

## **A message from Mason Creek Utility District (MCUD)**

The summer months are quickly approaching and the MCUD staff is working diligently to ensure our community pools are in great shape for the upcoming swim season. Each of the three pools have been resurfaced this past winter and a couple of new additions completed. The large lap pool now has a water slide, the wade pool has a continuously running water fountain feature and the dive well has a new and improved 1 meter dive platform. The district's annual open house is scheduled for Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The community center and pool open at 11 a.m., food will be served from Noon to 3 p.m. Access is free for every resident and there will be door prizes for those that sign up for their annual pool membership.

The growth of west Houston continues to drive interest in the few remaining commercial tracts of land that remain available for development in our water district. Numerous developers have inquired about the availability of utilities for open tracts located on Kingsland and Westgreen. While no construction has been approved for any of these developments, we are encouraged by the continued interest in our community as an attractive place to grow and do business.

The cost of water continues to rise and so does the scarcity of the resource. The water level in our local wells have dropped more than 33 feet in that last six years and they continue to fall. The district's minimum monthly charge was increased in April 2016 from \$20.00 to \$20.58. For each 1,000 gallons of water used over the 3,000 gallons minimum during the billing period, the rate increased by .06 cents for the first tier and .15 cents for the highest tier (more than 20,000 gallons). Most of this increase is related to meeting requirements set out by the City of Houston as part of the ground water reduction program.

Last year MCUD began a new initiative to increase the awareness of water conservation within the community offering a free inspection of residential irrigation systems and providing free moisture-sensing devices that turn-off irrigation when it rains. The district has continued to provide this no cost service to the community. For more details on how to participate visit this link or call our district office.

[http://www.mculd.com/conservation\\_irrigation.php](http://www.mculd.com/conservation_irrigation.php)

The residents of our district continue to embrace the recycling program as participation continues to grow rapidly. Our waste collection contractor Best Trash LLC collects an average of 37.5 tons per month of recyclable material from our community. This material is separated at a collection facility located in Houston where a majority of what we recycle is sold to post consumer markets for repurposing into other products. Best Trash offers two different sized recycle containers, a red tub/tote and a larger 48 gallon container on wheels for those that have a larger weekly volume to be collected. If you need a second container, a larger container or a replacement container please contact the district office at 281-578-7272 or email at [directors@mcud.com](mailto:directors@mcud.com) for more information or help.