

HARRIS COUNTY

MUD 217

WINTER 2024

SAVE THE DATE:

*Winterfest*

WITH

*Santa & Mrs Claus*

DEC 7TH FROM 11-2

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# DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT ON

## CORDELIA BROWN



Harris County MUD 217 proudly shines the spotlight on Cordelia Brown, our dedicated and hardworking President.

Cordelia's commitment to our community has made her a driving force for positive change and an invaluable asset to our MUD Board.

Cordelia was born and raised in Houston and has called Heritage Village her home since 1997. That same year, she married her husband, Jessie, who shares her dedication to community service and currently serves on the Heritage Village HOA Board. Together, they have built a life centered on family and community, raising five children—Latria, Keith, Karista, Jessica, and Jessie II—in a neighborhood they both work hard to improve.

Cordelia began her journey in local service in 1998 as a member of the Heritage Village HOA Board of Directors. In this role, she helped strengthen the community by organizing events such as Fun Day in the Park, decorating the front entrance for Christmas, neighborhood garage sales, and the annual community cleanup (which later expanded to a bi-annual event). She also supported National Night Out, a partnership event with MUD 217 that continued until 2018. In 2004, she took her commitment further by joining the Harris County MUD 217 Board, where she continued to encourage neighborhood involvement through new events, including food drives, Christmas with Santa, Fourth of July celebrations, and most recently, Juneteenth.

Now serving as the Board President, Cordelia has been instrumental in fostering a safe and

welcoming environment for all residents, with a particular focus on creating a safe community for children. Her ultimate goal is to ensure that her kids, along with all children in the community, grow up in a neighborhood they can be proud of.

Beyond her service, Cordelia is a family woman who enjoys spending her free time with loved ones, fishing, and reading. These personal interests keep her grounded and inspire her to continue working hard for the community she holds dear. Cordelia's dedication, paired with her warmth and vision, makes her an inspiring leader, one who consistently strives to make Heritage Village a better place for every resident.

Harris County MUD 217 extends a heartfelt thank you to Cordelia for her dedication, leadership, and commitment to our community. We are truly fortunate to have her at the helm, guiding our neighborhood towards a brighter future. Thank you, Cordelia, for all you do!



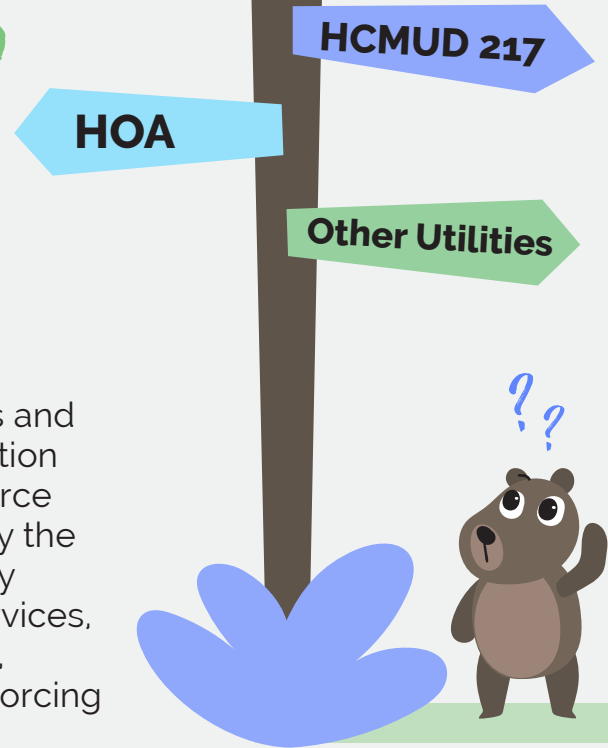
*Thank you for your service!*

# WHO TO ASK?

When you see an issue or have a question do you know who to ask?

The MUD? The HOA? Other Utilities?

