



City Newsletter

June 2026

Dear Neighbors,

One of the primary responsibilities as an elected official is adopting an annual budget that reflects the priorities and needs of the City while remaining fiscally responsible. Planning the blueprint for fiscal year 2027 is already underway, and City Council and staff are working diligently to develop a budget that preserves and enhances the exceptional quality of life our residents expect.

Bunker Hill Village is known for its strong sense of community, responsive public safety departments, and outstanding city services. As we plan for the future, our focus remains on maintaining these standards and continuing to invest in the services and infrastructure that make our city such a special place to call home. The City maintains a Capital Improvement Plan and projects are placed in the plan as they are identified. Urgency and costs dictate where within the plan that placement will be.

Occasionally there will be a project so large that the city must defer from its preferred pay as you go model to other methods of financing. One of those projects has arisen; revamping and modernization of our water delivery system. This will involve updating and replacing electronic controls and operating systems, refurbishing and building new storage tanks, addressing security concerns and replacing outdated underwater pipes, among other projects. Expected costs are \$6,000,000.00. This money will be borrowed through the use of Certificates of Obligation (CO's) issued under the authorization of the Texas legislature. These operate much like municipal bonds, but the issuing process is more streamlined. They are backed by the City with its AAA bond rating and will sell quickly. There will be no need for an increase in property taxes to cover repayment of the CO's. More information on the issuance will be available on the City website.

Staff are keeping busy this summer managing and monitoring several capital improvement projects throughout the City. You have likely noticed the myriad of orange cones and traffic control devices along Knipp Rd. and Strey Ln. Crews continue to make progress on sanitary sewer line replacements along Strey Ln., and work is beginning on the mill and overlay project for Knipp Rd.

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. While residents will experience the benefits of these improvements, there may be unavoidable temporary inconveniences or disruptions during project implementation. I appreciate your patience and understanding as our staff, consultants, and contractors work diligently to complete these projects to ensure Bunker Hill Village remains the premier city in the Villages.

Each May, National Police Week is observed to honor the courage, dedication, and selfless service of law enforcement officers across the nation. I had the privilege to present a proclamation to the officers of the Memorial Villages Police Department (MVPD) for their integrity, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to protecting our community and ensuring the safety and well-being of residents each day.

We are fortunate to live in a community served by a police department that consistently goes above and beyond for our residents. Whether responding to emergencies, proactively protecting our neighborhoods, or assisting residents with everyday concerns, MVPD officers demonstrate an extraordinary level of care and dedication. Their service makes Bunker Hill Village one of the safest communities in the state.

Also in May, I had the opportunity to recognize the City's exceptionally talented Public Works crew for National Public Works Week (May 17-23, 2026). 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 wide range of responsibilities and tasks and are essential to keeping our community operating. While much of their work happens behind the scenes, the impact of Public Works can be seen throughout the City every day.

At the City Council Meeting on May 19, 2026, Councilmembers Eric Thode, Susan Schwartz, and Carl Moerer were reelected and sworn in for the 2026-2028 term. Council also appointed Hunter Cameron to Council Position No. 4 to fill the vacancy due to the resignation of former Councilmember Josh Pratt who will be relocating out of the City. We appreciate Councilmember Pratt's contributions and wish him well in Oklahoma. I welcome our new and returning Councilmembers and look forward to working together in service to our community.

Finally, we rely on our residents to help keep our community strong. If you notice an issue or have a concern – whether related to road conditions or public safety – please contact City Hall at 713-467-9762 or email info@bunkerhilltx.gov. No matter is too trivial. Recently a resident contacted me about construction and yard crews working on Memorial Day. MVPD shut down four crews, but they cannot be everywhere at once. That is exactly the kind of thing we rely on our residents to let us know about when they see it happening.

Keith Brown
Mayor, Bunker Hill Village



L-R: City Administrator Barrera, Cmdr. Baker, Det. Baldwin, Det. Cerny, Chief Schultz, Mayor Brown, Ofc. Boggus, Cpl. Gonzales, Det. Rodriguez



(L-R): Mayor Brown with Councilmembers A. Poor, E. Thode, H. Cameron, S. Schwartz, C. Moerer



Summer Water Conservation

Water usage typically increases during the summer months, as rising temperatures often coincide with higher demand for outdoor watering. How you choose to use water can make a significant impact on your utility bill. Practice simple water conservation measures to help reduce water consumption, protect our community's water resources, and potentially save money on your water bill:

- Water early in the morning or late at night to reduce the loss of water to evaporation
- Install a WaterSense-labeled device that uses local weather data or soil moisture levels to determine when and how much to water
- Check sprinkler systems to see that water falls on the lawn and not on sidewalks, driveways, or streets
- Use drip irrigation or soaker hoses to keep water close to plant roots and to minimize evaporation and runoff
- Inspect sprinkler heads regularly and remove any dirt or debris that may be clogging the nozzle or impacting performance
- Routinely check for leaks in irrigation systems, outdoor faucets, and hoses, as even small leaks can waste a significant amount of water over time

For more water conservation resources, visit www.epa.gov/watersense.



E-Bike Safety

With summer break in full swing, there has been a noticeable increase in children riding e-bikes and e-scooters. The Memorial Villages Police Department (MVPD) is actively enforcing the City's e-bike ordinance to ensure safe usage on City streets and sidewalks. Parents are encouraged to speak with their children about safe riding practices.

City Ordinance No. 24-625 classifies e-bikes 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 and e-bike safety tips from MVPD, visit <https://bunkerhilltx.gov/latest-news/e-bike-safety>.

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

Hurricane Preparedness

As hurricane season begins (June - November), residents are encouraged to take proactive steps toward hurricane preparedness.

- **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:** Kits should include enough non-perishable food, water, medical supplies, and other essential items to sustain each member of your family for a minimum of three (3) days. Remember: food delivery services may be limited during and/ or immediately after a storm.
- **Prepare your home:** Strengthen your home to withstand hurricane impacts – trim trees and shrubs for wind resistance, seal outside wall openings, and have supplies ready, such as plywood or aluminum panels, should you need to board up windows or doors.
- **Sign up for local 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.ready.gov/hurricanes.

Trash & Recycling Collection Reminders



- Place carts curbside before 7:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day.
- For back door service, carts must be visible from the street and not behind a closed or locked gate.
- Collection typically occurs between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Occasional service delays may happen due to inclement weather or other factors. Please allow until 6:00 p.m. for pickup to occur. **If your trash or recycling has not been collected by 6:00 p.m., contact City Hall the next business day** at 713-467-9762 or by email at info@bunkerhilltx.gov.

Public Works 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, including nights, weekends, and holidays, please contact MVPD Dispatch at 713-365-3700.