





## **CITY COUNCIL NEWS:**

At its May 18 Regular Meeting Council discussed a possible ordinance that would bring management of the Bevil Oaks Municipal Utilities District under City operations. Since the failed bond election in November, Council has had citizens requesting action to be taken to dissolve the District to the point that it was necessary to carefully consider whether or not such action would be in the best interest of the community. Research determined that there could be some savings by combining operations into one entity but, the most important factor was the fact that, because of grants received by the City, the City is in a financial position to offer substantial assistance to the District's capital improvements if the two were merged. The Texas Water Code allows for the Board of a utility district to vote to dissolve itself if it is determined to be in the best interest of the citizens. The Texas Local Government Code allows a City to create an ordinance to abolish a utility district if it is determined to be in the best interest of the community. Council agreed to look further into the issue and scheduled a special public hearing for Tuesday, May 25, 2010 to allow citizens to ask questions and offer their opinions on the matter.

Representatives from the local office of Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) attended the May 25th public hearing and explained to those present that the District's sewer plant is in average condition for a plant its age and in comparison to other utility district plants. They emphasized that our most urgent need is to stop the Influx and Infiltration of storm water into the sewer lines which is the source of our problems. They indicated that addressing these issues in an on-going manner will give relief to the waste water treatment plant and should significantly decrease the chance of overflow during heavy rains.

Council will determine what action it will take regarding this matter at its June 15, 2010 meeting.

### **Other items of interest are:**

**Bevil Oaks received a Class 8 rating in the Community Rating System (CRS) program. Please refer to the insert in this newsletter for more facts and how it will effect your flood insurance premiums.**

The City has been awarded a \$23,000 Energy Grant that will be used to evaluate the City Hall building for energy efficient upgrades and to fund all or part of those upgrades.

The Community Development Disaster Grant in the amount of \$760,000 has finally been certified and engineers are busy getting bids for materials; final touches to the building design for the new fire station; and, a schedule finalized with Jefferson County Precinct #1 to start the road repairs. Road work is tentatively scheduled to start the middle of July. Because we were delayed a good six months in getting our final approval of funds, we will not be able to complete all of the road work before this year's rainy season starts. We have divided the road work into two phases and will try to get the worst streets done this year. The first street will be River Rd. and that street will be completely re-done from Rolling Hills to Moss Hill including the insertion of larger culverts to keep the water from crossing the street during heavy rainfall. The next street will be Sweetgum from Alaskan to Inwood. We will continue on with the top priority streets until we are forced to stop due to weather. Phase 2 will begin in early 2011.

Because of the delay previously mentioned and because the process of constructing a building is more complicated than road work, it appears that, by the time all plans are finalized and approved, we will be late enough in the year that it would not be wise to begin construction on the fire station due to weather. Construction should begin as early as possible in 2011.

### **BEVIL OAKS MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT (BOMUD) NEWS:**

At a special meeting held June 2, BOMUD Directors addressed the issue of abolishment of the District by the City of Bevil Oaks and voted not to dissolve the District. Another agenda item was to review outstanding issues regarding the waste water plant. Their engineer, Dr. Hani Tohme, explained the various processes he felt was most important at this time to correct the issues discussed by the TCEQ representatives at the public hearing on May 25. He was authorized to bring cost estimates for the completion of these projects to the District's regular meeting, June 8, 2010.

At the District's June 8 regular meeting, Dr. Tohme presented a price of \$22,700 for the flow monitoring project which would cover a time span of ninety (90) days. During this time, if it does not rain enough to monitor effectively, the project can be extended for another thirty (30) days for a cost of \$5,640. Dr. Tohme plans to use the RJN Group for this project. They will place monitors at strategic locations, move them as necessary, collect data and submit a report of their findings. In addition, samples from representative points will be collected to determine the makeup of the sewer and determination of plant loading. The cost for this part of the project is approximately \$3,000. Dr. Tohme has a contract with B.O.M.U.D. for his engineering services and all of the costs mentioned above are covered under his contract. These are not additional costs.



### **B.O.M.U.D. Other Items of Interest**

A second water meter is available to citizens for maintenance of swimming pools; lawn sprinkler systems; pressure washing, etc. You will only be billed for the water you use. There is no sewer charge. The installation charge is \$125.00. Please call BOMUD at 409-753-2126 if you are interested in this service.

Also, grease is an on-going problem for our collection system, lift stations and waste water treatment system. Please help us reduce this problem by doing your part and properly dispose of used cooking oil. Please do not pour it down the drain.

In order to assure that your payments are properly posted to your accounts, please do not forget to include your account number on your checks.

### **JEFFERSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1 (JCESD#1) NEWS:**

Fire and emergency medical services are still suffering from lack of volunteers to cover the day and week-end shifts. Chief Gonzales is considering bringing this issue to citizens in the District to make them aware of the severity of the problem and to advise them that it may become necessary to hire qualified personnel to assure citizens that they will have quick response to their needs during the day and on week-ends. Hiring qualified personnel will mean that a tax increase will be necessary to cover the expense. However, if qualified volunteers do not step forward, there may not be any choice but to take that route. Until this matter is resolved, please know that if you have an emergency during the hours between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., your 911 call will be answered by a responder located in our general area and response time will depend upon how far that responder has to travel to get to you. If you have time to volunteer during these hours, please contact Chief Gonzales at 409-548-2424. Training will be provided for you if necessary. Volunteers, please step forward and help the District solve this problem that is a very serious situation for our community and the entire District which covers 32 square miles.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES:**

Yard-of-the-Month contest started in May. Winners of the May 2010 Yard of the Month are;

**Don & Juanez Moss  
13560 Wayside Drive**

Drive by and view this beautiful yard and, if you are lucky, maybe you will get invited to view the gorgeous back yard. This month's sign should read "Front & Back" Yard of the Month!

Everyone is encouraged to participate in this activity. Whether or not you are a winner, you have made a huge contri-

### **B.I.S.D. PETITION CIRCULATING IN BEVIL OAKS:**



**Mission:** To provide the constituents of the Beaumont Independent School District (BISD) better representation on the BISD Board of Trustees by proposing to change the seven single member trustee districts to five single member districts with two at-large position.

**About the petition:** The petition can potentially change the configuration of Beaumont's school board representatives to a format that is similar to that at the City of Beaumont—which would give all voters more representation on the board with three board members instead of one

B.E.T.T.E.R. hopes to create a greater voice for all BISD voters so that everyone has a total of three representatives that will listen to the concerns of their constituents.

**For more information about the petition please visit  
[www.bisdpetition.com](http://www.bisdpetition.com)**

**SUNDAY, JULY 4—STARTING AT 6:00 p.m.  
On the grounds of First Baptist Church**

**JULY 4TH CELEBRATION**

# **JUNE 2010 NEWSLETTER**

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