



City of  
**BUNKER HILL VILLAGE**  
 NEWSLETTER

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***From the Mayor***

*June 2019*

***Dear Residents,***

I am very honored to be the new Mayor and look forward to serving each of you. The voter turnout for the election was one of the highest in recent history and your voices were heard.

I extend a hearty thank you to all who voted in the election and also to those who helped with the process. In particular, I want to single out Clara Towsley, who served as our Presiding (Election) Judge and Tom Rigamonti, who served as the Alternate. Clara and Tom are both Bunker Hill residents. Clara worked very closely with Britique Williams, the City Secretary, to oversee the entire process. Clara was also responsible for organizing, scheduling and training residents/volunteers to work the polls on Election Day as well as counting ballots and certifying results. One thing I have certainly learned over the years is that “things don’t just happen” within a city. As Mayor, I am eager to provide the necessary leadership and direction to keep the City staff and residents working together to make great things happen in Bunker Hill.

I am happy to introduce our newest members to the City Council: Keith Brown was elected to Position 4 and Laurie Rosenbaum was re-elected to Position 5 by the voters in May. At the City Council meeting on June 18, Eric Thode was appointed to complete the term for Position 1 (the seat which I vacated), which expires in May 2020. Please see the City’s website for a brief intro on all of our elected officials. The Council and I also made re-appointments to our Planning and Zoning Commission and to the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Many thanks to our residents/volunteers who have all agreed to serve another two year term. Over the next few months we will also be focusing on populating our Committees, so if you are interested in getting involved, I encourage you to fill out the volunteer form on our website or contact our newly appointed Committee Chairs or the City Administrator.

The start of my term as Mayor has been filled with meetings with several important public servants, elected officials, and residents. Of note, I met with the Mayors of the nearby five villages, the Fire Chief, the Police Chief, our Emergency Management Coordinator, resident Pamela Kersey, U.S. Representative Lizzie Fletcher, as well as many other interested individuals. I look forward to working with and receiving valuable input from each of the individuals throughout my term. I have also been working closely with the City Administrator, Karen Glynn, who has been amazing at making the transition very smooth and supplying invaluable suggestions to continue improving the interaction with all residents and access to both the City staff and myself.

I am very excited to announce that we officially completed the drainage project on Bunker Hill Road, Williamsburg, Taylorcrest and Cobblestone East/West. We will be celebrating and thanking residents with a street party in July. Be on the lookout for more information if you live in that area! We also completed pavement repairs throughout the City and have started the Warrenton, Kilts and Valley Star reconstruction project. Our annual budget process will be underway in August and September so join us for Public Comments as we plan for services and more capital projects in 2020 in a fiscally responsible way.

The City of Bunker Hill Village has been ranked over the years as one of the best and safest places to live. My family and I certainly agree, and I intend to work tirelessly as your Mayor to keep or improve that ranking!

**~ Robert P. Lord, Mayor**



*Meet the newest members of City Council: (left to right) Councilman Position 4 Keith Brown, Mayor Robert Lord and Councilman Position 1 Eric Thode. Thank you to these men and to all of our Councilmembers who serve our City. Congratulations!*

**Bunker Hill’s  
 SUPERIOR Water**

Bunker Hill Village has once again received the State’s rating of **SUPERIOR** for the City’s water system. Review the details in the *City’s 2018 Annual Water Quality Report* available on our website at [www.bunkerhilltx.gov](http://www.bunkerhilltx.gov) or a printed copy of the report can be requested at 713-467-9762. Congrats to our Public Works Team who work diligently in this effort!

**NEW CITY HALL  
 OFFICE HOURS**

***Effective July 8, 2019***

City Hall Will Be Open

Monday thru Thursday:

7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fridays:

7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## From the City Administrator

### *Dear Residents:*

As shared on the front page, we are very proud of our Public Works Team and the SUPERIOR results of the *City's 2018 Annual Water Quality Report*. Bunker Hill Village has a Utility Fund that is self supporting through our rate structure. The City purchases water from the City of Houston to ensure we are in compliance with the Harris Galveston County Subsidence District's requirements. This includes taking care of wells, pumps, tanks, and both water and wastewater lines, ensuring our utility system is maintained for years to come. Along with drinking, our water is also used for many purposes including landscaping. See our "tips" below to help with water usage during these hot summer months.

**June 1st marked the first day of "hurricane season"** - Please take some time to review the information on our website for "hurricane preparedness" - found under "*Latest News*." One area in particular is the link to **sign up for "power alerts" with CenterPoint**. This is a great tool - you will need information from your electric bill so have that bill handy.

Don't forget the **Annual Villages Independence Festival** set for **Thursday, July 4th!** *It will be another fun morning with the fun run, parade down Piney Point Road and the festival at Ecclesia on the West Side. All of the info is on the website.*

*Please note that City Hall will be closed on Thursday and Friday, July 4 and 5. Staff will be working the festival on Thursday and will take their holiday time on Friday. We will re-open on Monday, July 8 at 7:00 a.m. with our new office hours as noted on the front page! We look forward to seeing you at the Festival!*

**Karen Glynn**  
**City Administrator**



### **Water Conservation Tips**

- *Adjust irrigation systems to prevent over watering. One inch (1") per week is typically sufficient.*
- *Mulch flower beds and shrubs to help retain the moisture longer.*
- *Have irrigation systems inspected annually to find damaged valves & heads.*
- *Install quality rain detection devices to shut the system off during rain.*
- *Adjust systems to operate in the early morning hours before 5 am.*
- *Choose sprinkler heads which produce larger drops and not a fine mist.*

## **Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Classes for Women and Seniors**

The City and the Memorial Villages Police Department continue to host RAD Classes. We have received great feedback from those that attend. The next Women's Class is in July and a Seniors' Class is scheduled to begin in September. Check our website or contact Officer Owens at [mowens@mvpdtx.org](mailto:mowens@mvpdtx.org) to reserve your spot and get the details!

## **Update on Capital Improvement Projects:**

- We have officially completed our Regional Drainage Project for the area of Taylorcrest, Williamsburg, Bunker Hill Road and Cobblestone East and West! *Many thanks to the City's Drainage Committee and the City Council for their leadership on this project!*
- The reconstruction project for Warrenton, Kilts and Valley Star is underway. Construction of the drainage has started on Warrenton as well as the water line on Valley Star. Watch for flagmen as we work to maintain traffic in both directions until we begin the paving part of the project.
- We have completed the repaving of Bunker Hill Road, Cobblestone East and Forest Glen along with some point repairs throughout the City. We still have a few more areas to complete and we are working with our contractor to schedule.
- The wastewater line repair/ new wastewater line on Coachman has been completed.
- Look for new street lighting on the Memorial curve near Mayerling this fiscal year.