



City of BUNKER HILL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



December 2021

ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor Robert Lord
Mayor Pro-Tem Jay Smyre
Councilmember Susan B. Schwartz
Councilmember Keith Brown
Councilmember Eric Thode
Councilmember Laurie Rosenbaum

CITY STAFF

Karen Glynn City Administrator
Steve Smith Dir Public Works/Bldg Official
Valerie Cantu Court Admin/Office Mgmt.
Susan Grass Finance Director
Kimberly Aguirre Customer Service Clerk
Gama Escamilla Public Works Team Leader
Oziel Reyna Public Works/Animal Control
Oziel Reyna Jr. Public Works Team

OFFICE HOURS

7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday through Thursday
7:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon on Fridays

We may be reached at

713 - 467 - 9762

Press "9" for After Hours Emergencies

Or Call Memorial Villages Police Dept.

713 - 365 - 3700

Municipal Court: 713-827-1772

Fax: 713-827-8752

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.bunkerhilltx.gov

2021 HOLIDAY HOURS

Christmas

City Hall will be open:

Mon., Dec. 20 thru Wed., Dec. 22

7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

New Years

Mon., Dec. 27 thru Wed, Dec. 29

7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We will be back to a normal week

Mon., Jan. 3, 2022 at 7:00 a.m.

**On behalf of the City Council and
Staff, we wish all of you
Happy Holidays!**



From the Mayor

Dear Residents - Happy Holidays from the City

What a Year! I am truly thankful to the City Council, City Staff, and all of you for your continued support as we again endured a year of unprecedented challenges. It was great to see all those who attended and allowed the City to celebrate with all of you for the 5th annual Twinkle Light Parade!! So many thanks for the "extra" participants that joined us in making the event bigger and better than ever!! We had over 20 entries this year—I think everyone wanted to celebrate with neighbors and get some feeling of normalcy.

Keeping with the celebration theme, we once again celebrated our volunteers, consultants, City Council, and City Staff at our annual holiday reception. The food and service received at the event held at Jonathan's the Rub-Memorial Green was amazing. This year's award recipients were announced at the event:

Public Servant of the Year--Retiring Judge Carl Moerer

Volunteer of the Year--Jean Krivan

(see page 2 for more information on these amazing, servant-minded residents)

As I reflect on 2021, our accomplishments are many--especially in tackling our emergency situations, such as the ongoing pandemic (and variants), the winter freeze, and Hurricane Nicholas. To overcome these situations required partnerships with our public safety departments and the efforts, patience, and understanding of our residents. Another major accomplishment involved the reconstruction of Bunker Hill Elementary (BHE) and other projects on the school site benefiting the community as a whole. Leveraging our amazing partnership with Spring Branch ISD (SBISD), the SBISD school board, BHE Principal Johnson, and SBISD Superintendent Blaine, a beautiful new school is being constructed, a new water well was drilled, and additional drainage detention under the athletic fields has been approved. Last but not least, we also cut the ribbon signifying the opening of the newly refurbished fire station in December!

As we look forward to 2022, we can't wait to welcome students to the new BHE campus in August and complete the water and drainage projects on the site by 2023. In addition, we will continue to keep public safety at the forefront as the City Council and I work with the Villages Mayors and Village Fire in implementing the provisions our interlocal agreement. We are also working to construct a new Public Works and Disaster Operations Building while also reconstructing Chapel Belle and a segment of Tamerlaine.

Here's to a safe, healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year for all of our great Bunker Hill residents!

Humbly yours,

**Mayor Robert Lord
(and my better half
Christy)**



Honoring Our Team

As noted in the Mayor's letter, the City held a holiday reception to thank the 80+ Individuals that make up the City's Team including the Mayor, Councilmembers, Commissioners, Board Members, Committee Members, Volunteers, Staff and Consultants. Mayor Lord has the privilege of naming the City's Honorees of the Year. This year he was very proud to name the 2021 Recipients who are both long-time residents and have given a significant amount of time to the City over the years:

Judge Carl Moerer
Public Servant of the Year

Judge Carl Moerer has been a leader as part of the City's Court System for 30 years. He served as a Prosecutor for 14 years and as the presiding Judge and Magistrate for 16 years. Judge Moerer grew up in the area, attended Spring Branch ISD Schools and has lived in Bunker Hill Village since 1989. Thank you, Judge Moerer! *You will hear more about Judge Moerer and our Municipal Court System in our next newsletter!*

Resident Jean Krivan
Volunteer of the Year

Thank you to Jean Krivan who has served on the City's Planning and Zoning Commission for 10 years. Jean is also on the City's Beautification Committee. Before these appointments, Jean was on the City's Zoning Board of Adjustment for 6 years! Jean and her husband, Jim have lived in Bunker Hill since 1988. Jim is also a volunteer!



