



City of BUNKER HILL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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From the Mayor

Dear Neighbors - Thanks to the outstanding efforts of our residents, medical professionals, and local officials, we are flattening the curve of the spread of COVID-19 infections in the Houston metro area. We outperformed the models for the area with fewer infections, fewer hospitalizations, and most thankfully fewer deaths than expected. Great job with the sanitizing, social distancing, and simply using common sense to avoid situations that could result in the spread of COVID-19.

Our area is now shifting focus from containment to recovery. The various weekly calls I attend with the state, county, and other local officials have shifted almost exclusively to discussions about recovery. The message remains that we need to continue to do what is resulting in us beating the model, and we need to use our common sense to avoid an extreme surge in the need for hospitalization and reduced inventory of live-saving equipment, such as ventilators. While a minor surge in numbers is expected during the recovery, we need to avoid an extreme surge.

It is important for us as a community to confidently and safely start the return to normalcy in a supportive and non-judgmental manner. Some residents may want to take a slower pace to recovery while others want to take a more aggressive approach. Both are acceptable, and we as a community should respect both approaches. For example, if a resident is not ready to go shopping, get a haircut, or venture out to a dine-in restaurant, the resident should just avoid those places without criticizing people who do. At the same time, if a resident is not ready to be in public places or interact without protective gear and personal distancing, be respectful and comply with the resident's wishes. The City will do our part in helping to provide information of concern to our residents and provide words and actions of encouragement throughout the community.

The City has done our best to keep doing business as usual, while also maintaining the local and CDC recommendations during this COVID-19 pandemic. While we have cancelled this month's committee meetings, we did hold our Planning and Zoning Commission as well as our Council Meetings online and via Zoom to keep important matters moving forward. We have also successfully refinanced our bond obligations to save the City over \$700,000 over the next 10 years. With these savings and looking to cut-back areas of the budget, we are hoping to present a budget later this summer with some tax savings for our residents during these difficult times.

Please everyone make a world of difference and be safe!

Humblly yours, Mayor Robert Lord



Dear Residents – Many thanks for your understanding of our COVID 19 City Hall Hours and the safety of our employees during this time. The City of Bunker Hill operates 24/7 for emergencies with our staff and partners at the Police and Fire Departments. For other City questions, you can email info@bunkerhilltx.gov. We have been working diligently to respond to all messages and inquiries as timely as possible. And don't forget to sign up for [yline!](#) This is a great means to stay aware during this emergency (and others). Thank you to Chief Schultz for his daily messages during the pandemic. See more details throughout the newsletter for online information.

Throughout this newsletter you will also see the artwork of students working from home! Know that the City of Bunker Hill Village and Bunker Hill Elementary School are thinking of you and hoping you are staying well! **Thank you BHE!**

~ Karen Glynn, City Administrator

Donations and Dedications

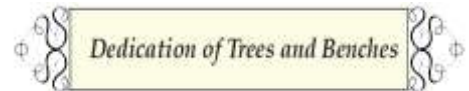
Memorial Villages First Responder Relief Fund was established in recognition of the sacrifices that our first responders make on behalf of our Cities. The fund was established and used as a result of Hurricane Harvey (The fund is a designated 501c3). The fund remains in place to provide financial assistance to our first responders who find themselves the victims of and face emergency hardships as a result of natural disasters or emergencies while keeping our cities safe.

The Board of Directors was very pleased to provide a grant to members of the Village Fire Department, Hedwig Village Police Department and Memorial Villages Police Department during this unprecedented time as these employees face the challenges of the virus.

Donations continue to be accepted via check payable to the Memorial Villages First Responders Fund and can be sent to the City of Bunker Hill. You can also donate online at bunkerhilltx.gov.

The Arbor Tribute Walk provides for the dedication of trees and benches throughout the City. The City established the "Dedication Program" in 2013 to promote our beautiful city while remembering events or those dear to us. The program has been very successful and the City Council has expanded the area to include our trails and easements.

The cost to dedicate a tree is \$700 and a bench is \$1,200. A dedication/memorial plaque is placed by the tree or bench. This is also available [online through the website](#).



We are proud to add and honor the following individuals in 2020:

Our Neighbors, The Everyday Heroes

*Providing Inspiration to Each Other
2020 Coronavirus Pandemic*

Tiffany Avery Smith

With love from the Smith Family

Elle & Dean Hemphill

With love from the Hemphill Family

Jay Williams

For His Dedicated Service as Mayor

Spring & Summer Time Reminders

Yard Tips for the Summer

*With spring underway and summer rapidly approaching, here are some quick **DO's and DO NOT's** for your yard maintenance:*

- Adjust your irrigation systems to run in the early morning to avoid losing most of your water to evaporation.
- Install a good quality rain sensor to avoid wasting water. There are even new sensors available that measure the moisture in the ground.
- Don't over water. One inch per week is enough.
- Don't over fertilize. Yard runoff in Bunker Hill eventually makes its way to Buffalo Bayou. Excess fertilizer in Buffalo Bayou removes oxygen from the water and kills any aquatic life.
- Don't blow or sweep yard debris into the storm inlets or ditches. Again, remember everything ends up in Buffalo Bayou.