Each entity has a different set of powers, functions and responsibilities. While the HOA is a private association created to manage a neighborhood and help enforce its rules, a MUD is a political subdivision created by the State as a local governmental entity. MUDs primary responsibilities are to provide water and sewer services, but they can also offer other services like garbage, recycling, security, recreational amenities, and enforcing of deed restrictions.



**However, not all issues within the District are the responsibility of the MUD. Please review the list below to assist whom to contact.**

## Harris County MUD 217

- Heritage Park Detention
- Water / Sewage
- Trash Service
- Additional Private Security
- Community Events
- Administrative Building Rental
- Gym

## Law Enforcement Services

- Harris County Pct. 4 Constable's Office
- Harris County Sheriff's Office
- Emergency & Non-Emergency

## Heritage Village HOA

- Annual Assessment Fees
- Parking
- Pool Oversight (tags, lifeguard, maintenance)
- Swords Creek Playground
- Deed Restrictions and Violations

## Centerpoint Energy

- Streetlights

## Harris County Precinct 1

Commissioner Rodney Ellis

- Roads
- Street Signs
- Sidewalks
- Bridges



# RECENT EVENTS

## Easter Egg-travaganza

Our annual Easter Egg-travaganza is a community favorite and this year was no different. This event brought joy and excitement as we welcomed the Easter Bunny back to the neighborhood. We can't wait to celebrate again next year!



## Juneteenth Celebration

The inaugural Juneteenth Celebration hosted by Harris County MUD 217 was a tremendous success, thanks to the wonderful support from our community. It's this enthusiasm that enables us to continue celebrating and honoring our shared heritage. Thank you to everyone who attended, and we look forward to seeing you again next year!



## National Night Out

Our National Night Out was a great success, bringing together residents for an evening of food, games, and community spirit. This event is part of Harris County MUD 217's commitment to fostering strong police-community partnerships and building camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and more welcoming for all. We extend our gratitude to the residents and law enforcement officers who joined us in this shared effort to create a caring community!



## Fall Clean-Up Event

A big thank you to all who participated in our Fall Clean-Up Event! Your efforts made a noticeable difference in keeping our community beautiful and clean. We're grateful to everyone who contributed to this initiative and showed pride in our neighborhood. Thank You to Our Community!



***Harris County MUD 217 deeply appreciates the involvement of our residents in making each of our events a success. Your support allows us to continue hosting meaningful community gatherings, and we look forward to seeing even more of you at our upcoming events!***

***Don't forget to visit our website for photos of past events and to stay updated on future events!***





# UPCOMING EVENTS



*Harris County MUD 217 invites you  
and your family to share*



## *Winterfest with Santa and Mrs Claus*

*When:*

**SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER. 7TH  
FROM 11AM TO 2PM**

*Where:*

**HCMUD217 ADMIN  
BUILDING  
12248 TC JESTER BLVD**

**FOOD – GAMES & PRIZES – DJ – PHOTO BOOTH – RAFFLE – MUCH MORE!!!**



# WATER CONSERVATION *Tips*

As water becomes an increasingly precious resource, homeowners can make a real impact by incorporating water-saving practices into daily routines.

These tips and tricks not only conserve water but also reduce utility bills and contribute to environmental sustainability.

## Fix Leaks Promptly

Even small leaks in faucets, toilets, or pipes can waste significant amounts of water over time. Regularly check for leaks and repair them promptly to prevent water wastage.

## Shorten Shower Times

Try to limit showers to five minutes or less, and consider installing a water-saving shower timer to help keep track. Shortening your showers by just a few minutes can save hundreds of gallons each month.

## Use Water-Efficient Appliances

Modern appliances are designed with water conservation in mind. Consider upgrading to water-efficient dishwashers and washing machines, which use significantly less water than older models. When using these appliances, always run them with full loads to maximize water efficiency.

## Install Low-Flow Fixtures

Low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators reduce water flow without sacrificing pressure. This lowers water usage and saves homeowners money. Low-flow toilets, which use about half as much water per flush as older models, are also highly effective.

## Harvest Rainwater

By setting up rain barrels or cisterns to collect rainwater from your roof, you can store water for use in your garden or even for non-potable indoor purposes like toilet flushing.

