



# HC WCID 116 / Huntwick Recreation Facilities Newsletter

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## Swimming Pool Water Conservation Methods

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Swimming pools can put a strain on restricted water supplies in drought-prone areas of the country. Even if you live in wet regions of the country, *saving pool water just makes sense.*

In drought situations where water restrictions are in place, some communities prohibit draining (well, filling) a pool, while others limit new pool construction, to manage supply and demand for our most precious natural resource – water.

Today we look at **3 ways to conserve pool water** – reducing evaporation water loss, reducing backwash water loss, and fixing pool water leaks.

### Reduce Evaporative Water Loss



In warm weather, a pool can lose up to 1/4" of water per day from evaporation. Windy areas can lose even more water as warm air whips across the pool surface, absorbing your moist pool water. Here's **5 ways to reduce pool evaporation:**

- 1) **Solar pool covers**, aka solar blankets, will lower pool evaporation by 95%.
- 2) **Liquid solar blankets** – invisible monolayer cuts heat / water loss by 40%.
- 3) **Wind blocks**, like hedges and fences, help reduce water loss further.
- 4) **Limiting** use of fountains and water features curbs evaporation.
- 5) **Lowering** the thermostat on heated pools makes a big impact!

### Reduce Backwash Water Loss



Sand filters and DE filters reverse the flow of water inside the filter tank to back-flush out dirt and restore proper flow rates. Each backwash can use hundreds of gallons of water.

There are **9 ways to reduce backwash waste water:**

- 1) **Bump your DE filter** – a short 15-second backwash, 'bumping' mixes dirt and DE powder to extend filter cycles, delaying a full backwash by 3-6 weeks.
- 2) **Sand Filter Cleaner** – Filter Cleaners remove oil and scale that cause filter pressure to rise rapidly, for a more effective and longer lasting backwash.
- 3) **Robot Pool Cleaners** – remove dirt and debris before it reaches the filter, plus some pool robots can filter the water down below 5 microns.
- 4) **Separation Tanks** – Sep Tanks are primarily used on DE filters, but sand filters can use them as well to clean your backflush waste water, returning fresh water to the pool.
- 5) **Larger Pool Filters** – a big pool filter needs less backwashing than smaller pool filters.

- 6) **Cartridge Pool Filters** – don't need backflushing at all, cartridge filters are hosed clean.
- 7) **Secondary Pool Filters** – like the Slime Bag, or the Skim Bag, reduce the amount of solids in the pool, to lower your backwash frequency.
- 8) **Don't Backwash Too Much** – wait until the pressure gauge reads 10 psi higher than the clean pressure, or water flow rates are noticeably diminished.
- 9) **Don't Backwash Too Long** – two minutes is usually sufficient for most filters.

### Find and Fix Water Leaks



Leak detection and leak repair is a topic discussed at length on this blog, here, and also here. Swimming pools can leak water from almost anywhere in the pool or plumbing, but there are no less than **9 ways your pool could be leaking:**

- 1) **Skimmers:** On concrete pools, pool putty fixes cracks between the skimmer and the pool wall, and new skimmer gaskets to repair vinyl pools leaks.
- 2) **Returns:** On concrete pools, leaks can occur alongside a return pipe. On vinyl and fiberglass pools, leaks from bad return gaskets, on either side of the wall.
- 3) **Lights:** Underwater pool lights can leak through the light cord conduit, which connects to the upper rear of the light niche. Fix with Light Cord Stoppers.
- 4) **Drains:** If not winterized correctly, or vinyl drains can leak around the gasket. Some drains have an automatic hydrostat valve, with a leaking o-ring.
- 5) **Auto-Fills:** automatic pool fillers can leak from auto fill valves, or anywhere along the feed line. Auto-Fills can also mask other pool leaks from notice.
- 6) **Filter Drips:** Many pool systems ooze or drip water from time to time, but slow drips are hardly noticeable in pool water level, yet every drop counts!
- 7) **Pool Cracks:** Gunite pools may leak through cracks in the shell, but more often it's a horizontal crack behind the pool tile; use pool leak dye to verify.
- 8) **Vinyl Liners:** Small pinholes or large tears in pool liners can be fixed with a patch kit, or use Anderson Flexible Sealer for easier underwater liner repairs.
- 9) **Backwash Line:** When multiport valve spider gaskets or springs fail, or when slide valves lose an o-ring, water can continuously leak out of the waste or backwash port.

