

BUNKER HILL VILLAGE

City of

NEWSLETTER

May 2023

Spring Lawn Care Tips

Conserve water and save on your water bill

- Adjust irrigation systems to operate before 5 a.m. or after 7 p.m. to avoid losing water to evaporation.
- Use a sprinkler that produces large drops of water and not a fine mist.
- Adjust timers to avoid "over watering".
- Do not over fertilize yard runoff ends up in Buffalo Bayou.
- Do not blow grass/ yard clippings into the streets, ditches, or storm drains. The City works to keep all drainage clear on major roadways and asks residents to maintain the area in front of their property.

Prepare for **Hurricane Season**, which begins June 1 and continues through November 30. For a complete list of tips, visit <u>www.noaa.gov/prepare-before-</u> <u>hurricane-season</u>. CenterPoint Energy is responsible for restoring lost service. Sign up for <u>Power Alerts</u> through CenterPoint.

V-linc is the City and Public Safety Department's most effective means of timely communications with residents. It is used to communicate topics such as emergencies, inclement weather, City Council Meetings, and City newsletters, as well as a way to register residential alarms. All residents are encouraged to sign up. For more information, visit <u>www.mvpdtx.org</u> and look for the Vlinc message envelope.



City Hall Hours

7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. – Noon on Fridays Closed for lunch 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

From the Mayor

Dear Residents:

I am honored and humbled to begin my third term as your Mayor. I am eager to continue working together with all residents, city employees, and first responders to ensure our community remains a safe place to live while also maintaining the best quality of life to live and raise a family in the Great State of Texas. In fact, a recent study named the Memorial Villages the Number 1 "safest community in Texas with the best quality of life!" Such accolades don't just happen...I am especially grateful for the efforts of Memorial Villages Police Department and our City Public Works Department who made this achievement possible.

Updates:

- 1. New multi-million water well and drainage detention at Bunker Hill Elementary is fully operational and landscaped. Thanks to our partners at SBISD.
- 2. Construction of the 6,000 sq. ft. facility to house the City's new Public Works and Disaster Operations Building is scheduled to be operational by Fall 2023.
 - Allows the City's Public Works staff to provide more efficient and effective services while acting as a hub and provide needed amenities to support a coordinated emergency response during a major emergency or natural disaster in our community.
 - Our amazing staff is prepared in our current facilities for the upcoming Hurricane Season which begins June 1 and continues through November 30

Upcoming events in the Villages:

- Memorial High School Senior Parade Saturday, May 13, 2023.
- CPR Training with Village Fire Department Monthly (for dates and times, visit <u>villagefire.org/cpr-training/</u>).
- Summer RAD Classes with Memorial Villages Police Department. Email Officer Owens at <u>mowens@mvpdtx.org</u> to register.
- Villages Independence Day Parade *Tuesday, July 4, 2023*.

Lastly, I invite you to drop by City Hall on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, between 8 and 10 a.m. for City Administrator Karen Glynn's retirement celebration. Join me in thanking Karen for her ten years of committed service to the City and wishing her a sincere farewell for leaving the City much better than when she arrived.

Yours Humbly, Robert P. Lord, Mayor



l-r: Kimberly Aguirre, Jamee Gonzalez, Valerie Cantu with City Administrator Gerardo Barrera

responders," these dedicated staff members are integral to the delivery of high-quality customer service and efficient City operations that make City of Bunker Hill Village second to none!

Administrative Professionals Day April 26, 2023

The Mayor and Council recognized City staff on Administrative Professionals Day. Serving as City Hall "first



I-r: Rebecca Hughes and Lisa Titus, MVPD

BHV Recognizes National Public Safety Telecommunications Week Dispatchers – the "first" first

responders – are a critical component of public safety. The City is thankful for the diligence and professionalism of Memorial Villages Police Department and Village Fire Department dispatchers who work behind the scenes to serve and protect residents.

New Building and Development Fee Schedule

Effective June 1, 2023

At the April 2023 meeting, Council unanimously approved an update to the building and development fee schedule. The new fees become effective <u>June 1, 2023</u>. The purpose of the fees is to ensure the City is recovering the cost of providing services associated with building and community development (*i.e.* inspections, plan review, etc.) so all taxpayers don't pay. Visit the <u>City's website</u> to view the new fee schedule.

City Election Cancelled

The City will NOT hold an election on Saturday, May 6, 2023 because the incumbents are all unopposed.

The Mayor and Council are elected from the City at large for two-year terms. Thank you to these elected officials for the continued leadership and commitment to the City.

Mayor Robert P. Lord

Elected in 2019, Robert Lord is serving his third term as Mayor following his service as a councilmember. Mayor Lord has led several initiatives during his tenure as a public servant, including being a founding member of the Drainage Committee, the installation of the highly successful ALPR System in conjunction with MVPD, improving the City's relationship with and service provided by VFD, such as staffing a second ambulance, and overseeing the design/construction of a Public Works and Disaster Operations Building.



Mayor Lord is married to his wife, Christy and has four daughters. *Look for the Lord family in the MHS Senior Parade on May 13 as they celebrate their twin graduates!*

Councilmember Keith Brown



A long time Bunker Hill resident, Keith Brown has provided dynamic leadership in various roles over his many years of public service to Bunker Hill Village. Councilmember Brown currently serves as Commissioner for the Village Fire Department, and liaison to the Planning and Zoning

Commission. He has previously served as Chair of the Public Safety Committee. Councilmember Brown was enthusiastically recognized as the 2022 Volunteer of the Year.

Councilmember Laurie Rosenbaum



Laurie Rosenbaum has served on City Council for ten years. As founding Chair of the Beautification Committee, Councilmember Rosenbaum is committed to making Bunker Hill Village a more beautiful and vibrant place to live for current and future residents.

Councilmember Rosenbaum also serves as the liaison to TIRZ 17 as the City continues to work on a joint effort for grant funding for upgrades to Gessner and Memorial, including the busy intersection.

Interested in participating in the **Villages Independence Day** parade? For details about participating in the parade, please contact Mallory Pack at <u>mpack@bunkerhilltx.gov</u>.