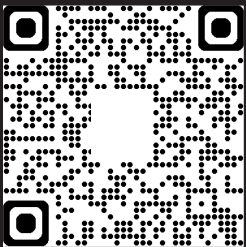
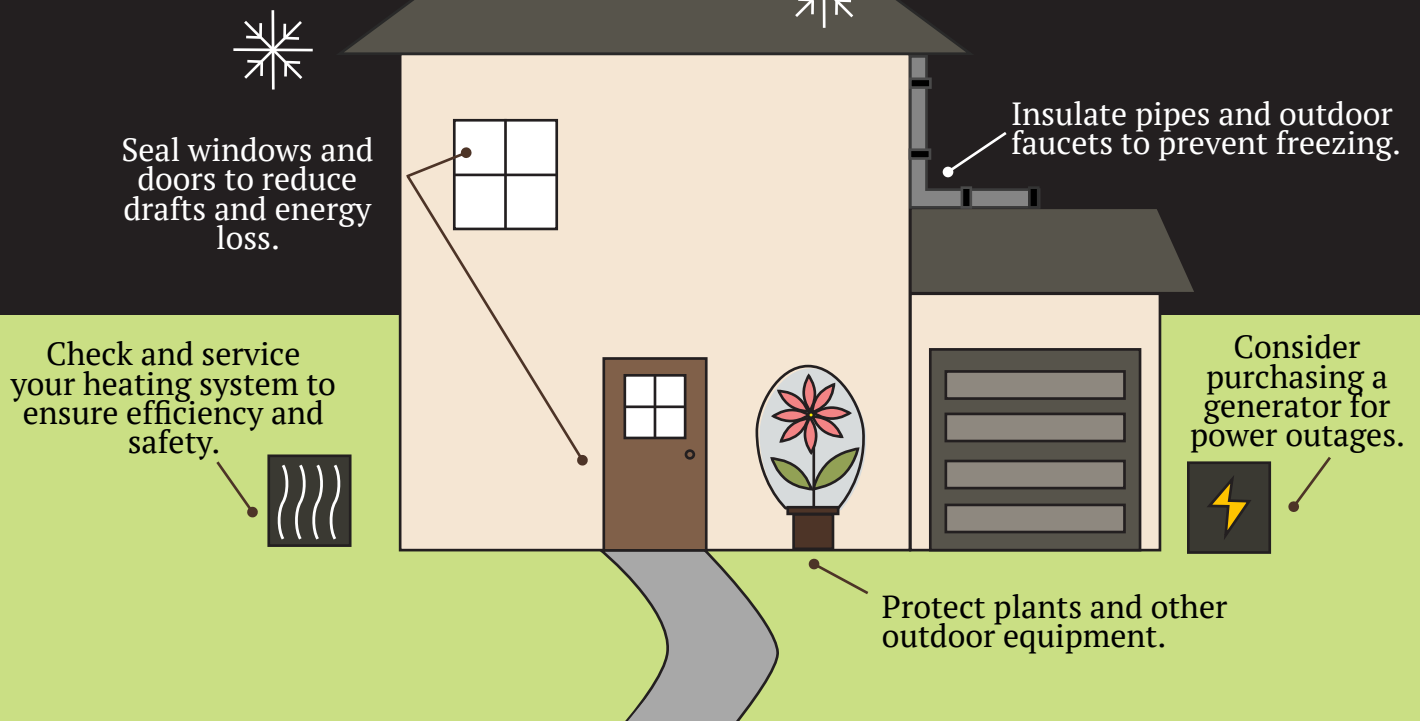
## Water Wisely

Homeowners can conserve water by choosing native, drought-resistant plants that thrive in their region's climate, reducing the need for irrigation. If you have a lawn, water it deeply but infrequently, and do so in the early morning or late evening to minimize evaporation.



