

## **KMUD In June: Construction Progress Update**

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The Kleinwood MUD (the "Water Board") met once in June in which the primary items of discussion included 1) the review of the ongoing construction projects within the District, 2) status of the ongoing capital projects, and 3) review of the plan for various maintenance projects currently within the District. Please note that the Water Board holds its monthly meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Kleinwood Clubhouse, beginning at 6 PM. Residents of the Kleinwood MUD are welcome to attend, as these meetings are open to the general public.

--- For the Stuebner-Airline trunk utilities, the installation of the water and sewer lines was completed during the month. Pressure testing and site restoration activities will begin in late June and will continue in July. The project is expected to be substantially complete and online by the middle of August. Following completion of these utilities, all landowners along Stuebner-Airline and Cypresswood Drive will be officially notified by KMUD that the utility lines are in place and functional. The notification will also advise all landowners to begin preparing plans for annexation into the District, which is in accordance with the easement contracts executed between the District and each individual landowner.

--- Installation of the water tie-in tap, the water meter, and fire hydrant was started at the new Whataburger, now under construction. The Louetta entrance to the KISD campus was closed off in order to install the tie-in water tap to the new Klein High School, also under construction.

--- The new diesel generator at the Louetta water plant passed its start-up test, is currently online, and readily available to provide a backup water supply. The new generator at the Champions Woods lift station, however, failed to reach 100% capacity due to a natural gas supply issue just downstream of the Centerpoint gas meter. The lift station is associated with sewage treatment, and is not related to water supply. The critical start-up was the backup water supply at the Louetta water plant, in case of a power outage following bad weather. In addition to serving water to customers during a power outage, the backup water supply is critical for fighting a fire that may break out during a power outage.

--- The contract to televise Kleinwood's underground lines will commence in early July, following a pre-construction meeting in late June. The contract duration is 90 days, with an expected completion to be October 5<sup>th</sup>. The contract to recoat the hydro-pneumatic tanks at both water plants was begun in late May --- the tank at the Squyres plant will be done first, and then the tank at the Louetta plant will be done later in the fall, after the peak water usage months have passed.

--- The District used 93% surface water and 7% groundwater in May, a slight reduction in surface water usage from the previous two months. The North Harris County Regional Water Authority (NHCRWA) has stressed the importance of all Water Districts, including KMUD, to use the maximum amount of surface water, as the NHCRWA is under a mandate from the State for the amount of surface water usage statewide for 2011. KMUD is committed to maximizing surface water usage for the remainder of the year.

--- Water accountability (i.e. amount of water coming into the District vs. the amount of water billed to customers) was 97% for June, and a 12 month average of 95.2%.

### **A Piece Of Kleinwood Area History: Town of Spring – Part 3**

The decline of Spring continued from the early 1920's through the depression years. The nearby Missouri Pacific train took men to Houston to find work that was no longer available in their own community. One bright spot in Spring's economy was the A. F. Russell Day Lily Farm, which did an international mail order business. According to Mrs. Gertie Mae Salyers, who worked for Russell, the farm provided seasonal work through the hard years, and helped send many Spring boys to college.

Sunday afternoon pastimes in those days consisted of watching the passenger trains come in or walking the tracks to Cypress Creek. A now dried-up lake in the Birnam Wood area was a favorite campsite for weekends. Early movies shown at the opera house and the Saturday night dances at the Woodmen of the World Hall entertained the local residents. An unusual flurry of excitement was provided by a 1932 bank robbery, rumored to have been pulled off by the infamous Bonnie and Clyde.

Spring's legacy from the Wunsche family includes Wunsche Middle School, built on land donated by the family. A less conspicuous landmark, a very special plot of ground on a tiny wooded knoll in front of Spring High School, is the Wunsche family cemetery. Hemmed in by the northbound frontage road (approaching the Cypresswood Drive intersection) and the rush of the I-45 traffic on the other, the family plot is seldom noticed by passing motorists. The extraordinary cemetery was cared for by the oldest active organization in Spring, a sewing circle started at the turn of the century from the Methodist and Baptist churches.

(Source: "The Heritage Of North Harris County", published in 1977 by the North Harris County Branch of the American Association Of University Women)