

## **KMUD in October: Water Well Performance Tests Rated Excellent**

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The Kleinwood MUD (the "Water Board") met once in October, in which the primary items of discussion included 1) reviewing the annual performance tests conducted at the three District water wells, 2) considering the monthly report from the Harris County Constable's office, and 3) discussing the status of the ongoing construction projects. 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.

--- The District has three operating water wells – two older wells at the Squyres Road facility, and the newest well on Louetta Road, adjacent to Whataburger. As required under state law, performance tests on all wells must be conducted semi-annually by a certified independent inspection company. During the month, the District received a very favorable report from GM Services, a specialized inspection company, that all three wells are in excellent condition. The two wells at Squyres draw their groundwater from two separate aquifers, one at 330 feet deep, drilled in the early 1970's, and one at 530 feet deep, drilled in the late '70's. The Louetta Road well, constructed in 2004, draws water from a depth of 350 feet. Considering that the majority of the District's current water source is from surface water from Lake Houston, the District is confident of its ability to reliably deliver water to its residents in the future.

--- For several years, the District has employed off-duty Harris County sheriffs to patrol our homes and streets within our District. Although not directly related to the District's primary responsibility (i.e., water, sanitary sewer, and drainage), the state allows water districts to employ off-duty patrolmen to provide security for the District's residents. Statistics for September showed 129 District calls, 31 reports written on these calls, 1 felony arrest, 1 misdemeanor arrest, and 127 tickets issued. The monthly cost for this security service is approximately \$10,500.

--- The televising of the District's underground piping has been ongoing for the past several months. One major sewer line decay was seen during the televising process, in a line located on the south boundary of the Kleinwood subdivision, near the west entrance of Meyer Park. Excavation and pipeline repair will be necessary, but no extended disruption of service is anticipated. The repair of the line is expected to be the installation of a slip-line pipe inside the existing pipe, thereby not having to replace the existing pipe.

--- Water accountability (i.e. amount of water coming into the District vs. the amount of water billed to customers) was 93% for July. Surface water usage declined to 37%, as compared to the last several months being well above 90%. Groundwater usage for the month was 63%. Under normal surface water usage of 90%, the monthly billings

to the District average \$70,000 from the NHCRWA. Total water connections increased to 844, four more than last month, and 28 more than September of 2010.

### **A Piece Of Kleinwood Area History: FM 1960 Restaurants**

Before it closed in 1999, Jo-Jo's (since torn down), just east of Popolo Village, was actually the second oldest operating restaurant on FM 1960. Who remembers that the current "Wolfies" (then adjacent to Jo-Jo's) was first built as a Ponderosa Steak House? Or that the Blockbuster on FM 1960 (just east of Barnes and Noble in the Randalls Flagship shopping center) was first a "Tale of the Whale" seafood restaurant, and then converted to a '50's style restaurant. This '50's restaurant, within the spirit of the TV series "Happy Days", was complete with all fifties music and a dance floor. Adjacent to the dance floor sat a real Cadillac, cut in half with the roof removed, that you could sit in while you were enjoying your meal on a table inside the car.

Before Jo-Jo's opened in 1977, the "Mariner Restaurant", once located (but long gone) in a building across from the car wash on FM 1960, just east of Cutten Road, was one of the few sit-down restaurants for miles around. Closer to home, a stand-alone building in the HEB Center started out as a "Del Taco", then to a doughnut shop, before finally becoming a Blockbuster, which was later demolished. The Blockbuster was torn down several years ago to make way for the current Wachovia Bank on Louetta, next to Walgreens. In the mid-70's, the closest McDonald's was the one at FM 1960 and I-45 (actually about 200 yards west of I-45). Strack's Restaurant however has remained unchanged for many decades.

The question is what is the oldest operating, sit down restaurant on FM 1960?

**Answer:** Clementine's, located in the shopping center at Champions Drive and FM 1960, opened in 1974, and is the oldest restaurant in the area. The restaurant originally opened as Sardino's at that location, and changed its name to Clementine's in 1975. Bon Appétit!