



City Newsletter

August 2025

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Independence Day Parade on July 4, 2025! This annual tradition is a wonderful reminder of the strong community spirit that makes Bunker Hill Village such a special place.

A special thank you goes to the City's exceptionally talented Public Works crew – Gama Escamilla, Oz Reyna, and Oz Reyna JR – for their creativity and craftsmanship in designing and building the City's floats (including those featured in the beloved Twinkle Light Parade). Thanks also to the Memorial Villages Police Department and Hedwig Police Department for their coordinated efforts to ensure a safe and successful celebration, to the Memorial Church of Christ volunteers for sharing their facilities and providing refreshments to parade participants, and to our City staff for working tirelessly behind the scenes to make the event possible.

You are no doubt aware of the critical role our Public Works Department plays every day. These dedicated professionals are the heartbeat of our community, keeping Bunker Hill Village running smoothly, safely, and efficiently. They are our "boots on the ground" team, maintaining roadways, ensuring the highest quality and safety of our drinking water, and responding to street, water, and sewer emergencies at a moment's notice. Public Works crews handle a diverse load of responsibilities and tasks and are essential in keeping our Village operating.

Additionally, Public Works crews are vital to disaster response and recovery efforts. Crews are first responders for first responders, as they are responsible for clearing roads, removing debris, marking hazards, and facilitating safe access so MVPD and VFD can do their work. As we enter the apex of hurricane season, our crews have been busy preparing equipment and infrastructure to weather any storm that may come our way. They work around the clock – in the heat, rain, or cold – because a strong Public Works Department is essential to a strong and resilient community.

If you share this deep appreciation for the Public Works team that keeps our community moving, please consider contributing to BHV Inc., our City's nonprofit that provides enhanced equipment and supplies to crews – resources they can use both in their daily work and during emergency events. Contributions also help support crews when a severe weather disaster strikes, including times when they must remain at City Hall overnight to ensure essential services continue without interruption. Your generosity will help equip, sustain, and protect these dedicated professionals as they protect us. For more information and to contribute, visit <https://bunkerhilltx.gov/public-works-fundraiser>.

2026 Budget – One of the primary responsibilities as an elected official is adopting an annual budget that reflects the priorities and needs of the City while being fiscally responsible. Planning the blueprint for fiscal year 2026 is successfully underway. City Council and staff are proposing a budget that strengthens our public safety services and invests in infrastructure– all while we keep costs under control and avoid an increase in our tax rate.

At the August 5, 2025, Special meeting, Council voted on the Proposed 2025 Tax Rate, which maintains the 2024 tax rate at \$0.271 per \$100 valuation. City Council will hold public hearings on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall to vote on the Proposed FY 2026 Budget and the Proposed 2025 Tax Rate. Citizens are encouraged to attend.

To view the Proposed FY 2026 Budget, visit www.bunkerhilltx.gov

Keith Brown
Mayor, Bunker Hill Village

P.S.

Please remember that we rely on our citizens to be the eyes and ears of the city. If you see something in disarray, needs repair, or needs attention please contact City Hall at 713-467-9762 or by email at info@bunkerhilltx.gov.



L-R: Councilmember Josh Pratt & wife Jenni Pratt, Mayor Brown, Councilmember Andrew Poor & family, Alternate Fire Commissioner Clara Towsley

Save the Date



Villages Recycling & Rx Disposal

October 25, 2025, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Hedwig Village City Hall

For a list of accepted items, visit www.bunkerhilltx.gov/event/2213-memorial-villages-recycling-event



MVPD Trunk or Treat

October 25, 2025, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Memorial Villages Police Department



Twinkle Light Parade & Celebration

December 18, 2025, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Celebration at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church, 7:00 p.m.



E-Bike Safety



As the school year begins, more students are using e-bikes and e-scooters to commute to and from school. Riders, including pedestrians and motorists, are reminded to stay alert and follow the City's e-bike ordinance.

The City's e-bike ordinance classifies e-bikes and e-scooters by motor type and speed to regulate their safe operation in public spaces. This measure helps ensure the compatibility of e-bikes and e-scooters with other recreational activities while protecting the safety of all users of the City's sidewalks and streets.

Classifications:

- Class 1:** Bicycle equipped with a motor that assists only while pedaling, maximum speed of 20 MPH
- Class 2:** Bicycle equipped with a motor that may propel the bicycle without pedaling, maximum speed of 20 MPH
- Class 3:** Bicycle equipped with a motor and the ability to exceed 20 MPH

Review important safety reminders to ensure compliance:

- Riders must slow down and announce their presence before overtaking or passing pedestrians.
- Class 3 e-bikes may only be operated on streets by a licensed driver with proper registration and insurance. These e-bikes typically do not have pedals.
- All riders under the age of 13 must wear a helmet and ride on the sidewalk where available. All class 1 & 2 e-bikes are required to ride on the sidewalk where available.

To view Ordinance No. 24-625, electric bicycles, visit www.bunkerhilltx.gov/latest-news/e-bike-safety.

For questions or more information about the permitted use of e-bikes, contact MVPD Dispatch at 713-365-3700.

Report Street Light Outages

CenterPoint is responsible for all streetlights in the City's right of way (ROW). Residents can report streetlight outages directly to CenterPoint by visiting <https://gis.centerpointenergy.com/sloreporting/> and entering the 6-digit number located on the pole or the nearest address.

Hurricane Preparedness

The peak of hurricane season is August through October. Make your emergency plan and check your supplies – preparation is key to safety and resilience. Follow essential preparedness measures:

- Develop an emergency plan:** Discuss with your family what to do before, during, and after a storm. Plans should include evacuation routes and meeting places.
- Build a disaster supply kit:** Your kit should include enough non-perishable food, water, medications, and other essential items to sustain every member of your family for at least three (3) days.
- Prepare your home:** Trim trees and shrubs around your home to make them more wind resistant. Secure loose outdoor items, such as patio furniture.
- Sign up for alerts and warnings:** Register for ReadyHarris alerts by visiting www.readyharris.org.

For more information on how to prepare and stay weather aware, visit www.h-gac.com/hurricane.

Road Improvements

Bunker Hill Rd. & Taylorcrest Rd.



The City's contractor has successfully completed the reconstruction of Bunker Hill Rd. and the mill and overlay of Taylorcrest Rd. While both roads are open to traffic, final site restoration work is ongoing and is expected to be completed by early September, pending favorable weather conditions.

Project staff sincerely thank residents for their patience and cooperation throughout the project. Your understanding helped ensure the timely and successful completion of this work that will benefit our community now and for years to come.

On-Call Services

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, weekends, holidays, please contact MVPD Dispatch at 713-365-3700.