



# Update

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## New Law Increases Punishments for Stealing Packages

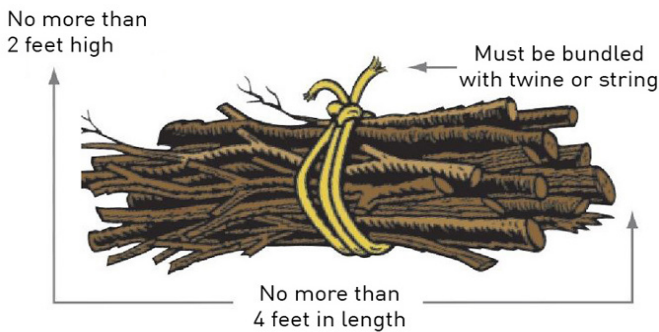
The Block House MUD Board continues to be aware of ongoing mailbox vandalism and theft of mail and packages within the District. Tampering with U.S. Postal Service equipment was already a federal offense, bringing felony charges. Earlier this year Governor Greg Abbott signed House Bill 37 into law, making mail theft punishable from a class A misdemeanor to a first-degree felony. That law took effect on September 1, and includes packages taken from porches by so-called “porch pirates.”



To report theft or suspicious activity, contact the Williamson County Sheriff's Office non-emergency line at 512-864-8282. If you witness a crime in progress, do not approach the suspects and immediately call 911. Please do everything you can to help deter mail theft by emptying your mailbox regularly and often, and keeping an eye out for the safety and security of your neighbors. Next month's issue of this newsletter will contain more tips for decreasing package theft during the busiest shipping season of the year.

## TDS Curbside Pickup Guidelines

As you are trimming your trees this fall, please remember that Texas Disposal Systems (TDS) will pick up bundles of limbs, if they have been properly bundled for pickup. TDS has provided this graphic to help clarify their guidelines. Up to four bundles of landscape debris and/or bagged trash can be picked up with the weekly collection, but a bulky pickup will need to be scheduled (call 512-421-1340) for additional bundles, bags, or branches that are thicker than four inches in diameter.



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## No Overnight Parking

Residents and guests in Block House MUD are reminded that overnight parking is never permitted in District parks or parking lots.

New signs stating this rule have been installed in common areas throughout the District. Vehicles in violation are subject to tow by Triton Towing.

## Prepare for Wastewater Averaging

Wastewater averaging takes place during the late fall/winter months and determines a cap on the volume of wastewater you will be billed for each month for the next year - the period for Block House MUD is 12/2/2019 through 3/3/2020.

Indoor and outdoor water usage measured during the three month averaging period (Dec/Jan/Feb) will be used to calculate each residence's wastewater bill for March 2020 through February 2021. Customers are encouraged to conserve water during the winter averaging period to help lower your utility bill.

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## Amenity Addresses

Walker House, Tumlinson Park and Pool -  
 2600 S. Block House Drive  
 Apache Park and Pool -  
 3100 Block House Drive  
 Tonkawa Park - 301 Susan Lane  
 Bike Trail - 2601 S. Block House Drive

## Walker House Hours

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.,  
 Wednesdays by appointment

## Upcoming Events

Nov 3: Daylight Saving Time ends  
 Nov 7-9: Mistletoe Market  
 Nov 9: Great Block House Campout  
 Nov 11: Veterans Day  
 Nov 12: BHCOA Board Meeting  
 Nov 20: MUD Board Meeting  
 Nov 28: Thanksgiving (office closed)

## Leash Rules Protect Everyone

Block House MUD's park rules require dogs to be under their owner's control at all times, meaning they must be on a leash or confined to their owner's property. Be sure that your pets are on a leash and have proper identification at all times.



**Please be advised that the Luther Chance baseball field in Tumlinson Park is NOT an acceptable area to let dogs run loose.** All pets must be on a leash at all times while in the parks, going to, and coming from your home. The City of Cedar Park has a very nice off-leash dog park, open to the public, inside Veterans Memorial Park at 2525 West New Hope Drive.

## WCSCO Narcotics Unit is Tough on Crime

The Williamson County Sheriff's Office (WCSCO) maintains a hotline to anonymously report information directly to their Narcotics Unit.

<https://www.wilco.org/Elected-Officials/Sheriffs-Old/Law-Enforcement/Special-Operations-Division>

Their website contains general information about the Narcotics Unit under that heading, and active link questions with answers under the Things to Consider section. From the site: "Any activity you recognize as suspicious to your neighborhood could be narcotics related. For example, a high volume of foot and vehicle traffic to a residence could indicate drug trafficking. Unusual chemical smells coming from a residence could be due to drug manufacturing.

If you are observing the drug activity as it is happening, call **512-943-1170**. Alternatively, you can download the Anonymous Drug Detection Reporting Form from the website above and provide information by mail or email.

## Planning Exterior Changes? Remember the ACC!

Working on any home improvement projects before winter hits? The deed restrictions for all properties within Block House Creek require ACC approval of any exterior changes, including but not limited to landscape changes and changes to paint color, shingles, or fences. It is important to submit your request for review and approval prior to beginning a project. **There are no residential properties in Block House Creek that are exempt from deed restrictions.**

To download a copy of your deed restrictions and/or the required ACC request form, visit [www.blockhousemud.com](http://www.blockhousemud.com) and click on the "Covenants" link at the top of the page. Information regarding required documentation and how to submit the form is provided on the website.

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