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THE ADVOCATE

Barker Flood Prevention Newsletter

Important Dates

Saturday, August 25th

VOTE! – Harris County Flood Control District Bond Election

September 7th 6:30pm-9:00pm

Barker Flood Prevention Membership Drive at Harvey's Heroes Central Green La Centerra
Want to help? See below

Harris County News

Vote FOR Prop A— Harris County Flood Control Bond
Invite Harris County Friends and Neighbors to Vote
Big Turnout, Big Win, Sends a Big Message



Why Vote For the Bond?

We need the local dollars in order to get the federal matching dollars for flood control projects.

Voting Locations and Times

You must vote at your designated polling location.

<http://harrisvotes.com/>

Bond Information Projects FAQ etc.

<https://www.hcfc.org/bond-program/>

Projects in the Bond

1. The restoration of original capacity and conveyance of channels inside the Barker and Addicks Reservoirs
2. Restoration of channel conveyance upstream and downstream of the Barker Reservoir
3. Lineal detention along Buffalo Bayou downstream in strategic areas

Fort Bend County News

The most pressing issue for FBC residents is the need for continued desilting of the Buffalo Bayou maintained by Fort Bend County Drainage District and the Diversion Channel maintained by Willow Fork Drainage District. The county is waiting on a permit from the Corps to desilt the portion of the bayou in Corps territory. WFDD must wait for the county to complete its work before removing the final silt from its channel in Corps territory. WFDD was issued a permit from the Corps in May; however, if WFDD completed their project first, debris would be deposited back into the Diversion Channel from Buffalo Bayou which means a secondary and costly debris removal project. A meeting is currently being planned with FEMA, USACE, FBCDD and WFDD to coordinate efforts to expedite this work.



Barker Flood Prevention will have a booth set up at the Harvey's Heroes event sponsored by Willow Fork Drainage District on September 7th 6:30pm-9:00pm. The purpose of this booth is to bring awareness to the community of our mission and goals and sign up new members. If you are interested in helping with this event, please email Beth Fortier at bethfortier@sbcglobal.net.

Barker Flood Prevention held its first Steering Committee meeting on August 23rd. This committee is made up of experts in hydrology, sedimentation, flood prevention, civil engineering and other pertinent fields. The purpose of this committee is to evaluate proposals, provide feedback and advocate to agencies and politicians for those projects we feel would be most beneficial to our community.

In this meeting we discussed current proposals and the need for membership and funding for our outreach. We will keep you posted on future activities.

Barker Flood Prevention Advocates for the Following:

1. Immediate restoration of the original capacity and conveyance within the Barker and Addicks Reservoirs
2. Increase capacity in Barker and Addicks Reservoirs by digging them deeper
3. Increase conveyance by widening Buffalo Bayou or building a flood tunnel
4. Build a third reservoir to contain the Cypress Creek Overflow

Join us by emailing Wendy Duncan or Marlin Williford at brfloodprevention@gmail.com

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