# HC WCID 116 / Huntwick Recreation Facilities

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
Memorial Day	11:00 am - 8:00 pm

May 31 through August 18	(School Hours)
<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
July 4th	9:00 am - 9:00 pm

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
Labor Day	11:00 am - 8:00 pm

## Huntwick Patriots Swim Team

### Major Event Dates:

- Saturday 5/4 - Practice meet @ 8:30 am
- Saturday 5/11 - Home vs Concord Bridge @ 8:00 am
- Saturday 5/18 - Away vs Cypress Point Cyclones @ 8:00 am
- Saturday 5/25 - Home vs Norchester Dolphins @ 8:00 am
- Saturday 6/1 - Away vs Glencairn Piranhas @ 8:00 am
- Monday 6/3 - Morning practices begin @ 8:00 am
- Saturday 6/8 - Home vs Hearthstone Heatwaves @ 8:00 am
- Saturday 6/15 - Divisionals (location TBD)
- Sunday 6/21 - Awards ceremony @ 5:00 pm

For more information visit:  
<https://huntwick.swimtopia.com/>



## First Friday Bridge



First Friday Bridge will be played at the Huntwick Recreation Facility Clubhouse on Friday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm. The hosts for the month of May will be Tom and Lucy Powers.

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 April are:

First: Donna Ohlson  
Second: Ken Gould  
Third: Alan Saber  
Honors: Ken Gould  
Deuce: Donna Ohlson

## Huntwick Women's Club

The Installation Luncheon will be a Champions Golf Club on Thursday, May 16th at 10:30 am. We will have our favorite menu: soup, Pecan Chicken Salad, berry cobbler, and coffee or tea. The cost is \$37.00. Tax and gratuity are included. Please write your check to Huntwick Women's Club and leave at the home of Annette Kelly at 5335 Olympia Fields. The deadline for reservations is May 13th. Dues for 2019-2020 can be paid at the luncheon. It is still only \$25.00!



## Art After School



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

## Early Morning Adult Swim



Early morning adult swim is being offered for the 2019 swim season. Beginning on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> through August 16<sup>th</sup>, any Full HRF Patron who is 18 years and older interested in taking advantage will have access added to their key card for the pool from 5:00 am to 8:00 am Tuesday thru Friday only. Patrons must vacate pool no later than 8:00 am so as to not interfere with swim team practices beginning June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 am. As there will not be any lifeguards on duty during this time, Patrons are expected to use the buddy system. "Buddy" must be another adult Full Patron and both Patrons must swipe their card at gate entrance to pool. Be sure gates remain closed and keep close tabs on your card key(s). If you are interested in signing up, please send email request to [huntwickrec@comcast.net](mailto:huntwickrec@comcast.net) and access will be added onto your card. If you have lost or need new cards issued, email your request to [huntwickrec@comcast.net](mailto:huntwickrec@comcast.net) and new card(s) will be issued.

