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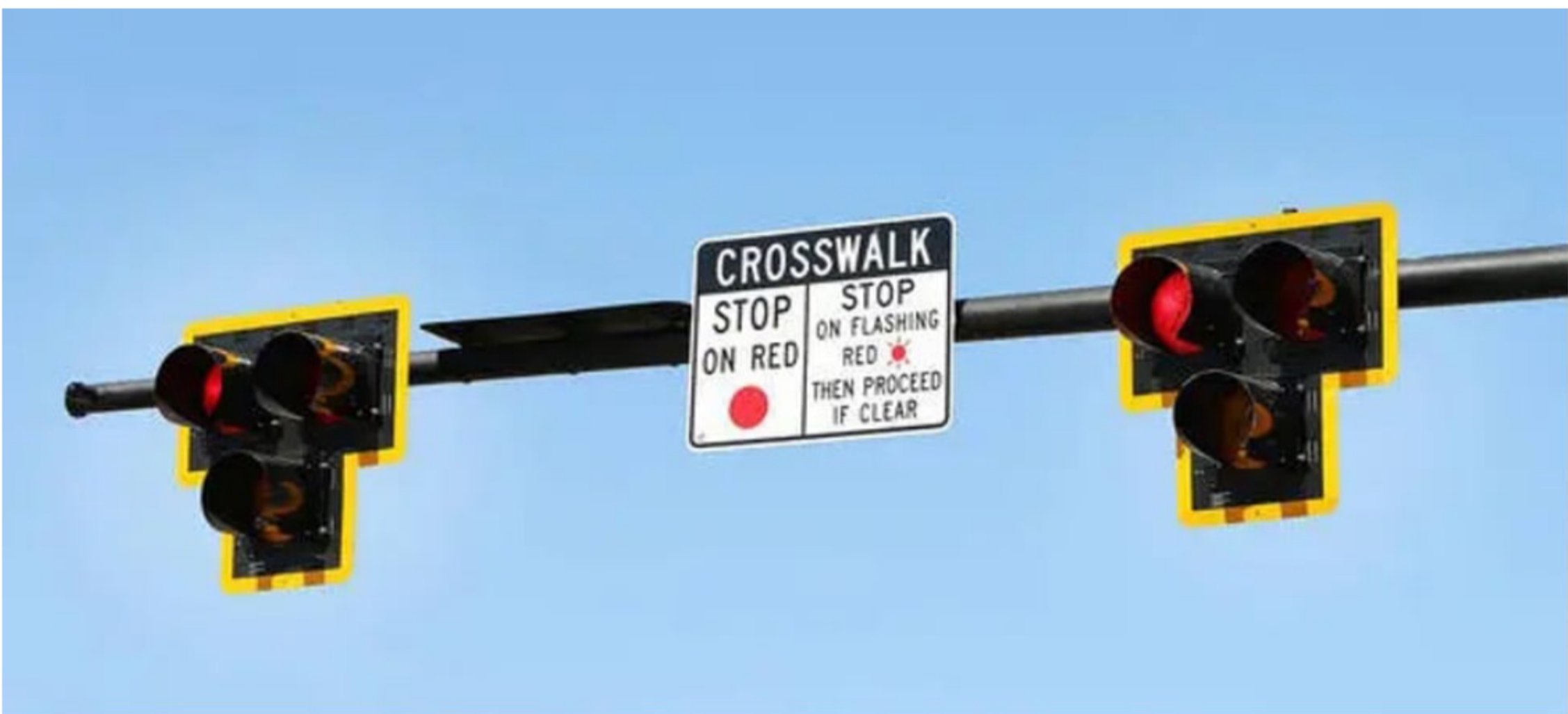
INSIDE WILLOW FORK DRAINAGE DISTRICT



*Enhancing Our Community
through Drainage, Parks & Trails*

November 2024

Pedestrian Crossings/HAWK Signal Update



Example of HAWK Signal

HAWK signal installation across WFDD for mid-block crossings at identified four-lane major thoroughfares with high pedestrian traffic is in progress. The first on Mason Road at the Buffalo Bayou bridge near Creech Elementary is fully operational, and two more on Fry Road near Beck Junior High and on Westheimer Parkway near Williams Elementary are installed and awaiting power connection by CenterPoint. WFDD is also evaluating and modifying nearby landscaping to ensure vehicles and pedestrians have adequate visibility.

The Federal Highway Administration documents that nearly 74 percent of pedestrian fatalities occur at non-intersection, or mid-block locations, and vehicle speeds are often a major contributing factor. HAWK signals help address pedestrian crash risk at these locations by assigning right of way and providing positive stop control, allowing motorists to proceed once the pedestrian has cleared their side of the travel lane(s), reducing vehicle delay. Understanding how to properly use HAWK crossings is key to making them an effective safety strategy for both pedestrians and drivers. [View visually detailed HAWK crossing instructions](#), including how pedestrians activate a HAWK signal and when both pedestrians and drivers should wait, slow, proceed with caution, and/or stop. [Read more in Covering Katy News](#).

[View HAWK Guide PDF](#)

Seasonal Festivities at Central Green



'Tis the season for family, friends and neighbors to gather for holiday happenings at Central Green, including a family Noon Year's Eve program with a balloon drop, DJ dance party, mascots, face painting, and T-shirt screen printing. Mark your calendar for the following seasonal events and view [Central Green's calendar](#) for a full listing of December classes, live music and more!

