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## Harris County Water Control and Improvement District #110

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► **ACCORDING TO THE EXPERTS** the entire state of Texas has been and is being affected by the present drought. Trees and other vegetation are dying due to a lack of moisture. Wildfires are proliferating, some of them mighty close to Houston and its environs. Once-beautiful ponds and lakes are dotted with muddy islands that had been hidden by surface water. Livestock is being auctioned off; crops are burning up and drinking water, at least in some locations, has become a matter of concern. Ten beautiful trees in our own *Forest Oaks Park* have become victims of the drought already with more expected to die before it's all over. No one knows how long the drought will last but some forecasters are talking in terms of years. This is an excellent time to reflect on just how valuable water actually is. If there ever was a time to be especially "water-wise" this is one of them.

► **DURING DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES** many families experience considerable difficulty in keeping their bills paid. This has certainly affected some households in the WCID #110 District. But there is a bright side to this picture: only a little over 4% of the said households are delinquent in paying their water bills. Since the District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas it must respect the regulation that it cannot give water away. If someone in the District knows someone who has difficulty paying their water bill through no fault of their own, this would be an opportunity to be a "good neighbor" and offer a little help.

► **IT'S "MARK-YOUR-CALENDAR" TIME.** Some exciting events are scheduled for Forest Oaks Park and recreation areas according to Jody Dellinger, the intrepid Parks and Recreation manager for the District: Tuesday, October 4, 5-8 p. m.: *National Night Out* for the whole District – neighbors greeting neighbors, food, drink, kids' activities, bounce houses, fire trucks, police cars, etc.; Saturday, October 22, 8 a. m. – 6 p. m.: *Klein Oaks Tennis Tournament Fundraiser*. Contact the Forest Oaks office (281/353-0998) to sign up; Saturday, October 29, 7 a. m.: *Lemm Elementary 5K Run Fundraiser*; Saturday, November 19, 12 m.-7 p. m.: *Third Annual Fall Festival in the Park* (the best yet!) – food, drink, music (at least three bands), rides, crafts, bounce houses, 32-foot rock climbing wall, trackless train, gyro gravity ride and more.

► **DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT** continue to occur. At least two are under construction: *Golden Corral* (on the east side of I-45) and the "*Villas of Holzwarth*" complex, 2111 Old Holzwarth Road.

► **A bit of philosophy:** About a lady facing death: "... she had a terrible fear of disappearing, not so much from the earth, we all did that, but from the minds of those she'd known." From the novel, "Brothers," William Goldman, author.

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