



City of
BUNKER HILL VILLAGE
NEWSLETTER

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From the Mayor

Dear Neighbors - Many thanks to all that attended my First State of the City Presentation, [which is now available on the city website](#). As I shared, Public Safety and Public Infrastructure continue to be our focus as we ensure a resilient and sustainable City for today and into the future. As shared during the presentation, we are excited about our new addition to City Hall—a Public Works and Disaster Operations complex, which will start construction this year and will provide a top-quality place for our Public Works Team to manage and operate critical assets and services that we tend to take for granted. I invite you to join me supporting the Public Works Team by donating funds for the furnishings and fixtures used in the new addition...more to come about this exciting opportunity to show appreciation.

Both the firefighters at VFD and the leadership of the City are excited that Bunker Hill has returned as a full member of the Village Fire Department. We are working diligently with the other cities to permanently fund and fully staff a second ambulance in 2023. Many thanks continue to go out to our Public Safety Team consisting of VFD and MVPD that jointly respond to all Fire and EMS calls. This has been a tremendous help in response times here in Bunker Hill.

We have a very busy summer ahead for Bunker Hill Elementary! The last day of school will be May 26. Students will leave the school to enjoy a summer vacation; however, the construction team will be in full force removing furnishings from the existing building, demolishing the old buildings, building new parking and finishing and furnishing the new school to be ready for the first day of school in August. In addition, the City will be constructing a new water line down Taylorcrest (when traffic is lighter during the Summer).

Lastly, please join us in congratulating Mr. Jesse Ochoa at Frostwood Elementary School! We proclaimed “Mr. Jess Day” on April 29th as current and former students came to thank him for his remarkable 41 years of service. We will miss his friendly smile at the corner of Plantation and Memorial each morning. He has been a great asset to the community over the years and certainly has earned a wonderful retirement. The same congrats goes out to Councilmember and Commissioner Jay Smyre in his retirement to Central Texas as well.

Humbly yours, Mayor *Robert Lord*

**Thank you to these Public Servants
Who have made Bunker Hill
Better for Us!**



“Mr. Jesse” Ochoa



Councilman Jay Smyre

Jay Smyre was a proud resident of the City since he moved to Bunker Hill in 1991, beginning his volunteer service as an Election Clerk. Jay Smyre was elected to the City Council in 2007 serving 3 terms, a total of 6 years; and was appointed as Councilman again in 2016 and served for an additional 6 years. Jay Smyre represented the City on both the Fire and Police Commissions during his tenure and as Liaison to the Planning and Zoning Commission and other Committees. Mayor Lord took the liberty of naming **Councilmember Jay Smyre as Public Servant of the Year for 2022**. We all wish Councilman Smyre and his wife, Jackie, the very best in their retirement.

Bunker Hill Elementary School

New School to Open August 2022



It will be a very busy summer for the Construction Team at Bunker Hill Elementary School as they work tirelessly to welcome students to their new school in August 2022.

NOTE: The Pedestrian Bridge and Walking Path will be **CLOSED all summer**. Weekend work will be necessary to meet this critical timeframe. The City will be installing a water line on Taylorcrest. Your patience and understanding are appreciated.

More Summertime Reminders:

“Hurricane Season” begins June 1st - Be Prepared. The City is working with our Public Safety Departments to gear up for Hurricane Season. Power loss and trees provide challenges with these 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. You can also sign up for [“Power Outage Alerts”](#) for your address. [See the City’s Website under Latest News for emergency preparedness tips and more.](#)

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.

Dear Residents ---

We have been receiving your recycling concerns and working to resolve with Texas Pride. We have found that our recycling has increased quite a bit over the years (*we are thankful we went to the large bins in 2015!*) and it is no longer a one-day effort. We certainly appreciate your understanding as Texas Pride works to address these concerns along with the staffing challenges shared by many in the service industry.

May 15-21 marks Public Works Week in the City of Bunker Hill Village and in our Nation. Please join us in thanking our team of remarkable and loyal professionals who work so hard to make sure our roadways are maintained, our water is safe and clean, and our bad water goes away, including rainwater drainage. Our team is second to none!! They are first responders right there with Police and Fire!

As you would expect and as noted above, the walking trail and bridge adjacent to Bunker Hill Elementary School will be closed during the summer months to ensure the construction team has all the space they need to get all of the work done in time for the new school year to start in August. Our appreciation to our adjacent neighbors as it may be another noisy summer for you with some weekend work as well. But please know, we are so close to seeing and enjoying our beautiful new Bunker Hill Elementary School!!

Many thanks,
Karen Glynn, City Administrator