Saturday	11:00 am - 9:00 pm
Sunday	12:00 noon - 8:00 pm
<i>July 4th</i>	<i>9:00 am - 9:00 pm</i>

August 19 through September 2	(School Hours)
<u>Day(s)</u>	<u>Pool Times</u>
Monday - Thursday	CLOSED
Friday	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Saturday	11:00 am - 9:00 pm
Sunday	12:00 noon - 8:00 pm
<i>Labor Day</i>	<i>11:00 am - 8:00 pm</i>

2019 Huntwick Patriots Swim Team News!

Please note the following important dates and information regarding 2019 Patriots season!

- * Each swimmer will receive a free team shirt as part of their registration fee.
- * Patriots handbook for all families - this will formalize regulations and expectations for each family. This will need to be signed and return for your children to be on swim team.
- * Volunteer deposit checks - Each family (not each child) will be required to put down a deposit check for volunteer duties. After fulfilling said duties at the end of the year (details will be in handbook), the check will be returned to the family.
- * Minimum swimming requirements - ALL swimmers will be required to demonstrate at least a minimum swimming competency in order to be on the team. Swimmers who are unable to complete the requirement will be placed on probation and will have an opportunity to be retested at the practice meet. The swim team strongly encourage families to leverage the local YMCA, FINS, or PACK swimming organizations to take instructional swim lessons as needed. Remember, the Patriots swim team is a competitive swim team, not a swimming school.
- * If you haven't already done so, please make sure your log-in information is correct on swim team site at: <https://huntwick.swimtopia.com/>

Jeff Handojo
281-686-5085

Mike Pannell
713-505-2735

John Conine
281-813-4923

First Friday Bridge

First Friday Bridge had 3 tables of fun, casual bridge at the Huntwick Recreation Facility Clubhouse in March. The group will play again on Friday, April 5th at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Hosts will be Sassy Crookshanks and Betty Little.

Any HRF Patron is welcome to join the group as a regular or substitute player. Contact Harold and Ann Conrad at 281-440-1159 to be added to the calling list.

The results from March are:

First: Donna Ohlson	Low: Sassy Crookshanks
Second: Pat McNamara	Honors: Ann Conrad
Third: Mary Quinn	Deuce: Anna Embick

Huntwick Women's Club

The Huntwick Women's Club next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18th at the Huntwick Clubhouse. We are truly privileged to have Author Linda Bennett Pennell speak to us about writing. She is the author of two fiction books: "Confederado Norte" and "Al Capone at the Blanche Hotel." She is a graduate of Valdosta State University with degrees in United States history and English history. If you have time, try to read one of her books. We gather at 9:30 am and the meeting starts at 10:00 am.

Our Spring tour is to the Houston Museum of Fine Arts on Tuesday, April 30th. We will see the exhibit "Vincent van Gogh: His life in Art." The cost is \$17 for the museum and lunch on your own at Canopy. The bus will leave the clubhouse parking lot at 9:00 am.

The Women's Club welcomes all members of HRF to join them for the remaining meetings and the year-end luncheon in May. Dues for the rest of this year are only \$15!

After School Art see page 4

Patriots Major Event Dates:

Sunday 3/31 4-6p - First day of sign ups
Monday 4/1 6-8p - Last day of sign ups
AND swim suit fitting purchasing
Monday 4/22 - Afternoon practices begin
Saturday 5/4 - Practice meet
Saturday 5/11 - Home vs Concord Bridge
Saturday 5/18 - Away vs Cypress Point Cyclones
Saturday 5/25 - Home vs Norchester Dolphins
Saturday 6/1 - Away vs Glencairn Piranhas
Monday 6/3 - Morning practices begin
Saturday 6/8 - Home vs Hearthstone Heatwaves
Saturday 6/15 - Divisionals (location TBD)
Sunday 6/21 - Awards ceremony

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
All events are at HRF Clubhouse, 5300 Coral Gables, unless noted otherwise. All events and hours are subject to change.	1 3:00pm Water District Special Board Mtg 6:00-8:00pm Patriots Swim Team sign ups	2 5:30pm Private Event	3 4:30pm Patron Children's Art Class with Doreen	4	5 7:00pm First Friday Bridge	6 3:00pm Private Event
	7 8:00am Private Event	8 3:00pm Water District Regular Board Meeting	9 7:30pm HCA Board Meeting	10 4:30pm Patron Children's Art Class with Doreen	11 9:30am Private Event	12
14 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:00am Private Event	15 7:00pm Private Event	16 5:30pm Private Event	17 4:30pm Patron Children's Art Class with Doreen	18 9:30am Women's Club	19 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>Passover begins at Sunset</i> DISTRICT AND HRF OFFICES CLOSED TODAY	20 10:00am Annual Huntwick Easter Egg Hunt Hosted by HCA ~ Open to all Huntwick Residents 3:00pm Private Event
21 <i>Easter</i> 8:00am Private Event	22 <i>Earth Day</i>	23	24 No Art Class today in observance of Easter Holiday	25	26 Huntwick Happy Hour Hosted by HCA ~ Open to all Huntwick Residents	27 6:00pm Movie in the Park @ Donut Lake Hosted by HCA ~ Open to all Huntwick Residents
PATRIOTS SWIM TEAM PRACTICES M-TH 3:30 - 7:45 PM @ HUNTWICK POOL						
28 8:00am Private Event	29	30 5:30pm Private Event	1 May	2	3	View HRF Schedule of Events online by visiting https:// www.huntwickwater.com/recreation/ events-schedule/
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All participants of Patron Group Events must have and maintain HRF Patron status. To become an HRF Patron, please call 281-444-3404, ext. 4 or e-mail huntwickrec@comcast.net.

