

Spring and Summer Time Reminders

Yard Tips for the Summer

*With spring underway and summer rapidly approaching, here are some quick **DO's and DO NOT's** for your yard maintenance:*

- Adjust your irrigation systems to run in the early morning to avoid losing most of your water to evaporation.
- Install a good quality rain sensor to avoid wasting water. There are even new sensors available that measure the moisture in the ground.
- Don't over water. One inch per week is enough.
- Don't over fertilize. Yard runoff in Bunker Hill eventually makes its way to Buffalo Bayou. Excess fertilizer in Buffalo Bayou removes oxygen from the water and kills any aquatic life.
- Don't blow or sweep yard debris into the storm inlets or ditches. Again, remember everything ends up in Buffalo Bayou.

The City has already begun spraying for mosquitoes. The City Council approved an increase to the City's Mosquito Control for 2018 based on the needs in 2017. Please help us by removing standing water. Common breeding sites include flowerpots, birdbaths, rain gutters, and drainage pipes. You can place "*mosquito dunks*" wherever water accumulates around your home. Mosquito dunks are donut-shaped blocks that contain a natural mosquito larvicide derived from bacteria. Dunks are harmless to birds, fish, wildlife and pets and can be purchased at home improvement stores.

Stay in Touch! Save Time and Dollars

We encourage all residents to consider "**Auto Draft**" to pay your utility bill. With a hectic schedule, it is often easy to forget as we bill "every other" month. You can sign up here at City Hall or on our website www.bunkerhilltx.gov ("*Citizen Services - Utility Billing Auto Draft Request*"). "**Auto Draft**" is secure, debits your account on the due date and ensures no late fees or cut offs. *This can be very helpful especially during summer vacation trips.*

The Memorial Villages Police Department's **v-linc** system serves as our primary means for immediate communication for events such as our construction projects and updates during the hurricane. Please go to the City's website www.bunkerhilltx.gov and click on the Green Icon "*Sign Up for Community Alerts.*" This will direct you to the Police Department's Website and the "V-Linc" system. Once there, you can also register your alarm and sign up for the "*No Solicitation List.*" **Please sign up for v-linc even if you do not have a home alarm system.** As you are planning your summer vacation, don't forget about the Police Department's "*House Watch Program.*"



Save the Date
Celebrate the 4th of July

At The Villages Independence Festival

City of Bunker Hill Village
City of Hedwig Village
City of Piney Point Village

City of Hunters Creek Village
City of Spring Valley
City of Hilshire Village

The **Festival** focuses on family, neighbors and patriotism and is free to all attendees. The day begins with a **parade** at 9:00 a.m. down North Piney Point Road from Memorial High School to Ecclesia on the West Side, the site of the Festival. The parade is followed by games, food, entertainment and visiting until 1:00 p.m. There is also a **Fun Run** planned to kick off the parade. Please see the Event Website www.vifhouston.org for all the details.