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A Note from Mayor Lord

August 2022

Dear Residents,

Happy new school year...that was a quick, busy, and dry summer! The weather was perfect to allow for the completion of our numerous construction projects, especially Bunker Hill Elementary, the city's new water well, and water transmission line. We are so happy to see students in the new school as planned and are working to get our new well pumping fresh and clean water to your homes in early 2023! With completion of the new water well/transmission line, we will revert to upgrading our aging water and wastewater lines.

With school started, we all need to focus on being good neighbors to each other. Be mindful that children need to blow off steam when they come home after a long day at school. Vice-versa, parents need to be mindful that events need to be scheduled to start and end at respectful hours so as not to disturb your neighbors. Filing lawsuits against neighbors is generally not the best way to be a good neighbor—let's all try to discuss matters prior to threatening or filing a lawsuit.

The City Council, Staff and I have been diligently working on the annual budget process for Calendar Year 2023. The Council has reviewed the proposed budget and, in view of the challenges with inflation and the pandemic, has voted to maintain the tax rate at \$0.275 per \$100 in valuation. The Council will vote on the final tax rate at the September 20, 2022 City Council Meeting, which will also include a public hearing (more details on the back page). The certified tax information from the Harris County Tax Appraiser shows that property values in BHV have increased this year. Maintaining the current tax rate will still allow the City to fund needed increases in Public Safety which is 74% of the General Fund Operating Budget.

I am very pleased to share that Public Safety increases include staffing a second ambulance with the Village Fire Department on a **full-time basis**. This has been a priority for BHV for several years. In addition, the partnership with MVPD continues as police officers respond to both EMS and Fire calls as well as police calls. We continue to monitor safety response times to find ways to improve the delivery of service to all residents.

Humbly yours, *Mayor Robert Lord*



Dear Residents,

As Mayor Lord noted, we have been busy preparing for the annual budget process. Harris County Tax Office has mailed postcards referencing the website: harrispropertytaxes.org for constituents to access and clearly see the proposed taxes on your property. The City's proposed tax rate is also on the City's homepage www.bunkerhilltx.gov along with the details of the budget and truth and taxation requirements.

As the City Council works through so many different items, know that the City's Mission Statement continues to be at the forefront guiding these decisions:

"The Mayor, City Council and Staff of Bunker Hill Village are committed to governing with integrity and fiscal responsibility. We are dedicated to creating a sense of community, ensuring the safety and well-being of our citizens, and preserving our unique character and quality of life so that we can pass on a greater and more beautiful city to future generations."

I also wanted to take a moment and share that I have submitted my retirement plans to the Mayor and City Council. I will still be around for a while; however, we are beginning the process to seek a new City Administrator to take over in 2023 as I approach my 10th Anniversary with this great community.

I'm not sure where the time has gone, but I am so grateful to have been a part of this busy little city over the years. This has truly been a blessing to me! Know that we will keep you informed as this process unfolds as we find the best person for this job. And please know how thankful I am to the Mayor, City Council, Staff and all of you for your support. It truly is a City with "unique character and quality of life!" and I will add, a City with great residents!

Cordially, *Karen Glynn, City Administrator*

Upcoming Events in the Villages – *Save the Dates*

2022 Budget Public Hearings

City Hall or Via Zoom

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

5:30 p.m.

**Proposed 2023 Budget
Proposed 2022 Tax Rate
Budget Adoption**

City Hall Open House

Bunker Hill Village City Hall

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Come and Go from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

*Visit with the Mayor, Council,
Committees, and Staff*

*To discuss Public Safety, Drainage,
Technology and More*

Villages Recycling Event

Hedwig Village City Hall

Saturday, October 22, 2022

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Annual Twinkle Light Parade

Major Streets

Throughout Bunker Hill

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Begins at 6:00 p.m.

Regular City Council Meetings *

Third Tuesdays

September 20 – October 18 – November 15

City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

** Agendas and Updates will be provided on the
City's website and v-linc.
Zoom meetings continue.*

Update on Projects

The City has purposefully delayed any new landscaping around the City during these hot dry weather conditions. You should see new plantings in September and October as temperatures decrease. This includes landscaping around Bunker Hill Elementary School and the City's new water well, beautification efforts, and more trees. We are always ready to plant more trees and honor individuals through our dedication program!

The recent hot and dry conditions really impact the trees and landscaping in the City. We are seeing an increase in permits for tree removal – thank you to those that have noticed and are taking down dead trees resulting from the harsh weather. City Staff has been driving the roadways and handling those trees in the rights-of-way. We have also identified several dead trees that need to be removed on private property. Please check your trees and submit your tree permits as needed. Note that trees with a diameter under 5 inches measure 4 ½ feet from the ground level do not need a permit. These permits are issued *without a fee!* Please also help us re-forest by planting new trees if you remove large dead trees.

Chapel Belle Reconstruction is substantially complete! The contractor is working on finishing touches and moving to Tamerlaine Drive for a mid-block repair. The Chatam Lane water line connection is complete. Thank you to the adjacent homeowner that provided an easement. Drainage on Eaton Court is under review as well as a new sidewalk along Memorial and Briar Forest.

Members of the City's Public Works Team had the opportunity to say "good bye" to their old building which has served the City admirably over the past 50+ years. The metal building even served as City Hall at one point! Our team is adjusting to temporary space as we begin construction of the new Public Works and Disaster Operations Center which will attach directly to City Hall. More updates on this project will be forthcoming in future editions of this newsletter. Be assured that the team stays ready to respond to emergencies even during construction.

