



# City Newsletter

February 2025

Dear Neighbors,

We kicked off the new year with a historic winter storm in January – Winter Storm Enzo blanketed our city in snow and transformed it into a rare winter wonderland! I am grateful to our first responders – Public Works, MVPD, and VFD – who remained on-call throughout the storm. Thanks to their dedication and preparation, our community experienced no significant weather-related incidents.

Before the storm arrived, Public Works crews acted swiftly to prepare the City for the storm's impact. They checked the pressure at water plants to ensure our water services remained uninterrupted, fueled generators, and readied emergency equipment. Crews stayed overnight at City Hall – sacrificing time with their own families – to ensure all City infrastructure and facilities remained fully operational, and to clear and prevent roadways from brush and ice buildup to ensure emergency vehicles could safely respond as needed.

The role of Public Works first responders before, during, and after emergency events should not go unrecognized. Their work keeps our City safe and our essential services running. I am profoundly grateful for their commitment to our community's safety and well-being. If you would like to show your appreciation to our first responders, I encourage you to please consider a donation to the Public Works and Emergency Response Building to support emergency management equipment (portable generators, chainsaws, lighted barricades, handheld radios, etc.). All donations directly support Public Works crews to better serve the City and residents during regular operations and emergency events. For more information, please visit [www.bunkerhilltx.gov/public-works-fundraiser](http://www.bunkerhilltx.gov/public-works-fundraiser).

Turning to the business of the City, the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) is a five-year plan of capital projects that reflect the goals of the City through planning, scheduling, managing, monitoring, and financing capital projects that will enhance our City for years to come. Capital projects are characterized by high-cost major infrastructure with a long operational life, such as streets, drainage, and water and wastewater utilities. Key CIP projects covered by the 2025 approved budget include:

- Design and construction for water and wastewater line replacement.
- Street improvements throughout the City, including primary streets such as Bunker Hill Rd. and Taylorcrest.
- Implementation of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system that will allow residents to access water consumption data online in real-time. With this technology and data, residents will be able to proactively detect leaks and have better visibility into overall water usage.

These projects represent a commitment by City Council and staff to address the immediate and long-term needs of residents, and to uphold the quality of life in Bunker Hill Village. Although residents will experience the benefits of these investments, it is important to recognize that temporary inconveniences/ disruptions may be unavoidable during project implementation. I ask for your patience and understanding with our diligent staff and consultants as we work to ensure Bunker Hill Village remains the premier city in the Villages.

To view the 2025 Adopted Budget, visit [www.bunkerhilltx.gov/governance/finance-budget](http://www.bunkerhilltx.gov/governance/finance-budget).

In our community efforts to better help and support special needs individuals, I am pleased to welcome Dyslexia School of Houston to the Villages! The grand opening is happening on March 18, 2025. The school located in Hedwig Village is a literacy-focused learning center committed to empowering students with dyslexia and related learning differences. I am grateful for their important work and contributions to advancing literacy education both within our community and across the Houston region.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our new and returning councilmembers who were not opposed this election cycle. Andrew Poor and Josh Pratt will be councilmembers. Former councilmember Keith Brown will be our new Mayor. More information to come in my next newsletter.

**Humbly Yours, Mayor Robert Lord**



*Public Works Team L-R: Oziel Reyna, JR, General Maintenance Worker; Gama Escamilla, Team Lead; Elvin Hernandez, Director; Oziel Reyna, Operator & Animal Control*



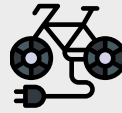
*Oziel Reyna, JR, and Oziel Reyna checking water flow*



*Oziel Reyna clearing snow from roadway*



## E-Bike Safety



As warm weather approaches and more people take to the sidewalks, residents are reminded to practice electric bike (e-bike) and scooter safety. The Memorial Villages Police Department (MVPD) are actively enforcing the City's e-bike ordinance to ensure safe usage on City streets and sidewalks.

Adopted unanimously by City Council at the April 16, 2024, meeting, the ordinance classifies e-bikes and scooters based on motor type and speed to regulate their safe operation in public spaces. This measure helps ensure the compatibility of e-bikes with other recreational activities while protecting the safety of all users of the City's sidewalks and streets. To view the ordinance, visit [www.bunkerhilltx.gov/latest-news/e-bike-safety](http://www.bunkerhilltx.gov/latest-news/e-bike-safety). Stay safe and ride responsibly!

For questions or more information, contact Officer Boggus at [lboggus@mvpdtx.org](mailto:lboggus@mvpdtx.org)

## Vegetation Maintenance in Right-of-Way

Property owners are responsible for the maintenance of trees and vegetation in right-of-way (ROW) areas and for ensuring drainage ditches remain clear of vegetation and debris. As Spring weather approaches, residents are encouraged to check vegetation on their property and plan proper maintenance.

- Overgrown vegetation is a public safety hazard. Keep trees and shrubs properly pruned to avoid causing sight visibility issues at intersections and sight obstruction of regulatory signs (i.e. stop signs, school zones, speed limit signs, etc.).
- Keep drainage ditches clear of debris. Do not blow leaves or grass into storm sewer inlets or ditches as this can cause drainage issues.



*Example of vegetation obstructing stop sign*

## Summer Internship

The City is seeking talented college students to participate in the City's summer internship program. Students working towards a degree in Government, Communications, Business, Marketing & Design are encouraged to apply. For more information, contact [info@bunkerhilltx.gov](mailto:info@bunkerhilltx.gov).

## MVPD House Watch



If you are traveling this Spring Break, ensure your property remains secure while you are away by registering your home in the MVPD House Watch Program. To register, contact MVPD Dispatch at 713-365-3700 or visit [www.mvpdtx.org](http://www.mvpdtx.org).



## Trash & Recycling Collection Reminders

Review collection guidelines to ensure proper service:

- Place carts curbside **before** 7:00 a.m. on collection day.
- For back door service, bins must be visible from the street and not behind a closed or locked gate.
- The City provides one (1) recycling bin per household. To replace a broken recycling bin, contact the Permit/ Utility Billing Clerk.
- Residents are responsible for supplying their own trash bin.
- If you believe your collection is missed, contact the Permit/ Utility Billing Clerk the **next business day**.
- For a complete list of collection guidelines, visit [www.bunkerhilltx.gov/citizens/trash-recycling](http://www.bunkerhilltx.gov/citizens/trash-recycling)

Contact the Permit/ Utility Billing Clerk at 713-467-9762 or via email [info@bunkerhilltx.gov](mailto:info@bunkerhilltx.gov).

## 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.