



City of BUNKER HILL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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A Note from Mayor Lord

Dear Residents:

At the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 15, the City Council voted to have me sign three agreements regarding Fire Services with the Village Fire Department. These agreements state that Bunker Hill Village will continue to be served for Fire and EMS by the Village Fire Department (VFD) through December 2024 with the option to join as a full member for many years to come. The agreements also allow for Bunker Hill to have the opportunity to supplement these services in coordination with the VFD.

As most of you are aware, the Memorial Villages Police Department (MVPD) is already responding to all Fire and EMS calls within their jurisdiction to supplement the VFD response. I am pleased that our additionally-trained police officers are able to assist in this effort and happy to see the first responders and the entire staff of both the MVPD and VFD working hand-in-hand to improve overall service, including response times. Know that your elected officials are committed to this effort as we continue to work to ensure the best service and response times for all residents in Bunker Hill.

At the October Meeting, the Council also approved a [Resolution supporting Metro's Upcoming Bond Referendum](#) on the ballot for the Tuesday, November 5, 2019 Election. Early voting has already started. The support was based, in part, on Metro revising the MetroNext Plan by moving a proposed Bus Rapid Transit Lane from Gessner Road to Beltway 8 (based on our urging). Gessner Road is a major traffic artery in our City and provides direct access to more than 30 homes. The City is committed not to widen Gessner while maintaining the access to the homes along Gessner in a safe manner. The City is dedicated to maintaining Gessner as a beautification element in our City with the dedicated park in the median having trees and landscaping similar to the other entrances throughout the area. We are also committed to pedestrian safety along this roadway, including our children crossing to Frostwood Elementary.

As your Mayor, I remain at your service and please feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you,

Mayor Robert Lord
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Dear Residents,

It is hard to believe that the holidays are quickly approaching! We wanted to make sure you save the date for the **3rd Annual Twinkle Light Parade** set for **Thursday, December 19 beginning at 6:00 p.m.** We are working on the details so be sure you check your v-linc or [the website for the parade route](#) and details as the event approaches. We are also welcoming other **"lighted floats"** to join us. Please contact me to join in the fun. You can call City Hall at 713-467-9762 or [email me](#) so we can finalize all plans.

I am also providing our holiday office hours below so you can plan accordingly especially for any permitting needs including final inspections.

There is more information on the back of this newsletter. Happy holidays and end of the year planning!! We are here if you need us!

Karen Glynn, City Administrator

P.S. We are proud of our Astros! I hope you all enjoyed our decorated entryway to City Hall supporting the team. Look for the lighted baseball in the parade!!

City Hall Holiday Hours:

Thanksgiving

City Hall will Close

At Noon on Wednesday, November 27

Regular Hours resume on Monday, December 2

Christmas/New Years

City Hall will be Open

Monday, December 23

And Monday, December 30

Regular Hours resume on January 2, 2020

Staff will be taking holiday and vacation time

★ Save the Date: ★
Twinkle Light Parade ★
★ **Thursday, December 19th**



End of the year Donation Opportunities that benefit your community

Over the years, many residents have participated in the various donation programs that serve Bunker Hill Village. Several residents suggested that we share information about these programs in our newsletter. If you need information regarding how to donate, please contact us at City Hall.

[Arbor Tribute Walk - Dedicate a Tree or a Bench to promote our beautiful City](#) – The City has established a “Dedication Program” for the City to promote our beautiful city while remembering events or those dear to us. The cost to dedicate a tree is \$700 and a bench is \$ 1,200. A dedication/memorial plaque is placed by the tree or bench.

[Memorial Villages First Responder Relief Fund](#) – *In recognition of the sacrifices that our first responders make on behalf of our Cities.* The fund was established and used as a result of Hurricane Harvey. The fund remains in place to provide financial assistance to our first responders (firefighters, EMTs, and police officers) who find themselves the victims of and face emergency hardships as a result of natural disasters or emergencies. The fund is a designated 501(c)3.

Memorial Villages Police Officers Foundation – The MVPD Police Foundation is a 501(c)3 that consists of an Elected Board that include MVPD sworn and civilian personnel along with Village Residents. The MVPD Foundation is a benevolent group created to assist the department and personnel. The goal of the group is to support employees by providing personal assistance to staff and their families and supports the department by providing funding for social events, specialized equipment and training not covered by the cities. The Foundation also assists in community events. **[Email Officer Frank Lerma for more information](#)**

Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Classes for Women

The City and the Memorial Villages Police Department have teamed up to host Women’s Self Defense Classes. We have received great feedback from those who have attended. The next class is planned for December 16-18 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Memorial Dr., Christian Church We hope our college students can join us during their break!

[Email Officer Michelle Owens to reserve your spot.](#)

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Census Day is April 1, 2020. Once a decade, America comes together to count every resident in all 50 States, the District of Columbia and the five U.S. Territories. The decennial census was first taken in 1790 and is required by our Constitution.

The result of the Census provides critical data used to provide daily services to communities: The information is used for reapportioning congressional seats and distributing billions of dollars in federal funds annually through programs that include education, transportation, employment, health care, and public policy.

By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail.

Thank you in advance for participating!

New Vacant Property Ordinance Effective January 2020

Vacant properties have been the focus of code enforcement efforts in the City. This includes high grass, vandalism, and concerns/complaints from surrounding property owners. In an effort to better address these situations, the City Council has passed a Vacant Property Ordinance as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Effective January 2020, an annual registration and fee will be required to ensure the City has the best contact information and can better resolve these concerns. For more details, **[click here](#)** to view the Ordinance which is posted on the City’s Website.