This calendar is intended to provide information regarding availability of the Huntwick Recreation Facilities on given dates and times and is not intended to endorse or promote events or activities by any HRF Patrons or Patron Groups.



District Contact Information

General Information: 832-413-5333
Customer service and billing: 281-807-9500 (TOPS)
Emergencies: 281-807-9500 (Karl Skarboszewski)
Huntwick Recreation Facility Information: 281-444-3404 ext. 4 (Jamie O'Boyle)

HC WCID 116 has an answering system to better serve the community. Emergency calls are routed to the on-call system to ensure a quick response.

HC WCID 116 Website:

www.huntwickwater.com

E-mail Addresses:

Customer Service/Billing/Water: customerservice@topswater.com

Board of Directors: huntwickwater@comcast.net

Recreation: huntwickrec@comcast.net

For Mail to HC WCID 116 Office:

HC WCID 116
5135 Cobles Corner
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For Mail to Huntwick Recreation Facilities:

Huntwick Recreation Facilities
5300 Coral Gables Drive
Houston, TX 77069

The Huntwick Recreation Facilities (HRF) are owned and maintained by Harris County WCID No. 116 for the benefit of the community served by the District.

The Facilities are located at 5300 Coral Gables and 13715 Charwell Crossing. A clubhouse, six tennis courts, swimming pool, two playgrounds, athletic fields, and a bark park are located on the properties. The Athletic field, playgrounds and dog park are open to all residents of HC WCID 116 and all Patrons of the Recreation Facilities. House Patrons may rent the clubhouse and join All-Patron groups which use the clubhouse for parties, meetings, and other events. Full Patrons enjoy the same benefits as House Patrons, with the added benefit of use and rental of swimming and tennis facilities.

HC WCID 116 provides water and wastewater services for the Huntwick Forest and Huntwick Parc subdivisions. The service area also includes the Providence at Champions Apartments, the Oaks of Huntwick Townhomes, and commercial property on the north side of FM 1960 from Wunderlich Drive to the property just to the west of Champion Forest Drive.

Board of Directors

President: Les Griffith
Vice-President: Bob Warner
Secretary: Frank Sklenka
Treasurer/Asst. Sec.: Jeff Handojo
Assistant Treasurer: Cheston Cooper

Service Contractors

Operating Company: TOPS

Regularly scheduled Board meetings are open to the public and held on the second Monday of the month at 3:00 pm at the HRF Clubhouse at 5300 Coral Gables, Houston, TX 77069.

Water Bill Payment Options

Automatic Payment Plan:

Have your bank account or credit card automatically debited each month.

Go to topswater.com for form, complete, and mail.

Convenience fee: \$1 for ACH (paid by District); 4% for credit card.

Online Payments:

Pay your account 24/7. Go to topswater.com/clients/hcwcid116/, select Customer Portal.

Use a check, Visa, MasterCard or Discover

Receive immediate receipt
Convenience Fee: 4%

USPS Mail/Drop Off:

Your monthly bill includes a window envelope for mailing check or money order directly to TOPS.

Payments may also be left in the water plant payment drop box at 5135 Cobles Corner or can be dropped off at Clubhouse HRF Office.

NHCRWA Rate Increase

The North Harris County Regional Water Authority (NHCRWA) will have a rate increase effective April 1, 2019. This fee on your water bill is a passthrough fee imposed by the NHCRWA on all water pumped from wells within its jurisdiction. The rates for surface water will increase from \$3.85/1,000 gallons to \$4.30/1,000 gallons. Please visit www.nhcrwa.org for more information.

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Art After School

Art class for HRF Patrons' children are held at the Huntwick Recreation Facilities Clubhouse on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm.

SCHEDULE CHANGE: There will not be an art class held on Wednesday, April 24th in observance of Easter holiday. Classes will resume the following week at normal date and time.

There will be light snacks, and all supplies will be available. Personal care will be given for special needs students. A small fee will cover art materials. Any questions? Please call Doreen at 281-586-9290.

Huntwick Pickleball

A fun sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong. Played with a paddle and a plastic ball with holes. Played as doubles or singles. Huntwick Recreation Facilities now offers pickleball on Clubhouse Courts 3 & 4 for HRF Full Patrons. Courts must be reserved in advance by calling the HRF office as these courts will double for tennis and pickleball play.