

### City Newsletter

**June 2025** 

Dear Neighbors,

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as Mayor.

Bunker Hill Village is known for its strong sense of community, responsive public safety departments, outstanding city services, and a city staff with a steadfast commitment to excellence. The Mayor and City Council are dedicated to preserving and improving on this legacy, and we look forward to working with our Boards & Commissions, Committees, city staff, and you – our residents – to ensure Bunker Hill Village remains a city we are proud to call home.

Our newest City Councilmembers were sworn in at the May 20, 2025, Council meeting: Josh Pratt has been elected to Position 4, and Andrew Poor was elected to Position 5 following his appointment in May 2024. I welcome them both to the City Council, and I look forward to working with them.

In the months ahead, I am eager to meet more of you and continue the important work of keeping our community safe and thriving. Together, we will ensure Bunker Hill Village remains the special place that it is.

The first priority of any Mayor is to maintain the quality of life and the level of public safety and services that make Bunker Hill such a desirable place to live. Both the Memorial Villages Police Department and the Villages Fire Department consistently rank among the best in the nation, and our number one commitment is to see that they receive the financial, manpower, and equipment they need to not only maintain, but improve upon that standard. Secondly, (and unfortunately something that people tend to forget until it is needed) is disaster response, which necessarily contains a dedicated commitment to continuous improvement of flood control, and flood water disposal. Under the leadership of the last four mayors Bunker Hill has become a prime example of innovation in flood water detention and removal, but work remains. Thirdly, public roads and sidewalks are a key component of quality of life and must be maintained and improved as necessary. Clean drinking water and effective wastewater removal will require constant vigilance. And probably most important for any Mayor is to remember the advice of Hippocrates: first, do no harm.

All citizens should feel free to contact city staff, City Council, or me at any time with any questions and concerns. We rely heavily on the talents and skills of residents to advise the city and shape policy by serving on our committees, such as Planning and Zoning, Drainage, Beautification and others. If you are interested in volunteering for a Board or Committee, please visit www.bunkerhilltx.gov/latest-news/volunteer-for-city-functions-3.

Thank you for the privilege of allowing me to serve as your Mayor and I look forward to meeting and visiting with as many of you as I can.

Keith Brown Mayor, Bunker Hill Village

# Mayor Brown, Public Works team L-R: Oz Reyna, Oz Reyna Jr, Gama Escamilla, Director Elvin Hernandez, and City Administrator Gerardo Barrera

#### **National Public Works Week**

In honor of National Public Works Week (May 18-24, 2025). City Council issued a proclamation in recogonition of the essential work of the City's Public Works crews. These dedicated professionals keep the City's infrastructure strong and resilient, supporting the safety and overall quality of life.

Public Works crews are responsible for a wide range of essential functions, including street maintenance, delivering safe and highquality drinking water, and being prepared to address street, water, and sewer related emergencies at a moment's notice. Their efforts play a key role in emergency response and community preparedness, particularly during severe weather events. While much of their work happens behind the scenes, the impact of Public Works can be seen throughout the City every day.



## Road Improvements Bunker Hill Rd. & Taylorcrest Rd

The City's contractor, Hayden Pavement, continues construction on the northbound lane of Bunker Hill Rd. Traffic is restricted to one-way southbound travel only between Memorial Dr. and Taylorcrest Rd. as this work is completed. Drivers should plan their travel routes accordingly and follow recommended detour signage during construction. Construction on Taylorcrest Rd. is scheduled to start after the completion of Bunker Hill Rd.

The City hosted two (2) Town Hall Meetings to discuss the road improvement project. At the meetings, City staff, the project engineer, and the contractor shared details about the construction process, project timeline, and traffic control plans.

To view the presentation slides and watch a video recording of the April 9, 2025, Town Hall Meeting, visit <a href="https://www.bunkerhilltx.gov/latest-news/town-hall-meetings-for-road-improvement-projects">www.bunkerhilltx.gov/latest-news/town-hall-meetings-for-road-improvement-projects</a>.

If you experience any issues during construction, please contact Construction Manager, Ed Lloyd at 281-660-8737 or by email at <a href="mailto:elloyd@lsa-engineers.com">elloyd@lsa-engineers.com</a>.

Regular project updates will be made available online at <a href="https://www.bunkerhilltx.gov">www.bunkerhilltx.gov</a> and sent out via V-Linc.

#### **Superior Water System Designation**

The City continues to maintain the designation of "Superior" Public Water System by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). To earn this designation, a system must meet and maintain a higher set of standards than are required of all public water systems. This designation means that the City's Public Works professionals go above and beyond the minimum standards in protecting public health and ensuring reliable operation.

To read the City's Annual Water Quality Report for 2024, visit <a href="https://www.bunkerhilltx.gov/citizens/public-works">www.bunkerhilltx.gov/citizens/public-works</a>.

## Administrative **Professionals Day**

In recognition of Administrative Professionals Day on April 23, 2025, City Council issued a proclamation to honor the invaluable contributions of the City's talented administrative staff. These professionals play a vital role in delivering exceptional customer service and supporting the smooth day-to-day operation of City services.



#### **Sewer Rates**

Due to an unexpected funding request from the Memorial Village Water Authority for Capital improvements not included in the City's FY 2025 budget, City Council approved an 8% increase to sewer rates at the May 20, 2025, meeting. This adjustment is necessary to provide adequate funding for continued service reliability, infrastructure maintenance, and ensures the utility fund remains self-sustainable. The new sewer rates are reflected in the June billing cycle.

To view the rate schedule, visit <a href="https://www.bunkerhilltx.gov/governance/taxes-rates-fees#utility-rates">www.bunkerhilltx.gov/governance/taxes-rates-fees#utility-rates</a>.



#### **Summer Water Conservation**

Billions of gallons of water are wasted from inefficient landscape watering. Simple water conservation practices that will help to conserve this precious resource and to save money on your water bill:

- Water early in the morning or late in the evening to reduce the loss of water to evaporation.
- Check that water from your spinkler system is going on the lawn and not on sidewalks, driveways, or streets.
- Install a WaterSense device on your sprinkler system to prevent overwatering.
- Use drip irrigation or soaker hoses to keep water close to plant roots and to minimize evaporation.
- Check sprinkler heads regularly for dirt or debris that may be clogging the nozzle.

For water conservation resources, visit <a href="https://www.epa.gov/watersense">www.epa.gov/watersense</a>.

#### **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.