

POTPOURRI

Harris County Water Control and Improvement District #110

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The Water Board Building: 281-353-0998; Constable's office: 281-376-3472;
Trash pickup: Republic Waste Services, Inc. 713-849-0400.

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► **ACCORDING TO THE LATEST REPORT** about 97% of all the taxes owed to your Water District for 2006 have been paid. Only about 155 accounts are delinquent. While this is about 12% of the District's customers, the amount of taxes owing are only 3:1 % of the total taxes levied by the District. The smallest amount owing by the delinquent accounts is only \$3.45. The largest amount owed is a whopping \$15,678.57. Quite a spread!

► **THERE IS GOOD NEWS ABOUT TAXES** for the folks living in the WCID #110 district. Back in 1993 the tax rate per \$100.00 of appraised value was \$0.69. From that point the tax rate has gone down almost steadily. The rate stuck at \$0.54 for the four years from 2001 through 2004. Since then the trend has been downward: \$0.53 for 2005 and 0.50 for 2006. No one would be happier than the Directors of the Water Board should this trend continue. The District tax rate for WCID #110 residents is among the lowest in the county. By the way, if your WCID #110 taxes have increased, the reason is that the Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD) has raised their appraisal of the worth of your property. You can always protest the HCAD appraisal if you do it before the deadline. If you missed out protesting what you consider an unfair appraisal this year, be sure to do so next year. HCAD informs you each year of their appraisal and tells you of the deadline for protesting their appraisal. Several companies offer to protest the appraisal for you. They have the data and spend the time necessary to make the protest in your behalf. They charge you only if they are able to save you money. Their charge is usually only a certain percentage of the savings.

► **THE MAJORITY** of the tax money collected is used to pay bonds that have been sold to provide infrastructure necessary for water distribution, collection and improvement. The tax rate also includes an amount for maintaining the facilities. Other income for the District comes from the monthly bills, from developers in the District and from a special tax sharing plan with the City of Houston. These extra sources of income are being used to keep property values steady or increasing within the District. Some of the funds have retired bonds, which have helped lower tax rates. Other funds are being used to improve the desirability of living in the district by providing recreational facilities. All of this helps maintain and even possibly increase the value of the homes in the District.

► **A bit of philosophy:** "Tact is the knack of making a point without making an enemy." *Sir Isaac Newton, 1642-1727*

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