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Harris County Water Control and Improvement District #110

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► **IT AIN'T OVER YET!** Somehow we all know it from personal experience, but news sources tell us that Texas is still in the grip of a drought that is worse than any in the recorded history of the region. Just go a little north and take a look at Lake Conroe, a major source of water for Harris County. Receding water levels are leaving muddy banks with some piers soon to be, if not already, high and dry. Recent rains have helped but have not cured the problem. According to qualified sources no end is now in sight. Underground water sources are dropping precipitously. There are no present prospects for the rain needed to recharge the aquifers. While there are numerous commercial uses of available water, the largest potential for saving water lies with the general public. The effort to save water must begin with each individual. Just a 10 to 15 percent reduction in personal water usage by each person, a reachable goal for most people, would have a definite impact on diminishing water supplies. In addition millions of dollars would be saved because of reduced water bills. The old bromides are true: "Waste not, want not," and "You don't miss the water till the well runs dry."

► **WHAT COULD THESE HAVE IN COMMON:** "Spring Lodge Motel," "Sally Beauty Supply," "Regency Beauty Institute," "Target Superstore," "Big Texas Dancehall and Saloon," "Best Buy," "LA Fitness," "Home Depot," "Lowe's Home Improvement Center," and private driveways? Yep, they are all located nearby and they provide parking spaces for automobiles. But also, during the month of November, each of these was a scene for criminal activity including assaults, theft of merchandise over \$50.00, unlawful entry, and theft from a motor vehicle – even to the point of stealing parts like a catalytic converter off of a motor vehicle! Bottom line: the bad guys know that this "most wonderful time of the year" provides more opportunities for them to do their thing. Be alert. Be aware. Be safe: (1) Make sure someone knows where you are going and when you will return; (2) Park as close to a lighted area as possible; (3) Avoid being weighted down with numerous bags, making yourself more vulnerable; (4) Carry a fully charged cell phone; (5) Have keys in hand before entering the parking lot; (6) Lock parked motor vehicles; (7) Do not leave valuable merchandise in a vehicle where it can be seen; (8) Report suspicious or criminal activity. These reminders are not new but they bear repeating.

► **AS A SERVICE TO RESIDENTS** the WCID #110 board has approved the installation of a large digitally controlled full color sign at the District office on Joan Leigh. Plans continue to be developed for the many ways the sign can be of service to WCID #110 residents.

► **A bit of philosophy:** "The difference between genius and stupidity is – genius has its limits." – *Albert Einstein*

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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.

IT PAYS FOR ITSELF! For about twenty dollars or so the average home owner could install two low-flow shower heads, place dams or bottles in the toilet tanks, install low-flow aerators on the faucets and repair dripping faucets and leaking toilets. This would save a family of four 10,000 to 25,000 gallons of water per year. The original cost for the improvements would be paid back in less than a year.