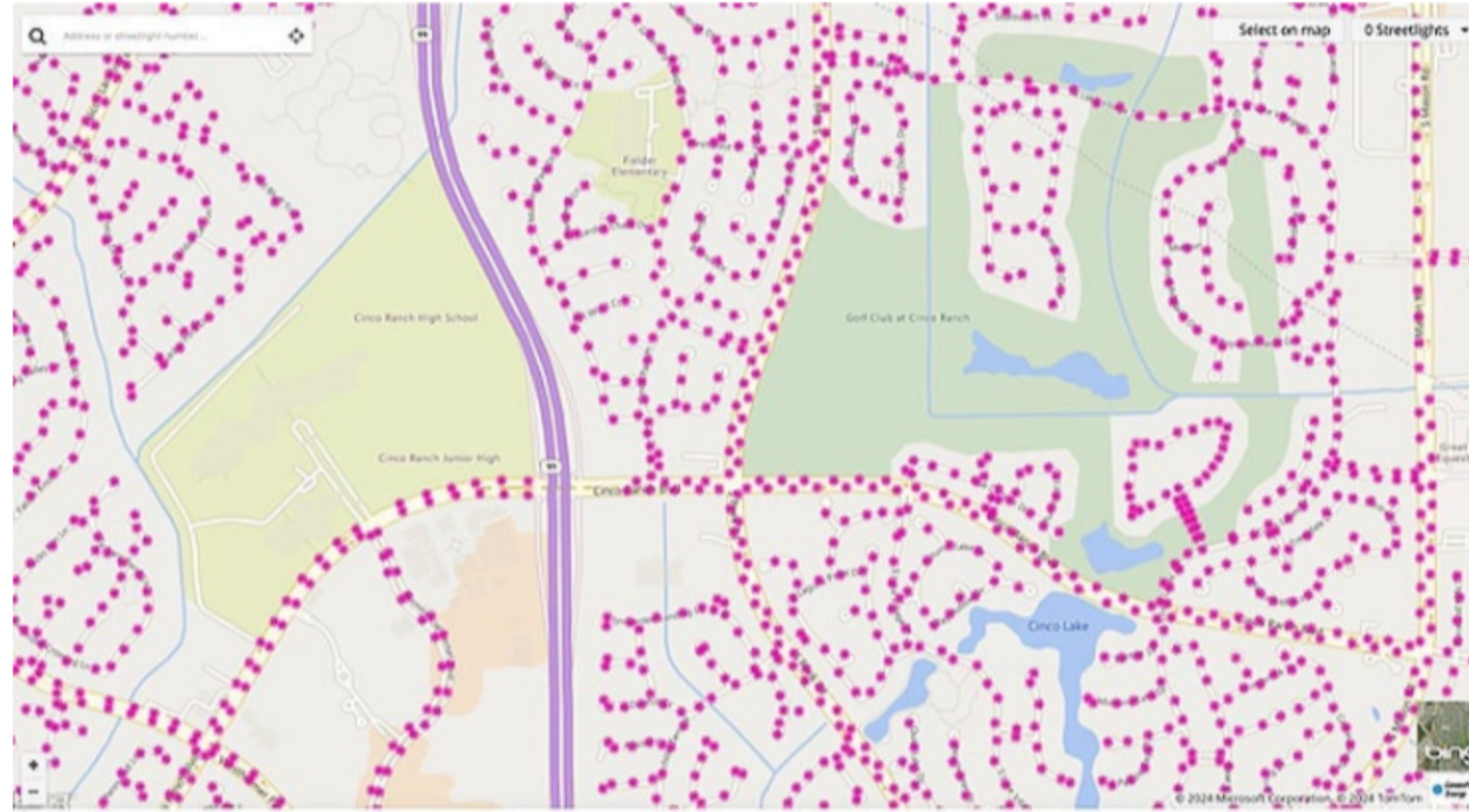
- Dec. 14, 1-4 p.m. – Experience a Venezuelan Christmas featuring the Hispanic Choir of Houston performing Aguinaldo, a traditional music genre based on Spanish Christmas carols.
- Dec. 21, 12-3 p.m. – Decorate an ornament at Central Green's Winter Wonderland and spread holiday cheer by bringing a gift for Stuff the Sleigh, benefitting patients at Texas Children's Hospital with cancer and blood disorders.
- Dec. 26, 5-8 p.m. – Let your light shine at the 11th Annual Hannukah Celebration, with a concert by Talli Yes and giant menorah lighting.
- Dec. 31, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Ring in the New Year with a balloon drop and

dance party at Noon Year's Eve, a great way to celebrate for families.

Follow [Central Green on Facebook](#) to stay up to date on happenings year-round.

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Lights Out? Easily Report Streetlight Issues



With shorter days during the winter months, streetlight outages become more noticeable and are especially important for visibility of surroundings, whether as a driver or pedestrian. Reporting an outage, which may be due to a bulb that has failed or something more complicated like power lines that are damaged in the vicinity, helps keep our community well-lit and safe. In WFDD, residents can quickly and easily report streetlight issues through CenterPoint's upgraded mapping system on their website, where a streetlight location can be selected, with drop-down menu options to describe an issue, such as light outage, dim lighting, or damage to a pole. CenterPoint also has a tracker to view current outages across their service area and sign up for email notification when a repair has been made. To report an outage or streetlight issue, please visit [CenterPoint's Outage webpage](#).

Report an Outage

If you find this information helpful, please forward to your neighbors.

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