



City Newsletter

April 2024

Dear Neighbors,

It is hard to believe that we are already a third through 2024. For most of us it seems the year has barely started, however there is no shortage of activity within the City. Staff is hard at work planning much needed Capital Improvement Projects (including but not limited to): resurfacing asphalt streets (Knipp, Strey, Taylorcrest, Bunker Hill Rd.); new waterlines installation for Rhett, Tara and Mayerling; televising of the main sanitary sewer line along Memorial; sidewalk maintenance. These types of projects take coordination from multiple sources to plan a successful project. Our Public Works department is the unsung heroes of the City and we should all be fortunate for their dedication and commitment to the City.

As of this writing, I am very proud to report that the new Public Works Building is substantially complete and incurred no debt for the City! The official Certificate of Occupancy has been issued and staff is in the process of moving into the new facility. There are still some odds and ends left to complete for this project, but we are excited to showcase the new facility soon. Be on the lookout for a special ribbon cutting announcement in the Fall—an event for all of us to celebrate.

May is special because it also marks the celebration of National Public Works Week. This is an opportunity for the community to thank staff for their tireless efforts in ensuring the City's infrastructure is maintained. I will be issuing a proclamation for National Public Works Week at the May Council meeting. I invite you to help me to thank our Public Works staff for all that they do.

In the spirit of thanking staff, I am inviting all residents to become a direct supporter of Public Works. The City has established a non-profit organization (BHV, Inc.) as a means for residents to make tax-deductible donations to fund proposed enhancements for the new Public Works facility. We want the facility to be top notch and a comfortable place for our Public Works staff during regular operations and those 24 hour days during emergencies. To learn more about this campaign and how to get involved, please visit www.bunkerhilltx.gov/publicworksfundraiser or contact Management Analyst Mallory Pack at 713-467-9762 or email at mpack@bunkerhilltx.gov.

Humbly Yours, Mayor Robert Lord



L-R: Mayor Lord, Utility Billing/ Permit Clerk Jamee Gonzalez, Court Clerk/ Office Manager Valerie Cantu, City Administrator Gerardo Barrera

Administrative Professionals Day

Mayor Lord and Council issued a proclamation in recognition of Administrative Professionals Day. Serving as City Hall “first responders”, these administrative professionals are integral to the delivery of high-quality customer service and efficient City operations.

National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week

Each year the second week of April is recognized as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. The week serves as a reminder of the critical role telecommunicators play in coordinating responses, dispatching emergency personnel, ensuring community safety, and serving as the initial point of contact during emergencies.

The City is thankful for the professionalism and compassion of MVPD and VFD 9-1-1 dispatchers.



VFD Dispatch & A-Shift



MVPD Dispatch

Villages Independence Day Parade

Thursday, July 4, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Make plans to be a part of the Villages Independence Day Parade! The parade will begin at Memorial Church of Christ at Gaylord and Echo Lane, continue east on Gaylord to Piney Point, then turn south on Piney Point and conclude in front of Ecclesia Church.

To enter a float or vehicle in the parade, contact Management Analyst Mallory Pack at mpack@bunkerhilltx.gov.

New Fire Chief Appointed



The Village Fire Department Commission has appointed Howard Miller to the position of Fire Chief for the Village Fire Department (VFD).

Chief Miller began his career with VFD as a Firefighter in 1980. Over the years at VFD, he has served as a Driver Operator, Paramedic,

Lieutenant, Captain, Deputy Chief, and Interim Chief. He has earned a Bachelor's Degree in Emergency Management Administration and holds several Fire and EMS Certifications. Chief Miller is a licensed paramedic and has served in the capacity of the Memorial Village's Emergency Management Coordinator since 2009.

We look forward to Chief Miller's continued contributions to the fire service.



Officer Vasquez & Remi

MVPD Welcomes Comfort Dog

Remi, an 11-week-old Goldendoodle, is the newest member of the Memorial Villages Police Department. Remi is training to become a comfort dog and will work with the Department's Community Services Division.

After Hours Emergency Service Calls

The Public Works Department is on-call 24/7/365 ready to respond to water leaks and/ or sewer stoppages on City lines. For immediate attention outside of regular business hours, including nights, weekends and holidays, contact MVPD Dispatch at 713-365-3700.