



City of  
**BUNKER HILL VILLAGE**  
NEWSLETTER

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***Dear Residents –***

I wanted to take this time to thank all of you for your support over the past six years that I have served as Mayor. Although mayors typically get the credit, I know that the real work is performed by our city staff, our city council, the many volunteers that we have on our committees, boards and commissions. We have certainly accomplished a lot together! I wanted to highlight a few of the accomplishments made since 2013:

- Reduced our tax rate from \$.2977 to \$.277 (per \$100 valuation); Slashed our city debt from \$15.97 million to \$8.84 million; and Maintained our AAA credit rating
- Replaced 31% of our city water lines and 42% of our city sanitary sewer lines
- Replaced all of our street and stop signs and added pet waste stations
- Replaced all of our entry signs and added landscaping and lighting
- Replaced the Memorial bridge (with 100% of the cost paid by TXDOT)
- Redesigned both the Memorial/Bunker Hill and the Memorial/Strey Lane intersections to reduce the number of accidents and adding a sidewalk in front of the Memorial Forest Club and along the west side of Gessner to allow safer walks for the kids going to Frostwood Elementary
- Permitted and inspected the construction of 126 new home, the remodel of 186 homes and 78 home additions
- Initiated the vlinec system in partnership with the Memorial Villages Police Department (Bunker Hill has an incredible 90% participation rate) and designed and constructed a new website
- Promoted the house watch program in partnership with the Police Department (in 2018 alone we had 33,288 house watches performed in Bunker Hill)
- Added 4.5 acre feet of detention in our city (in addition to 5 acre feet added at Frostwood Elementary in 2012)
- Redrafted the Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances and updated our Drainage Ordinance
- Initiated an expanded and more robust recycle program (remember the small blue bins?)
- Created the tree and bench dedication program and have had 22 trees and 4 benches donated to date.
- Started a women self-defense (R.A.D) class that has trained over 100 women and have begun training seniors
- Worked with Rep. Jim Murphy to have the state pass a sex offender bill allowing Bunker Hill to enforce registered sex offender laws (which we have)
- Working with the other villages, created and are managing the Memorial Villages First Responder Fund

We have been very busy for a small community, and it has required an incredible effort by our staff, our council and our volunteers. Many thanks to all of you! It has been an honor to serve as your Mayor over the past six years.

~ ***Mayor Jay Williams***



**City Election Day**

**May 4, 2019**

Bunker Hill City Hall

*See our website*

[www.bunkerhilltx.gov](http://www.bunkerhilltx.gov)

*for more information*

***Dear Residents –*** Many thanks to Mayor Jay Williams for his support, leadership, vision, and numerous accomplishments as briefly shared above. We also thank Jay Janecek for his service as Councilmember Position 4. Councilman Janecek served for 6 years, was actively involved in this list as well, and will be leaving Council in May.

We have completed the Regional Drainage Project and truly appreciate the patience and understanding of those residents who “lived with” the project this year. We are now moving our construction zone to Warrenton, Kilts and Valley Star. This project will begin in June and will include reconstruction of the roadway, drainage, and water line. Watch for our workers and traffic control in this area!

Please see the back for our spring and summer reminders!

***Karen Glynn, City Administrator***

# Spring and Summer Time Reminders

We encourage all residents to consider **"Auto Draft"** to pay your utility bill by credit card or bank draft. Visit [www.bunkerhilltx.gov](http://www.bunkerhilltx.gov) and look for the green icon that says, "online payments." It will take you to "Utility Billing." **"Auto Draft"** is secure, debits your account on the due date and ensures no late fees or cut offs. *This can be very helpful especially during summer vacation trips.* And as you are planning that summer vacation, don't forget about the Police Department's **"House Watch Program."**

## *Yard Tips for the Summer*

*With spring underway and summer rapidly approaching, here are some quick **DO's and DO NOT's** for your yard maintenance:*

- Adjust your irrigation systems to run in the early morning to avoid losing most of your water to evaporation.
- Install a good quality rain sensor to avoid wasting water. There are even new sensors available that measure the moisture in the ground.
- Don't over water. One inch per week is enough.
- Don't over fertilize. Yard runoff in Bunker Hill eventually makes its way to Buffalo Bayou. Excess fertilizer in Buffalo Bayou removes oxygen from the water and kills any aquatic life.
- Don't blow or sweep yard debris into the storm inlets or ditches. Again, remember everything ends up in Buffalo Bayou.

**The City has already begun spraying for mosquitoes.** Please help us by removing standing water. Common breeding sites include flowerpots, birdbaths, rain gutters, and drainage pipes. You can place **"mosquito dunks"** wherever water accumulates around your home. Mosquito dunks are donut-shaped blocks that contain a natural mosquito larvicide derived from bacteria. Dunks are harmless to birds, fish, wildlife, pets, and can be purchased at home improvement stores.

## *Save the Date*

### *Celebrate the 4th of July*

#### *At The Villages Independence Festival*

City of Bunker Hill Village

City of Hedwig Village

City of Piney Point Village

City of Hunters Creek Village

City of Spring Valley

City of Hilshire Village



The **Festival** focuses on family, neighbors and patriotism and is free to all attendees. The day begins with a **parade** at 9:00 a.m. down North Piney Point Road from Memorial High School to Ecclesia on the West Side, the site of the Festival. The parade is followed by games, food, entertainment and visiting until 1:00 p.m. There is also a **Fun Run** planned to kick off the parade. Please see the Event Website [www.vifhouston.org](http://www.vifhouston.org) for all the details.

## **"Hurricane Season" begins June 1<sup>st</sup>**

### **Be Prepared**

Power loss and trees provide challenges with hurricanes and other storms. CenterPoint Energy is responsible for restoring lost service - regardless from which company provides your electricity. CenterPoint Energy will use their Outage Tracker, Twitter and Facebook to communicate:

<http://CenterPointEnergy.com/OutageTracker>

[Facebook.com/CenterPointEnergy](https://www.facebook.com/CenterPointEnergy)

Sign Up for Power Outage Alerts:

<http://www.centerpointenergy.com/cehe/outage/alerts/>

Please see the City's website for important  
**Emergency Preparedness Information**  
Under Latest News

## **Rape Aggression Defense Classes**

Memorial Villages Police Department and Bunker Hill have been hosting "Rape Aggression Defense" (RAD) classes for women and seniors. Many thanks for joining us in partnering with the City and Police Department to improve personal safety. Summer Classes for Women are set as follows:

June 11-13 -- 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

July 16-18 -- 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church*

*Boy Scout Building*

Email Officer Michelle Owens

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To reserve your spot