



# City Newsletter

December 2024

Dear Neighbors,

As we come to the end of 2024, I want to thank the City Council, our Boards & Commissions, Committees, City staff, and you – our residents – for your ongoing support to this community. Together, we make Bunker Hill Village the truly special place that it is.

**70 Year Anniversary** – 2024 was as a particularly meaningful one as we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the City – a milestone recognizing the vision and determination of the trailblazers who sought incorporation in December of 1954 to separate us from the City of Houston. Their purpose of incorporation was to establish zoning restrictions to guide the thoughtful and orderly development of the community in accordance with the highest standards of residential development so homeowners and families could take pride in the area they call home with all of its beautiful, mature trees. Their efforts laid the foundation for the thriving and safe community with excellent schools that we enjoy today.

**Twinkle Light Parade** – Thank you to everyone who joined and participated in the 8th annual Twinkle Light Parade! It is always a magical way to celebrate the holiday season. I am especially grateful for the coordinated efforts of the Memorial Villages Police Department who ensured the parade was safe and successful. I would also like to thank Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church for generously providing its facilities and serving delicious hot chocolate, the Police Foundation for the snow, H-E-B for the delightful cookie decorating station, and last but certainly not least, the tireless efforts of City staff for orchestrating this event to once again make it a success. I feel fortunate to live in a community with such great partnerships and comradery that add to the spirit of community that is at the heart of Bunker Hill Village.

**2024 Accomplishments** – It is with pride that I reflect on the accomplishments of 2024 – the approval of the 2025 Budget that maintains a flat tax rate, the successful completion of the City’s new Public Works and Emergency Operations Building, the swift response of the City’s Public Works crews to Derecho and Hurricane Beryl, the replacement of water meters and the initial steps toward implementing the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI).

**Plans for 2025** – As we look forward to 2025, our commitment to enhancing the residents’ quality of life and replacing aging infrastructure remains unwavering. The 2025 Budget includes the City’s Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that reflects the goals of the City through planning, scheduling, managing, monitoring, and financing capital projects that will enhance our City. The CIP includes funding for improvements to roads, and water & sewer lines, including improvements to Bunker Hill Road and Taylorcrest Road. These investments reflect our commitment to long-term infrastructure improvements that will benefit our City for many decades to come.

Here’s to a safe, healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year for all of our wonderful Bunker Hill Village residents!

*Humbly Yours, Mayor Robert Lord*

## 2024 Community Events in Review



Telecommunicators Week



First Responder Appreciation



BHE Scouts at City Council Meeting



Family Movie Night



Independence Day Parade



Public Works Building Ribbon Cutting



World Teacher Day

## Bunker Hill Road & Greenbay Sanitary Sewer Project

The City's contractor continues to progress steadily on underground utility work to replace the sanitary sewer line under Bunker Hill Road and the 17000 block of Greenbay (as of this writing, the project is currently 25% complete). While most of the work is underground, partial lane closures on Bunker Hill Rd. between Taylorcrest and Memorial will continue to be required throughout the day while the sewer line is replaced. Traffic control measures remain in place to direct vehicles through the area safely, however, drivers should continue to expect delays and plan their travel routes accordingly. City staff are working with the contractor to mitigate disruptions as much as possible.

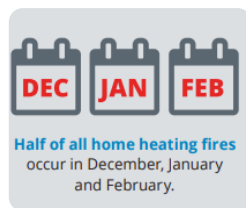
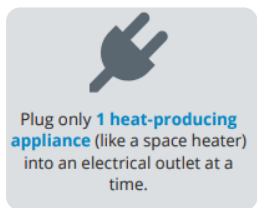
Weather permitting, all work will take place Monday-Friday, between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Please note that work may extend past working hours with or without notice. All efforts will be made to minimize noise and light nuisance whenever possible. City projects are exempt from construction quiet hours. The project is anticipated to be completed by early January 2025.

For the latest information about this project, visit [bunkerhilltx.gov/latest-news/bunker-hill-rd-greenbay-sanitary-sewer-rehab-project](http://bunkerhilltx.gov/latest-news/bunker-hill-rd-greenbay-sanitary-sewer-rehab-project). Those with specific questions or concerns are encouraged to contact Public Works Director Elvin Hernandez at 713-467-9762 or via email at [ehernandez@bunkerhilltx.gov](mailto:ehernandez@bunkerhilltx.gov).

## Put a Freeze on Winter Fires

The National Fire Protection Association reports heating equipment is a leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. December, January, and February are the peak months for heating fires. Practice heating equipment safety this winter:

- Have a qualified professional annually inspect and clean your heating system to ensure proper working condition.
- Keep flammable objects at least three (3) feet away from heat sources.
- Plug heat appliances directly into the wall outlet.



For more winter heating safety tips, visit [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).



## Winterize Irrigation Systems

Protect your pipes to prevent costly damages this winter. Helpful tips to keep the water flowing and protect your property from water damage due to frozen or broken pipes:

- Insulate exposed pipes and outdoor faucets.
- Drain and turn off irrigation system
- Know the location of all shut-off valves in the event of a broken pipe, and keep clear of debris and obstacles at all times.



## MVPD House Watch

If you are traveling this holiday season, ensure your property remains safe while you are away by registering your home in the MVPD House Watch Program. To register, contact MVPD Dispatch at 713-365-3700 or visit [www.mvptdx.org](http://www.mvptdx.org).

## City Holiday Hours & Recycling Collection

City offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

### Christmas

Monday, December 23 - Friday, December 27

*During this time, no building inspections will be scheduled, and no building permits will be issued (e.g., tree removal permits).*

### New Year

Tuesday, December 31 - Wednesday, January 1

### Recycling Collection

There will be no recycling collection on Christmas Day (Wednesday), and New Year's Day (Wednesday). All recycling will be collected on Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

Per City Ordinance, construction and contract services (including landscape/ lawn maintenance) are prohibited on Christmas Eve (12/24), Christmas Day (12/25), and New Year's Day (01/01).

## Christmas Tree Recycling



Texas Pride will collect live Christmas trees for recycling on Saturday, January 11, 2025. To participate, trees should be placed curbside and free of all stands, ornaments, and lights. Flocked trees are not eligible for recycling.

## On-Call Services

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