## Huntwick Tennis

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## HC WCID 116 / Huntwick Recreation Facilities Schedule

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.	View HRF Schedule of Events online by visiting <a href="https://www.huntwickwater.com/recreation/events-schedule/">https://www.huntwickwater.com/recreation/events-schedule/</a>	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.	1 POOL CLOSED  4:30pm Patron Children's Art Class with Doreen	2 POOL CLOSED	3 POOL OPEN 6:00pm-9:00pm  7:00pm First Friday Bridge	4 POOL OPEN 11:00am-9:00pm  8:30am Patriots @ Home Practice Meet
<b>PATRIOTS PRACTICE M-TH 3:30-7:45PM</b>						
5 POOL OPEN 12:00pm-8:00pm  8:00am Private Event	6 POOL CLOSED	7 POOL CLOSED  4:30pm Private Event	8 POOL CLOSED  4:30pm Patron Children's Art Class with Doreen	9 POOL CLOSED	10 POOL OPEN 6:00pm-9:00pm  6:00pm Patriots Family Fun Night	11 POOL OPEN 11:00am-9:00pm  8:00am Patriots @ Home vs Concord Bridge
<b>PATRIOTS AFTERNOON PRACTICE M-TH 3:30-7:45PM</b>						
12 POOL OPEN 12:00pm-8:00pm  8:00am Private Event  	13 POOL CLOSED  3:00pm Water District Regular Board Meeting	14 POOL CLOSED  7:30pm HCA Board Meeting	15 POOL CLOSED  4:30pm Patron Children's Art Class with Doreen	16 POOL CLOSED	17 POOL OPEN 6:00pm-9:00pm	18 POOL OPEN 11:00am-9:00pm  4:00pm Huntwick Crawfish Boil 7:30pm Movie in the Park @ Donut Lake Hosted by HCA ~ Open to all Huntwick Residents
<b>PATRIOTS AFTERNOON PRACTICE M-TH 3:30-7:45PM</b>						
19 POOL OPEN 12:00pm-8:00pm  8:00am Private Event	20 POOL CLOSED  7:00pm Private Event	21 POOL CLOSED  5:30pm Private Event	22 POOL CLOSED  4:30pm Patron Children's Art Class with Doreen	23 POOL CLOSED	24 POOL OPEN 6:00pm-9:00pm  6:00pm Patriots Family Fun Night	25 POOL OPEN 11:00am-9:00pm  8:00am Patriots @ Home vs Norchester Dolphins
<b>PATRIOTS AFTERNOON PRACTICE M-TH 3:30-7:45PM</b>						
26 POOL OPEN 12:00pm-8:00pm  8:00am Private Event	27 HOLIDAY POOL HOURS 11:00am-8:00pm   HRF Office Closed	28 POOL CLOSED	29 POOL CLOSED  4:30pm Patron Children's Art Class with Doreen	30 POOL CLOSED	31 POOL OPEN 9:00am-9:00pm  6:00pm Private Event-CH	Beginning May 31st thru Aug 18th, Huntwick Pool will be open full schedule: Mon - Closed Tues-Thurs - 11a-8p Fri - 9a-9p Sat - 11a-9p Sun - 12p-8p
<b>PATRIOTS AFTERNOON PRACTICE M-TH 3:30-7:45PM</b>						

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.

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](mailto:huntwickrec@comcast.net).



**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](http://www.huntwickwater.com)

**E-mail Addresses:**  
Customer Service/Billing/Water:  
[customerservice@topswater.com](mailto:customerservice@topswater.com)

Board of Directors: [huntwickwater@comcast.net](mailto:huntwickwater@comcast.net)

Recreation: [huntwickrec@comcast.net](mailto:huntwickrec@comcast.net)

**For Mail to HC WCID 116 Office:**  
HC WCID 116  
5135 Cobles Corner  
Houston, TX 77069

**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](http://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/](http://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.

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**Huntwick Tennis**

**Drop ~N~ Dine**

Parents, enjoy a night out while your children have fun!  
Drop your children off for tennis, dinner, and much more!



June 15 ~ Movie Night § June 29 ~ Swim Night  
6:00 pm ~ 9:00 pm  
\$40 per child  
Additional siblings \$20



**RSVP by June 1st**

Hosted by Coach Andre ~ 832-642-4110  
Huntwick Full Patrons Only



**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.