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## MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

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Because of the many changes in and around our community, the Champions Municipal Utility District (the “District”) Board of Directors (the “Board”) would like to issue the inaugural report, which is a brief recap of what is “going on”.

**Champions Drive Project.** The most visible and far-reaching project is clearly the Champions Drive rebuilding. Commissioner Jack Cagle approached the Board in 2017 regarding the possibility of participating in a project which would not only beautify the main entrance to the Champions Community, but also solve some issues plaguing the District, namely, slow drainage out of Champions West after the widening of F.M. 1960 many years ago. So, after a drainage study of the entire District by Harris County which showed significant drainage improvements, the Board agreed to contribute about \$4 million, of which Cy-Champ PUD, our neighbor to the west, has agreed to contribute about 10%, which is the share of the drainage area for which they are responsible. All of the District’s contributions to the Champions Drive Project have come from cash, not debt.

Other benefits to the District of the Champions Drive Project include getting water out of the District faster, beautifying the main entrance street, upgrading the walking trail and making it safer, and installing irrigated landscaping with upscale lighting along Champions Drive. All construction updates are on the District website: [www.ChampionsWater.com](http://www.ChampionsWater.com).

**Wastewater Treatment Relocation.** A few years ago, when it came time for a major rehab of the original sewer plant of the District at the north end of Paradise Valley, engineering evaluations and the availability of reasonably-priced capacity in the Kleinwood Joint Powers Board (“KJPB”) Wastewater Treatment Plant (the “Plant”) at Meyer Park led to the Board’s decision to reroute our wastewater to the KJPB Plant for long term significant savings. This project was funded with our recently voted Bonds.

**Reclaimed Water Project.** The District had been furnishing Champions Golf Club (the “Golf Club”) treated effluent water from the original sewer plant for over 20 years. With the transfer of treatment to the KJPB Plant, the original source of reclaimed water was no longer available, and, after 5 years of work with the Golf Club, Champions Forest PUD, and KJPB, and the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (the “Water Authority”) the District consummated an agreement to bring almost 4 times as much reclaimed water to the District and the Golf Club. Included in the agreement is sufficient water to irrigate the future landscaping along Champions Drive and several esplanades on Champions Forest Drive north of Bermuda Dunes Drive. This is especially important

to the community due to the increasing cost of water from the Water Authority. The sale of reclaimed water to the Golf Club, the District, and others will help the KJPB (which now includes the District) recoup the costs of the project and generate revenue to help offset costs at the Plant.

**Smart Meter Program.** With the rising cost of water, the Board also found that a rising number of water meters were at or beyond the age where they were accurate, and a year ago embarked on a smart meter program which should not only improve water accountability, but will also allow every customer to track and receive alerts regarding water usage and leaks which are useful with today's significantly higher-cost water, primarily due to the fees from the Water Authority, which are now at \$4.30/1,000 (and soon to go to \$4.70). Please go to [www.nhcrwa.com](http://www.nhcrwa.com) for more information on water conservation and the huge water projects in the works to continue to bring us safe water. Also, go to our website (again: [www.ChampionsWater.com](http://www.ChampionsWater.com)) to see the Water Authority newsletter, find out more about your new water meter and download the smart meter app, sign up for emergency water alerts, and see what's going on NextDoor!

**Paradise Valley Trail.** The Board has partnered with Champions Civic Improvement Association ("CCIA") to successfully apply for a matching grant from the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife to construct a walking path along the east side of the Paradise Valley drainage ditch from Bermuda Dunes Drive to Strack Road. Go to the CCIA website: [www.ChampionsCommunity.org](http://www.ChampionsCommunity.org) for more information on the Trail, and donations, memorials, and pavers available to help CCIA with the cost. The District is obligated on the matching portion of the grant with an agreement from CCIA to reimburse the District for all costs. The District will maintain the Trail for community residents.

**...and so, what else is going on?** The Board is continuing to implement the projects financed with the recent Bond Program described above, and is in Phase 5 of the Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project, continuing the long process of inspection and repairs to our aging systems. The Board Members and Officers of the District are:

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