Meet Your City Staff! Susan Grass, Finance Director; Steve Smith, Public Works Director and Building Official; Kimberly Aguirre, Customer Service Rep; Valerie Cantu, Court Admin and Office Mgr; Karen Glynn, City Admin; Gama Escamilla, Public Works Team Leader; Oziel Reyna, Public Works and Oziel Reyna Jr., Public Works. Welcome Kimberly and Oz Jr., whom both joined the City in 2021. Many thanks to Gama Escamilla who celebrated 30 years with the City in 2021 and to Steve Smith who completed 15 years. The City certainly appreciates the tenure of these and the commitment all employees.

Celebrating the Season

Our Village is on the "Extra Nice List!"



Bunker Hill held our 5th Annual Twinkle Light Parade on Thursday, December 16th. We hope everyone had a great time!

Thank you to Memorial Villages Police Department, Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church, Santa and Mrs. Claus, the Mayor's escort Mr. Rich, Frostwood Elementary School, Memorial Middle School Choir, Village Fire Department, and so many more that helped us make the event bigger and better this year!! Just a few pics to share!



Courtesy Tips as submitted by Residents

Back by Popular Demand and with a few more ...

- Please Note the City's [Good Neighbor, Noise & Construction Ordinances](#) (No contractors (this includes lawn maintenance companies!) on Sundays -- help make Sunday a work free and noise free day for everything! Plus note the daily construction hours, too and always remember to follow the golden rule!)
- Enjoy our "[Back Door](#)" [Trash & Recycling Services](#) during these Winter Months (Must be visible from the street and please don't put trash out (too early) if you put at the curb.)
- Don't blow grass into streets and especially no blowing (or dumping) into storm drains.
- Keep Dogs on Leashes (Not everyone is a "Dog Person")
- Please Pick-Up Dog Waste & Dispose Properly (We have lots of stations and are servicing 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 Maintain Your Yards (Code letters are based on complaints)
- Enjoy the Beautiful Holidays!! (We will too!)
- Thank you for reading the newsletter!! (Hope it is informative!!)



Your 2022 Checklist:

Set Up Auto Pay by Credit Card or Bank Draft

We encourage residents to take advantage of automatic payments from your bank account or your credit card. *Note that there are no extra charges to you or the City for bank drafts.* Visit the website www.bunkerhilltx.gov and look for the green "Resident Services" icon. It will take you to "[Online/Phone Payments – Utility Bill](#)" to set up your payment or to access the "[Auto Draft Request](#)". "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.* Make sure you have a prior utility bill for your address handy with your account information.

Sign Up or Update Your V-line and Register Your Alarm

V-line is the City's most effective means of communications with our residents and also serves as the way to register your alarm and share any special needs. Please take a few minutes and review your information so it will be up to date for the new year! The Police Chief and the City use v-line throughout the year to share information regarding emergencies, storms, City Council Meetings, and our newsletters. The Chief also sends a weekly email. *(The newsletter is also included hard copy with utility bills – hoping to get to e-bills at some point!!).* Please register your alarm and note any special circumstances.

Since Christmas and New Year's Day both fall on Saturday this year, **there will NOT be any change or disruption for trash services over the holidays.**

Texas Pride has informed us that **Christmas Trees may be placed curbside on any service day.** Trees must be placed at the curb/street and need to be clean of all stands, ornaments, and lights. **Flocked trees cannot be recycled.**

No Construction / Contractors (including lawn maintenance companies) allowed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Construction Activity is allowed on Thursday, December 23, Thursday, December 30 and Friday, December 31; however, no inspections will be made as City Hall will be closed.

Dear Residents –

Your City Staff offers our sincere thanks and best wishes for a wonderful holiday!! You are all very much appreciated! We are very proud to be your staff and we are looking forward to 2022. We certainly hope you find this newsletter helpful and maybe, entertaining! Please let us know if you need any more information or have suggestions!

Happy New Year!

Karen Glynn, City Administrator & Staff

P.S. College Student? Need an Internship? The City of Bunker Hill Village will once again be hiring a Summer Intern!

The City will once again be seeking a college student from Bunker Hill to join the City as a Summer Intern. Students working toward a degree in Business, Engineering, Government, Public Relations and /or Public Administration are preferred. As a small city, the projects and experience will be very broad and tailored to the selected applicant. This is a paid position. Go to [the website for an application](#). Application deadline is March 1, 2022.