The City has already begun spraying for mosquitoes.

Please help us by removing standing water. Common breeding sites include flowerpots, birdbaths, rain gutters, and drainage pipes. You can place "**mosquito dunks**" wherever water accumulates around your home. Mosquito dunks are donut-shaped blocks that contain a natural mosquito larvicide derived from bacteria. Dunks are harmless to birds, fish, wildlife, pets, and can be purchased at home improvement stores.



Resident Needs, Services & Contacts

Emergencies - The City partners with the Memorial Villages Police Department (MVPD) and the Village Fire Department (VFD) on emergencies. If you have an emergency that cannot wait until the next business day, please **contact MVPD at 713-365-3700** and they can dispatch our city personnel to respond to your needs.

Other Needs – For needs or questions that can wait until “Monday,” please see our website at www.bunkerhilltx.gov and [“Report a Problem.”](#) This information will come directly to staff. We are working diligently to respond as quickly as possible.

V-line Communications - The v-line messaging system serves as the main means of providing emergency and timely communications. The system also allows you to receive a daily email from Chief Schultz during the pandemic as well as his weekly email. We encourage all residents to please **head to your computer, go to www.bunkerhilltx.gov and look for the green button “Sign up for Community Alerts.”** This will direct you to the Memorial Villages Police Department V-line page. You can also register your alarm, add your residence to the “Solicitor No Contact List,” add your phone numbers to the “National Do Not Call Registry” and submit a “House Watch Request” when you head out of town.

Utility Payments - We encourage all residents to consider **“Auto Draft”** to pay your utility bill by credit card or bank draft. **“Auto Draft”** is secure, debits your account on the due date and ensures no late fees or cut offs. ***This can be very helpful as we bill every other month.*** Once again, this can be set up on our website www.bunkerhilltx.gov, look for the other green button for **“Online Payments”** – make sure you have your previous utility bill handy with all of your account information.

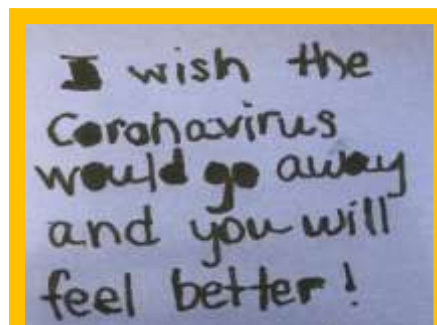
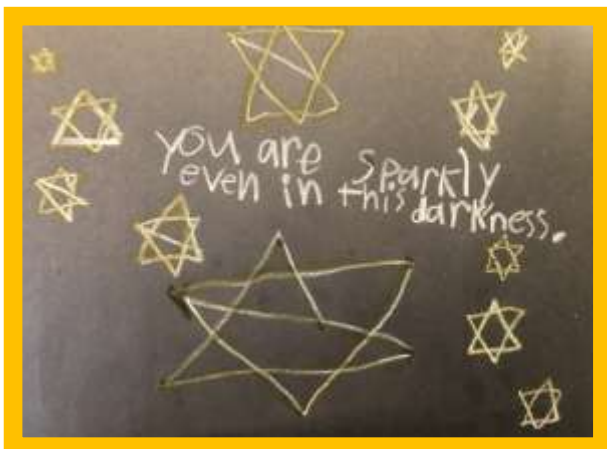
Permits - Residents are encouraged to handle any permitting needs via the website www.bunkerhilltx.gov and by email to info@bunkerhilltx.gov.

Courtesy Tips (as submitted by Residents)

- Please Keep Dogs on Leashes (*Not Everyone is a “Dog Person”*)
- Please Pick Up Dog Waste and Dispose Properly (*The City is Servicing Doggie Stations More Often*)
- Please Share the path with Walkers and Bikers (*No Bikes Allowed on Streets with Sidewalks*)
- Please Watch Your Vehicle Speeds (*There are More Pedestrians and Bikers Out and About*)
- Please Keep the Proper Distance When Walking (*Just a Mere 6 Feet*)
- Please Maintain Your Yards (*Code Letters are Going Out*)
- Enjoy the Beautiful Weather!! (*We Love our Sunshine!*)

Several “safety ideas” have also been submitted by residents. These will be discussed with the City’s Public Safety Committee and at the City’s Public Safety Forum which will be rescheduled when safe to hold.

We certainly appreciate all of the input to make your City even better! Thank you!!



P.S. And we do too!