# WINTERIZING YOUR HOME

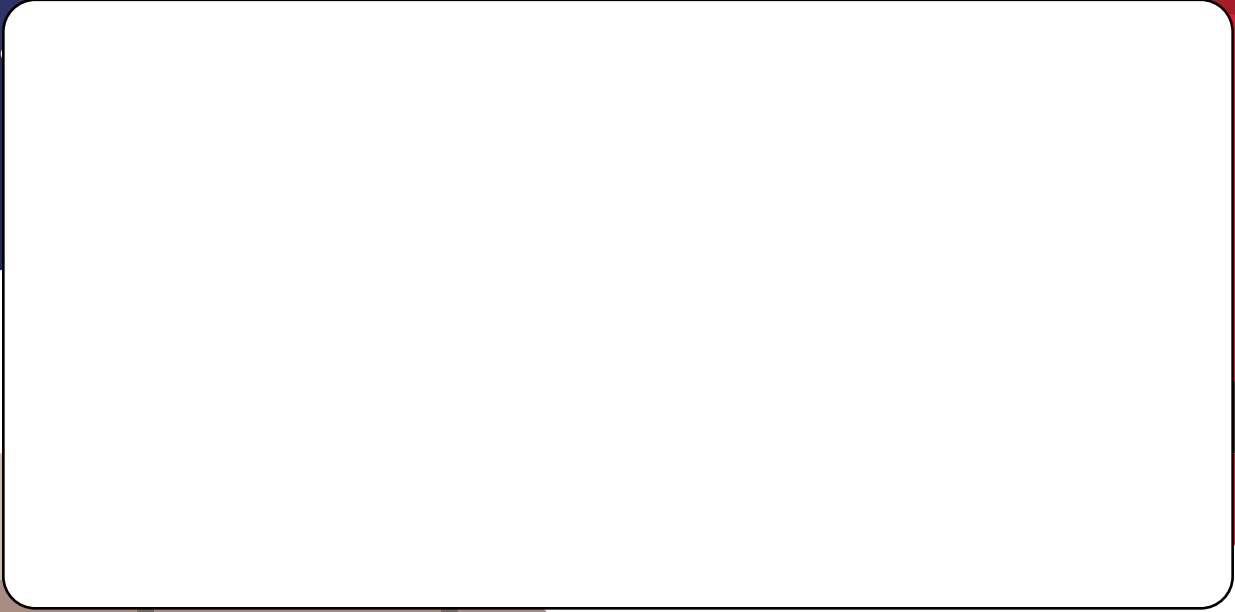
Winter in Houston can be unpredictable, with temperatures that range from mild to freezing and occasional snow and ice storms. Preparing for winter is essential for Texas homeowners, as freezing conditions can lead to significant challenges, such as power outages and frozen pipes. Here are some effective steps to get your home winter-ready and safe for the season ahead.



**Scan here to sign up for District alerts, and be ready to act if severe weather is approaching.**

Keep an eye on the weather forecast during winter, and stay informed about any potential winter weather advisories in your area.

While Texas winters are often mild, recent severe winter storms have shown how important it is for homeowners to be prepared for extreme weather. Insulating pipes, checking heating systems, sealing drafts, and having emergency supplies on hand can help Texas homeowners stay safe, comfortable, and resilient against winter's unpredictable challenges.



# Numbers to Know



## Number

**Situation**  
Emergency (Life Threatening, Eminent Danger)  
Report a Criminal Act  
File a Complaint (nuisances & other misdemeanors)  
Report Suspicious Persons or Activity  
Water or Sewer Issues (W/W/MS)  
Garbage Service (Texas Pride)  
Heritage Park Matters (MUD217)  
MUD Admin Bldg Events  
Animal Control

911  
911  
713-221-6000  
mud217sec@gmail.com  
281-895-8547  
281-342-8178  
832-249-7000  
832-993-3191  
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**Text YES to (832) 610-2511 or visit [www.hcmud217.com/alerts](http://www.hcmud217.com/alerts) for Resident Alerts**

For any other questions or comments regarding the MUD and its functions, please visit our website or contact@hcmud217.com