

## **BE WATER-WISE:**

**SAVE WATER - SAVE MONEY.**

**WASTE WATER – WASTE MONEY**

*When you conserve water you help minimize the ever-present possibility of depleting precious water resources.*

*Nowadays you also save a significant amount of money. With the advent of the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (NHCRWA), over which WCID #110 has no control, water rates have soared.*

### **STRANGE BEHAVIORS CAN OCCUR**

**SOMETIMES** when a person continues to be committed to a particular cause. For example, depending on how far from a water heater a faucet is and how cold the weather happens to be, a good deal of water usually goes down the drain before hot water reaches the faucet. Have you ever seen someone put a container under that faucet, catch all the cold water before it is wasted and save it to put on plants or to be used in some other productive way rather than wasted? When you see that you are looking at a person who takes seriously the need to use water frugally. If you expect never to see someone do this sort of thing, how about trying it yourself. Who knows, someone else may be watching you hoping to observe a good example.

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## Harris County Water Control and Improvement District #110

Web pages: [hcwcid110.com](http://hcwcid110.com) and [fosrc.com](http://fosrc.com); Water/Sewer Service: Environmental Development Partners (EDP), 832-467-1599; Forest Oaks Swim and Racquet Club, the Water Board Building and Jody Dellinger, Parks and Recreation Manager: 281-353-0998; Kay Divin, Water and Sewer Manager: 281-355-1400; Constable's office: 281-376-3472; Trash pickup: Waste Connections, 281-446-0239; Recycling: Residential Recycling of Texas, 1-866-516-9805 (or call Kay at 281-355-1400).

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► **PROPERTY VALUES** in the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District #110 (the District) have shrunk by several points. However, the picture may not be as bad as some folks may be thinking. In the five years from 2007-2011 the highest total of assessed values was for the year 2008: \$510.4 million. The lowest total of assessed values during this period was for the year 2010: \$470.5 million. Then for 2011 the total began to rise ending at \$471.6 million. The 2011 total was only a little less than 8% lower than the 2008 high. The establishment of several new businesses had something to do with the rise but let us hope that the assessed values of residences at least had something to do with it.

► **HAVE YOU RECEIVED** your new water meter yet? At the present time the District is continuing a program of testing water meters and replacing or repairing faulty ones. For the customer this means that he will be paying only for the water actually used. For the District this means that water is not being given away. This certainly looks like one of those "win/win" situations.

► **THIS SEASON MAY WELL BE**, as the song says, "the most wonderful time of the year." But never forget that it is also the time of the year when thievery becomes more commonplace. Each month our security officers produce a report reflecting crime activity in the District for the previous month. Cars being broken into and the contents stolen is always high on the list. This will be especially true with the rise in the amount of shopping that accompanies the present season. One person recently reported that their car was entered and the contents stolen while they were in the store shopping. But when the officers asked if the car had been locked the person had to admit, embarrassingly, that they had neglected to lock their vehicle. Among the various suggestions given to lessen the probability of this type of loss happening to you, two stand out prominently: (1) Lock your car before you leave it; (2) Do not leave any valuables in the car in a place where they can be seen. Some of these bad guys just can't resist the temptation!

► **COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS** continue to occur in the District. If plans materialize we will soon have a Bullritos eating establishment serving Mexican food, an Icy Donut shop and a Senior Citizens Memory Care facility in the District.

► **A bit of philosophy:** " If you think you haven't much to be thankful for, why not be thankful for some of the things you *don't* have." – *Anonymous*

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