



City of

BUNKER HILL VILLAGE

NEWSLETTER

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RESIDENT RESOURCES

V-linc is the City and Public Safety Department's most effective means of timely communications with residents. It is used to communicate topics such as; emergencies, inclement weather, City Council Meetings, and City newsletters, as well as a way to register residential alarms. All residents are encouraged to sign up. For more information, visit www.mvpx.org and look for the V-linc message envelope.



Looking for a faster and easier way to pay your utility bill? Take advantage of **automatic payments** from your bank account or credit card. To register, visit www.bunkerhilltx.gov and search for "**Online Payments**" to set up payment or to access the "**Auto Draft Request.**" Auto Draft is secure, debits your account on payment due date and ensures no utility late fees or cut offs. *(There are no charges to you or the City for bank drafts).*

NEIGHBORLY REMINDERS

- Be mindful of the [City's Good Neighbor, Noise](#) and [Construction Ordinances](#)
- Do not blow grass/yard clippings into the streets, ditches or storm drains. The City works to keep all drainage clear on major roadways and asks residents to maintain the area in front of their property.
- Please keep dogs on leashes, pick-up pet waste and dispose properly.
- To avoid miss collection, ensure trash and recycling are visible from street and out by 7:00 a.m.

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From the Mayor

Dear Residents -

The first quarter of the new year is proving to be very busy – and very successful – with the completion or near completion of several multi-year capital improvement projects throughout the City.

Chapel Belle and Tamerlaine Reconstruction — The Chapel Belle Project was designed in 2021 and constructed in 2022; The project included new underground drainage and complete reconstruction of the street. The Tamerlaine project improved existing drainage and replacement of cracked/uneven street panels. We certainly appreciate the patience and understanding of residents during both successful and under budget projects.

Water Well No. 5 – The City again successfully partnered with Spring Branch ISD (“SBISD”) in drilling the new water well (a remarkable 1,200 feet in depth), installing a transmission line to the Taylorcrest Water Plant and all needed site work and controls. This well provides added resiliency to the City’s water supply for years to come. The water well has been successfully tested and has been placed in service. The installation of landscaping around the well is substantially complete and scheduled to be completed within the next 4-6 weeks (pending vegetation availability and favorable weather). This project also appears to be under budget (depending on final numbers from our partner--SBISD).

Public Works and Disaster Operations Building – Construction of the City’s new Public Works and Disaster Operations Building is under way. The project will provide a new facility for Public Work staff, additional storage, a much needed refresh of the exterior of City Hall (after enduring 30+ years of Houston weather) and serve as the Emergency Operations Center, as needed. The new building ensures a workspace for current & future staff and supports the continuing delivery of a high-quality level of service for all residents.

I am proud to share that 2023 brings a couple of changes to City leadership. This year will mark a distinguished milestone for City Administrator Karen Glynn’s career with the City as she will be retiring this Spring (unselfishly allowing for a seamless transition of responsibilities) after ten years of service. After a nationwide search, City Council has appointed Gerardo Barrera as the new City Administrator. I, along with Council, am confident that he will continue to uphold – and strengthen – our City Mission and core values. I also welcome Village Fire Department (VFD) Interim Fire Chief Howard Miller. Chief Miller has served VFD – and our City – as a dynamic leader for more than 40 years and has the full support of our outstanding fire medics who provide amazing service to all of the Villages. Page 2 of this newsletter provides more information about both Gerardo and Chief Miller.

Yours Humbly,

Robert Lord, Mayor

City Spotlight

The City of Bunker Hill Village welcomes new City Administrator Gerardo Barrera and Interim Fire Chief Howard Miller. Each have extensive experience in their respective fields and are ready to lead the City and the Village Fire Department forward with vision and a hardworking, resident-focused attitude!

Gerardo Barrera

City Administrator



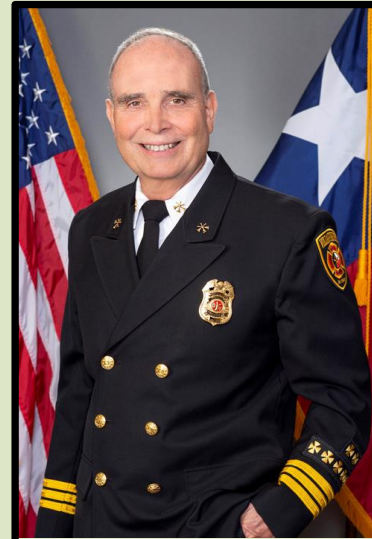
Gerardo Barrera began serving as City Administrator in January 2023. He is responsible to the Mayor and Council for the efficient administration of all City operations, including fiscal responsibility, staff management and promotes the best interests of the City and its residents. He has 20 years of experience in municipal government. Prior to his appointment, he served as Public Works Director for the City of West University Place.

His priorities are to serve the City's residents with the help from staff, servant leadership, exceptional customer service, and responsible financial management.

He earned a bachelor's degree and MBA from the University of Houston and will be completing his Certified Public Manager certification in June 2023. He is an active member of the American Public Works Association, the Texas City Management Association and International City Management Association.

Howard Miller

Interim Fire Chief



Howard Miller has been appointed to serve as Interim Fire Chief of the Village Fire Department (VFD). Chief Miller joined VFD as a firefighter in 1980 and later promoted to Deputy Chief. Chief Miller also serves as the Training Officer and Emergency Management Coordinator for the Department. Interim Chief Miller has the full respect and support of the fire personnel.

Chief Miller attended West Texas A&M Fire School. Married for 37 years, he has four daughters and eight grandchildren.

City Election Information

The City WILL NOT hold elections on Saturday, May 6, 2023 as the election is unnecessary.

Specifically, the incumbents are unopposed.

- Mayor – Robert P. Lord
- Councilmember Position 4 – Keith Brown
- Councilmember Position 5 – Laurie Rosenbaum

The Mayor and Council are elected from the City at large for two-year terms. Thank you to these elected officials for the continued leadership and commitment to the City.

New City Council Meeting Time

At the January 2023 meeting, Council unanimously approved to change the City Council meeting time to 5:00 p.m. City Council meets on the third Tuesday of the month, (excluding the months of July and December). Residents are also invited to participate in Council meetings remotely via Zoom as outlined in the posted meeting agenda.