



Mayor's Newsletter

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I'm sure I speak for all of us when I say that I'm grateful to see cooler weather and rain finally arriving. At the time I am writing this letter, we're still awaiting word from the City of Houston (the supplier of most of our water) regarding the lifting of drought restrictions in place. I want to thank everyone for their effort to conserve water, and I'm looking forward to hopefully seeing the restrictions lifted soon.

On the subject of water, many of you have probably heard about the changes in water and sewer rates that went into effect on October 1st. I want to spotlight a major change in the way your bill is calculated. Previously, sewer charges for each customer were based on the average water usage by that customer from November through February. Since wastewater flows aren't metered, this provided a reasonable estimate of sewer use during a time when water consumption that didn't enter the sewer system, such as lawn irrigation or filling a swimming pool, was fairly low.

Beginning this month, sewer charges will be based on each month's water consumption instead of the prior averaging system. Irrigation meters, however, will continue to be exempt from sewer charges. You may not notice a difference now, but it could impact your utility bill as we enter the warmer months next year. I raise this issue because many of you may save a substantial amount of money by having a second meter installed for lawn irrigation. To get more information on this process, please contact the water billing department at 713-466-2111.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that city council has placed three bond proposals on the November ballot for voter approval. The funds from the sale of the bonds will be used to replace aging streets as well as water and sewer lines. In addition, city council has proposed replacing the Clark Henry Park pool with a new one and making other improvements to our parks. You can find more information about the proposals on the city's website by clicking on the red icon labeled "2023 Bond Referendum".

Early voting will begin on October 23rd and Election Day is November 7th. I encourage folks to read up on the proposed bonds. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 713-515-2958.

Your neighbor,

Bobby Warren
Mayor