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Dear Residents –

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as your Mayor. I believe strongly in term limits and believe three terms of two years should be the limit for the positions of Mayor, City Council and Commissioners. I wish this could be municipal law but general law cities, such as Bunker Hill, cannot enforce term limits.

Although I have decided not to run for re-election this year after serving as a Councilmember for two years and then Mayor for six years, I stand ready to assist as a "resident" in any way. I am confident that the new Mayor (to be elected in May) will continue to make Bunker Hill a great place to live and raise a family. I hope you will take the opportunity to vote in the May election.

Please know that Fire and EMS Services and response times continue to be a top priority for the City Council, our Fire Commissioners, and me. An update was provided to the City Council and those attending the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2019. The focus of efforts is a settlement agreement with the Village Fire Commission that allows us to stay in the Village Fire Department and addresses our response times.

Please stay informed on this important topic and join us for public meetings:

- Bunker Hill City Council Meetings are typically held on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.
- Fire Commission Meetings are typically scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Recent meetings have been held at Hedwig Village City Hall.

You can confirm meeting dates, times and locations on our website.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve,

Jay Williams, Mayor

Dear Residents:

It has been a busy year for projects. I can't thank you enough for your patience as a resident in the construction zone as well as the negative impact for all of you traveling in the area. We are pleased to see new drainage, pavement, water and wastewater lines in place!

The first quarter of the year is a prime time for our annual check list. Please take a few moments and review the following:

- Sign up for v-linc to stay engaged with all Police and City news. v-linc serves as our main opportunity to get information to you on a timely basis. Bunker Hill is at 83% participation, striving for 100%.
- Register or update your alarm information to ensure the Police Department has the best contact information and understands any special needs that you may have. We often forget that we updated a phone number or email address during the year. The alarm process is handled online through our v-linc system so all can be updated in one place!
- Sign up for auto pay by credit card or bank draft. You can now use your credit card, gain points and won't miss deadlines.

Please see the back of this newsletter for more info for 2019.

Thank you, ***Karen Glynn, City Administrator***

City Council Election Information

The City will hold an election on Saturday, May 4, 2019 to elect a Mayor. Candidates include the following (*in order based on filing date*):

Robert P. Lord
Susan Schwartz
Pamela Kersey

Voting will be held at Bunker Hill City Hall, 11977 Memorial Dr. Early Voting is available on weekdays from Monday, April 22 to Tuesday, April 30. Voting hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There are two days for extended hours: Thursday, April 25 and Tuesday April 30 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Voting on Election Day is
Saturday, May 4 ~ 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

There are two unopposed positions for City Council:
Councilmember Position 4 - Keith Brown
Councilmember Position 5 - Laurie Rosenbaum

2019 Budget and Capital Improvement Projects

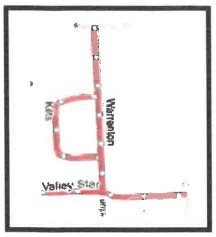
The Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 continues to symbolize a top quality level of City services for our citizenry. The City Council approved a tax rate of $.277 per $100 valuation – keeping the tax rate flat. The City Council also approved a rate increase for water and wastewater to continue to focus on the rehabilitation of our aging infrastructure and to meet our surface water obligation with the City of Houston. Trash and Recycling decreased with our new contract with Texas Pride. The 2019 Budget includes an aggressive effort to complete 2018 capital projects and continue to improve our public infrastructure in 2019.

2018 Completed / Nearly Completed Projects

The City Council received the 2018 year end unaudited financial report at their Meeting on Tuesday, February 19. In 2018, Bunker Hill Village completed $4.9 Million in Capital Improvements including the Regional Drainage Project which also included utilities, sidewalks and paving. This involved Taylorcrest, Bunker Hill Road, Williamsburg, Cobblestone West and Cobblestone East and added almost 2 acre-feet of additional stormwater storage in this area. This project is in the final stages with restoration and punch list items. The Water Line Rehabilitation Project focused on priority areas including Wendover; the upper area of Blalock Rd. and adjacent cul-de-sacs; Jack Ln. and Carl Ln. These new lines are all completed.

Warrenton, Kilts, and Valley Star

Design is underway for the street reconstruction of Warrenton and Kilts and pavement repairs on Valley Star. This project will also include drainage and water lines. Construction is planned to begin in the summer of 2019.



Repaving Projects

The City will be repaving certain asphalt streets this spring. Look for work on Bunker Hill Road, Cobblestone East, Forest Glen and other areas around the City.

Memorial Drive & Gessner Road – Grant Application

The City Council has approved agreements with the City of Houston and TIRZ 17 to submit an application for 80% Federal Funding for the Memorial Drive and Gessner Road Improvement Project. There will be no additional lanes added to Gessner or Memorial with this project. Pedestrian access and roadway rehab is the City's primary focus for the area. The grant submittal was made at the end of October and we hope to hear positive results in 2019.

Summer Intern

The City will once again be seeking a Bunker Hill College Student to join the City as our ***Summer Intern***. Students working toward a degree in Business, Engineering, Government, Public Relations and /or Public Administration are preferred. As a small City, the projects and experience will be very broad and tailored to the selected applicant. This is a paid position. Go to the website for an application. We will be reviewing applicants as they apply and would be happy to interview applicants over spring break!

Set Up Auto Draft by Credit Card

You can now set up your utility account for automatic payments from your credit card. Visit us at www.bunkerhilltx.gov and look for the green icon above. It will take you to "Utility Billing."

Sign Up for V-linc and Register/Update Your Alarm Information

V-linc has been an excellent means of communications with our residents. The Police Chief sends a weekly email and the City is using v-linc to share City Council Meetings and Agendas. In an effort to better communicate, we are sending our newsletter via v-linc (*in addition to the hard copy in your water bill*). Thank you for staying informed!

Rape Aggression Defense Classes

Memorial Villages Police Department and Bunker Hill have been hosting "Rape Aggression Defense" (RAD) classes for women. A new class will be added this spring specifically designed for Seniors. Watch v-linc for details on our next classes. Many thanks for joining us in partnering with the City and Police Department to improve personal safety.