



# City Newsletter

June 2024

Dear Neighbors,

In honor of National Public Works Week (May 19-26), I issued a proclamation in recognition of the hard work and dedication of our City's Public Works crews. These individuals are the heartbeat of our city, ensuring smooth and safe operations every day.

Our Public Works Department is a "boots on the ground" team, maintaining roadways, ensuring the highest quality and safety of our drinking water, and being prepared to address street, water, and sewer related emergencies at a moment's notice. They are responsible for solving some of the toughest problems in our city. Without the quality of life that Public Works provides, there would be no community to police, protect, lead, or represent.

Unknown to many, Public Works supplement other emergency services (i.e. Police and Fire) when an incident occurs. These workers are intimately familiar with the city's infrastructure surrounding the fire, the vehicle crash, the weather event, and similar emergencies. These crews are always the last to leave the scene, ensuring everything is safe and operational before they go.

The role of our Public Works crews as first responders to the "first responders" was on full display after the May 2024 Derecho storm. These first responders, our behind-the-scenes heroes, worked around the clock on the assessment, recovery, and repair of city operations. Immediately after the storm, Public Works began clearing debris late into the night, providing essential support to our emergency response partners to help restore services and normalcy as quickly as possible. They faced a myriad of challenges without missing a beat – clearing roadways, electric power issues, debris clean-up coordination, addressing complaints, water main breaks, traffic signal issues, assisting neighboring Villages, and more. Emergency response events demonstrate the resiliency of Public Works. Their tireless dedication during emergency events should not go unnoticed. I am profoundly grateful for their commitment to our community's safety and well-being.

If you would like to join me in showing your appreciation to our Public Works first responders, find out how to get involved in donating to BHV Inc. Donations will fund proposed enhancements for the new Public Works facility that will directly support Public Works crews during regular operations and emergency events.

Please visit [www.bunkerhilltx.gov/publicworksfundraiser](http://www.bunkerhilltx.gov/publicworksfundraiser) for more information.

*Humbly Yours, Mayor Robert Lord*



# Save the Date



## MVPD Decades Music Bingo

July 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m.  
Chapelwood Church



## Family Movie Night, State of the City, Public Works Building Grand Opening

November 8, 2024, 6:00 p.m.  
Bunker Hill Village City Hall front lawn



## Twinkle Light Parade & Celebration

December 19, 2024, 6:00 p.m.



## Help First Responders Serve You Better

Register Your Information with VFD

Every second counts during an emergency. Share critical information about your household that will aid first responders when responding to an emergency at your residence. This can include special medical needs, animals, gate and alarm codes, etc.

Your information will be securely stored in VFD's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system and provided to responding units when needed.

To share your information, contact VFD at 713-468-7941 and select option 2 for dispatch, or send a message through the online portal at [www.villagefire.org/contact/](http://www.villagefire.org/contact/). Be sure to include your name, address, and phone number.

## Prepare for Hurricane Season

Hurricane Season runs from June 1 to November 30. Residents are encouraged to remain weather aware and have a Hurricane Action Plan in place. To prepare for Hurricane Season, download the Hurricane & Severe Weather Guide:



[www.weather.gov/hgx/HurricaneGuide2024](http://www.weather.gov/hgx/HurricaneGuide2024)

## After Hours Emergency Service Calls

The City's Public Works crews are on-call 24/7/365 to respond to water leaks and/or sewer stoppages on City lines. For immediate attention outside of regular business hours, nights, and weekends, contact MVPD Dispatch at 713-365-3700.



## Water Conservation During Summer Months

Conserve Water and Save on Your Bill

The City experiences the highest water consumption during June-August. Finding ways to use less water will help you conserve this critical resource and to save money on your water bill. Below are proactive measures you can take to help conserve water wisely:

- Irrigate your lawn between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. to avoid losing water to evaporation
- Verify that your water is going on the lawn and not on sidewalks, driveways, streets, or walls
- Drip and soaker hoses are ideal for keeping water close to the roots, rather than spraying into the air and on the leaves
- Check your irrigation system for leaks – wet or muddy areas that cannot be explained by normal watering or rainfall are signs of a leak

For more information on how to discover leaks and reduce water use in your home, visit [www.bunkerhilltx.gov/citizens/public-works#high-bill-check-for-leaks](http://www.bunkerhilltx.gov/citizens/public-works#high-bill-check-for-leaks).

## MVPD House Watch



Are you going on vacation this Summer? Ensure peace of mind by registering your home in the MVPD House Watch Program. When you request a house watch, MVPD will monitor your home ensuring your property remains safe and secure while you are away.

To register, submit a House Watch Request Form at [www.mvpdtx.org](http://www.mvpdtx.org).