

## **An Overview of Prestonwood Forest Utility District**

The Prestonwood Forest Utility District (the District) is located approximately one mile north of the intersection of FM 1960 and State Highway 249 in Harris County, Texas. The District provides drinking water and wastewater services to an area encompassing all of the Prestonwood Forest subdivision, Schroeder Oaks subdivision, four adjacent apartment and condominium complexes, two churches and numerous businesses. Water service encompasses over 1000 connections and over 2000 residences and businesses. Typically, the District furnishes approximately 500,000 gallons of water a day during the winter months and approximately 1,000,000 gallons of water a day during summer months when irrigation rates are highest.

The current Prestonwood Forest Utility District (PFUD) was organized according to Texas State Water Codes and was created in 1977 by the combination of the Tomball Road Utility District (formed 1969) and the Prestonwood Public Utility District (formed 1971). These latter two districts were servicing the Prestonwood Forest Subdivision up until 1977. PFUD was organized as a municipal utility district under the water code and is subject to the provisions of the code. Water districts are subject to the adjacent city (Houston) extra territorial jurisdictional (EJT) rules, and were originally intended as a temporary funding measure until the city of Houston annexed the area. Multiple political and economic factors have changed over the years such that the current District remains in operation now, and for the foreseeable future.

The District's fresh water resources are two water wells drawing water from the Jasper aquifer and additional surface water from the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (NHCRWA). Well No. 1 is located at the end of Cambourne Lane and Well No 2 is located east of Schroeder Road immediately north of the Willowood Villas condominiums. Combined the two wells have the potential to supply all of the District's needs, but drought conditions during the summer of 2011 have certainly strained their capacity. All water distributed by the District is treated with chloramines to maintain the safety throughout the system. Additional information about our water is available from the 2010 annual water quality report located on this web site.

The District also operates a wastewater treatment site at the north end of Prestonwood Forest Drive and Cypresswood Drive. This site treats all waste water from the district including all residences and businesses. It is operated within strict standards set and enforced by (and including) the City of Houston, Harris County, The State of Texas and the Federal EPA. The plant maintains a discharge back to Cypress Creek that meets or exceeds all regulatory standards.

The District is responsible for operating and maintaining the water and wastewater lines up to the meter or connection to your home or business. While some of this infrastructure is almost 40 years old, the District's maintenance program is designed to keep the system operating to provide safe water delivery and wastewater treatment to every customer. The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section of this web site will provide answers to what you should do in case of a water leak, a sink hole, or other problems associated with your service. If you have questions at any time, please call one of the District's board members or Water District Management, the company that operates all of the District's systems.

## **WHAT THE DISTRICT DOES NOT DO-----**

- maintain streets or storm sewers. They are maintained by Harris County, Precinct 4.
- provide solid waste (trash) service, provide parks (tennis courts, pool), law enforcement (patrols) or esplanade maintenance. These services are provided by the Prestonwood Forest Maintenance Association.

Links to some of these agencies, where available, are provided on this site.

Please click on the following to review the District's

- Rate Order
  - Details of the orders defining service costs, restrictions, and other requirements regarding water use in Prestonwood Forest Utility District.
- Water Conservation Plan
  - Details of the contingency plan to conserve and ration water in case of drought or other water shortage emergency.
- Water Quality Report
  - A summary of the latest details concerning Prestonwood Forest's water quality.