



# Newsletter

June 2023



## Superior Water System

The City's water system continues to maintain a "Superior" rating, which is the highest designation given by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Read the City's 2022 Annual Water Quality Report at [bunkerhilltx.gov/waterquality](http://bunkerhilltx.gov/waterquality).

See page 2 to read about the City's Public Works professionals who made this achievement possible.



## Tree Maintenance Reminder

Property owners are responsible for the care/maintenance of trees in the City's right-of-way adjacent to their property. Overhanging trees should be maintained at a height of at least 13' 6" to ensure adequate clearance for vehicles (fire trucks, garbage trucks, etc.) on the road providing essential City services.



## Stay Connected

V-linc is the City and Public Safety Department's most effective means of timely communications with residents. It is used to communicate topics such as emergencies, inclement weather, City Council Meetings, and City newsletters, as well as a way to register residential alarms. All residents are encouraged to sign up. For more information, visit [www.mvptdx.org](http://www.mvptdx.org) and look for the V-linc message envelope.

## *From the Mayor*

Dear Residents:

Fiscal responsibility is a priority of this City Council. I am committed to maintaining a strong long-term financial position that provides stability and flexibility for our City while continuing to keep the tax rate as low as possible. Here are a few ways we have placed our commitment into action:

**Government Treasurers' Organization of Texas (GTOT) Award** – I am proud to announce that in May 2023, the GTOT awarded a certificate of distinction to the City for its comprehensive investment policy. The investment policy details specific policies, guidelines, and strategies for the investment of the City's public funds. The City is one of only 11 entities to receive this distinction in 2023. A special recognition to Susan Grass, Finance Director, whose dedicated efforts made this award possible.

**Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)** – During the 2022 annual audit process, the City elected to complete an ACFR. The report provides an overview and analysis of the City's revenues and expenditures for the previous fiscal years and demonstrates the City's commitment to stewardship and accountability with public funds over time. The ACFR is considered the highest level of governmental financial reporting. I encourage you to read the report, which tells our City's impressive financial story, on the [City's website](#).

**Financial Management Policy Statements** – At the June 2023 meeting, Council adopted an updated version of the City's Financial Management Policy. Creating and adhering to a long-term financial plan allows the City to make strategic, forward-looking decisions during the budgeting process. With the guidance of strong principles, we plan for the City's financial future with a degree of certainty we would not otherwise enjoy. A special thank you to the stewardship of the City's Financial Audit Committee in developing this plan.

**2024 Budget Process** – As the budget process begins, Council has sharpened its collective pencils and put in the effort to battle inflation that has hammered the cost to deliver resident services (especially police, fire, and water). Nevertheless, we are committed to lowering the tax rate while maintaining the quality of life and operations that is the hallmark of our City. Public safety and public infrastructure remain the primary focus as we aim to ensure a resilient and sustainable City for current and future generations.

*Yours Humbly, Mayor Robert P. Lond*



Mayor Lord recognized the hard work of the Public Works Department who keep the City running safely and efficiently. In addition to diligently maintaining the City's "superior" water system, the team is essential to drainage, roadways, and emergency response operations.

## BHV Recognizes National Public Works Week

May 21-27, 2023



*l-r: Oziel Reyna, Oz Reyna, Jr., Mayor Lord, Gama Escamilla*

### Public Works and Emergency Operations Update

Construction continues on the new Public Works & Emergency Operations Building. In addition to serving as an Emergency Operations Center, the facility ensures a workspace for current & future staff and supports the continuing delivery of a high-quality level of service for all residents.



#### **\*\*Fundraising for Public Works\*\***

Are you interested in supporting the City's Public Works Department? A non-profit corporation (BHV, Inc) has been created to provide residents and the public-at-large an opportunity to make tax deductible donations to use for non-budgeted items such as furnishings, artwork and other amenities. Visit [bunkerhilltx.gov/publicworksfundraiser](http://bunkerhilltx.gov/publicworksfundraiser) for information about contributing to this fundraising campaign to enhance the new facility.

### National Police Week

May 14-23, 2023

The City is grateful for the dedication, heroism, and professionalism of Memorial Villages Police Department officers who ensure the safety and security of residents.



### City Welcomes New Director of Public Works



Elvin Hernandez joined the City in June 2023. He most recently served as the Capital Improvements Manager for the City of Cibolo, Texas.

As Director, Elvin oversees all facets of the Public Works Department, including: water and wastewater, streets,

sidewalks, ordinance enforcement, capital projects and community development.

Contact Elvin at [ehernandez@bunkerhilltx.gov](mailto:ehernandez@bunkerhilltx.gov) or (713) 467-9762.

### Upcoming Events

Villages Independence Day Parade -  
*July 4, 2023*

Glow Stroll with Memorial Villages  
Police Department - *July 12, 2023*

Music Bingo with Memorial Villages  
Police Department - *July 21, 2023*

CPR Training with Village Fire  
Department - *Monthly (for dates and  
times, visit [villagefire.org/cpr-  
training/](http://villagefire.org/cpr-training/))*