



City Newsletter

October 2026

Dear Neighbors,

The City Council and staff worked diligently on the budget for fiscal year (FY) 2027, culminating at the September 15, 2026, City Council meeting, when Council adopted the FY 2027 Budget and the 2026 Tax Rate. With the ongoing challenges of rising public safety funding costs, inflation, and the need to invest in infrastructure, it was important to ensure adequate funding for City services while remaining fiscally responsible. I am pleased to report that Council voted to maintain the current property tax rate at \$0.271 per \$100 assessed value.

The FY 2027 Budget is not merely a financial document, but a blueprint for the future and a testament to the City's unwavering commitment to residents' quality-of-life, infrastructure, and fiscal responsibility. The FY 2027 Budget totals \$27.75 million, consisting of \$13.3 million (47.92%) for capital improvements, \$13.35 million (48.13%) for operating expenses – including police, fire, water and wastewater, and solid waste services – and \$1.095 million (3.95%) for the City's debt obligation. Public safety remains paramount for our City, and the FY 2027 Budget reflects that commitment. Public safety accounts for 20% of the City's total maintenance and operating costs and 75% of General Fund operating costs.

Also included in the Budget is the City's Five (5) Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP is a multi-year plan that reflects the goals of the City through planning, scheduling, managing, monitoring, and financing capital projects that will enhance our City and address infrastructure needs. The plan includes:

- Reconstruction of Memorial and Gessner roads and the replacement of associated traffic signals
- Improvements to the City's water infrastructure system:
 - Replacement of the City's highest-priority waterlines ("Top 10 Waterlines")
 - New groundwater storage tank
 - Power system rehabilitation at both water plants

The City strives for a "pay-as-you-go" approach to construction projects; however, the City issued Certificates of Obligation in the amount of \$5,965,000 to assist with funding of the above-mentioned water infrastructure projects.

To view the full budget document, visit the City's website at www.bunkerhilltx.gov/governance/finance-budget.

Finally, we rely on our residents to keep our community strong. If you notice an issue or have a concern – whether related to road conditions, public safety, or another City service – please contact City Hall at 713-467-9762 or by email at info@bunkerhilltx.gov. While not every concern may constitute a formal code enforcement matter under the City's Code of Ordinances, staff reviews and investigates all reports received to determine the appropriate follow-up action.

Keith Brown
Mayor, Bunker Hill Village

Twinkle Light Parade & Celebration



Thursday, December 17, 2026 | 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



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

The parade begins at 6:00 p.m. from Frostwood Elementary and arrives at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church by 7:00 p.m. for an outdoor community holiday celebration featuring cookie decorating, hot chocolate, snow, a balloon artist, live music, and pictures with Santa!

To participate in the parade and to view the parade route, visit www.bunkerhilltx.gov/event/2319-twinkle-light-parade.

Credit & Debit Card Processing Fee

Beginning January 1, 2027, a 4% processing fee will be applied to all credit and debit card transactions for City services. These services include, but are not limited to, utility payments, building permits and inspections, Municipal Court payments, and other municipal services.

The processing fee is non-refundable and is intended to recover the costs the City incurs to process card payments through its merchant services provider.

For more information, including details about alternative payment methods with no processing fee, please visit the City's website: www.bunkerhilltx.gov/latest-news/credit-debit-card-processing-fee-effective-january-1-2027.



Utility Rates

The Adopted FY 2027 Budget includes rate adjustments for water, wastewater, and solid waste services provided by the City. At the City Council meeting held on September 15, 2026, Council adopted Ordinance No. 26-675, approving an increase to the existing tiered structure for residential and non-residential water, wastewater, and irrigation rates.

Water and wastewater utility user fees directly fund the operation and maintenance of the City's utility system. Rates are reviewed annually and adjusted as necessary to provide adequate funding for continued service reliability, infrastructure needs, and to ensure the sustainability of this enterprise fund.

Additionally, Council adopted Ordinance No. 26-676, approving a 4% rate increase for solid waste and recycling collection services for FY 2027. This increase of \$3.20 brings the FY 2027 total fee to \$83.24 for two (2) months of service. This adjustment directly reflects the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase from Texas Pride, the City's contracted provider for solid waste and recycling collection.

Utilities are billed every two (2) months. The new rates will take effect December 16, 2026, and will be reflected in the February 2027 billing statement. To view the tiered rate structure, visit www.bunkerhilltx.gov/governance/taxes-rates-fees#2027-utility-rates.

Town Hall: Memorial Drive & Gessner Road Phase II Project

The City will host a town hall meeting to discuss upcoming roadway improvements on Memorial Drive (between Tealwood & Plantation) and Gessner Road (between Vanderpool & Memorial). During the meeting, engineers and staff will give a presentation on the current construction design layout, the construction process, and the proposed project timeline. This meeting is also an opportunity for residents and the general public to ask questions directly to City staff and the project engineer about this work.



Wednesday, November 18, 2026 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



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Keep Drains Clear of Fats, Oils, & Grease

This holiday season, protect your drains and the City's sewer system from fats, oils, and grease (FOG). FOG is the residue left over from meat food scraps, butter, cooking oil, shortening, lard, and other food products.

When these items are poured down kitchen drains, they accumulate inside sewer pipes. As this residue builds up, it restricts the flow in the pipe and can cause wastewater to back up into homes, resulting in costly cleanup and restoration.

To dispose of FOG items properly, pour them into a sealed collection container, then place the container in a garbage bag.

Leash Law Reminder



As cooler weather arrives and residents and their four-legged friends spend more time outdoors, dog owners are reminded that dogs must be kept on a leash at all times when on City sidewalks and streets. This is to ensure the safety of all residents and pets.

City Ordinance requires dogs to be controlled by a person who is strong enough to properly restrain the animal and prevent it from disturbing or endangering others. No matter how well-trained your dog is, unrestrained animals are at increased risk of being injured by vehicles or other animals. All animals can be unpredictable when faced with unfamiliar people, animals, or situations. Keeping your dog leashed protects you, your pet, and all users of the City's sidewalks and streets.

Residents are also reminded to pick up after their pet and use the City's designated dog waste stations to dispose of pet waste properly.

City Hall Holiday Hours

City offices will be closed on the following days in observance of the following holidays:

Thanksgiving*

- Wednesday, November 25, 2026 (offices close at noon) to Friday, November 27, 2026

Regular business hours resume at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, November 30

Christmas*

- Wednesday, December 23, 2026 (offices close at noon) to Friday, December 25, 2026

Regular business hours resume at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, December 28

New Year's Day*

- Wednesday, December 30, 2026 (offices close at noon) to Friday, January 1, 2027

Regular business hours resume at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, January 4, 2027

*No trash collection services on Thursday, November 26, Friday, December 25, and Friday, January 1. Trash scheduled for pickup on these days will be collected on the next regular collection day.



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.