



City Newsletter

October 2023

Dear Neighbors,

Family Fun- I hope to see everyone at the 1st Annual Family Movie Night on Friday, November 3 at the Bunker Hill City Hall and Memorial Villages Police Department. Cotton Candy and “Cop Corn” will be served and you can see our new Emergency Management/Public Works Building.

Financial Fun- The City Council, Staff and I worked diligently on the budget for fiscal year (FY) 2024, which culminated at the September 2023 City Council meeting. Your City Council adopted the FY2024 Budget and the 2023 tax rate. As everyone knows, the economy is currently quite challenged by inflationary pressures, increases in emergency service funding and surface water fees from the City of Houston, and supply chain issues. Nevertheless, being as fiscally responsible as possible, I am pleased to report that this year Council voted to lower the tax rate from \$0.275 to \$0.271 per \$100 in valuation.

Future Payments and Project Fun- The FY2024 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. Next year’s budget totals \$16 million. Public Safety remains paramount in our City, and this year’s budget reflects that commitment. In fact, Public Safety accounts for 27% of the City’s total operating budget (74% of General Fund operating costs).

Overall, \$9.4 million (58%) of the budget is allocated for operating expenses including police, fire, water/wastewater, and solid waste. \$5.6 million (36%) of the budget in capital improvements in streets and infrastructure projects. The remaining \$1 million (6%) of the budget is for the City’s annual debt service payments and reserves.

Also included in the Budget is the City’s Five (5) Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP is a multi-year plan of capital projects that reflect the goals of the City through planning, scheduling, managing, monitoring and financing capital projects. The plan includes improvements to roads, drainage, water and wastewater lines, facilities and technology improvements. For FY2024, the budget earmarks \$2.8 million for street and sidewalk improvements, including street maintenance on primary streets, such as Strey Lane, Taylorcrest, Knipp Road, and Bunker Hill Road. Furthermore, the CIP allocates for \$2 million for water and wastewater rehabilitation projects and \$250,000 for water meter replacement.

I invite you to examine the full budget document on the City’s website at: www.bunkerhilltx.gov/governance/finance-budget.

Thanks to staff, Council and you for your continued trust as we look forward to 2024. Can you believe the Holidays are already around the corner?

Yours Humbly, Mayor Robert P. Lord

Utility Rate Changes

At the October 2023 meeting, City Council unanimously voted to adjust the charges related to water and sewer services provided by the City. Utility customers will notice new rates for water and sewer services on December 2023 bills. Rates are reviewed annually to ensure the City can continue maintaining high-quality level of service expected by residents, while also making an investment to maintain the health of water and sewer operations and protect reliability.



After Hours and Weekend Service Calls

The Public Works Department is on-call 24/7/365 ready 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.



Be Water Wise and Winterize

Protect your pipes this cold season. Helpful tips to keep the water flowing and protect your property from water damage due to frozen or broken pipes:

- Insulate exposed pipes and outdoor faucets
- Drain/ turn off irrigation system
- Know the location of all shut-off valves in the event of a broken pipe

For more information, visit www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/winter-storm/frozen-pipes.html



*pictured above L-R, BHV City Administrator G. Barrera, Principal Hillary Hiller and Mayor Lord



*pictured from L-R, BHV City Administrator G. Barrera, Principal Desiree Rios and Mayor Lord

World Teachers' Day

Mayor Lord celebrated World Teachers' Day with Frostwood and Bunker Hill Elementary. World Teachers' Day is recognized each year on October 5 to honor the dedicated work of educators. A special thank you to our outstanding Spring Branch ISD teachers!



Save the Date

Fall Movie Night: Grab a lawn chair & blanket and join the City and MVPD for an outdoor screening of Monsters University! Enjoy bounce houses and complimentary popcorn and cotton candy. Cold front arrives early in the week, so dress warm!

WHEN: Friday, November 3, 2023

TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: Bunker Hill Village City Hall front lawn

Twinkle Light Parade: Come together with your neighbors and celebrate the holiday season with the Twinkle Light Parade on Thursday, December 14! The night starts off with the annual parade from Frostwood Elementary to Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church, which is then followed by a holiday celebration. Enjoy hot chocolate, pictures with Santa Claus and more! To view the parade route, visit the City's website at www.bunkerhilltx.gov/event/1984-twinkle-light-parade.

Parade begins from Frostwood Elementary - 6:00 p.m.

Holiday celebration at MDPC - 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.



City Hall Holiday Hours

In observance of upcoming holidays, City Hall will be closed as follows:

- **Wednesday, November 22** - Offices close at noon
- **Thursday, November 23* & Friday, November 24** - Offices closed (*regular hours resume Monday, November 27*)
- **Monday, December 25* & Tuesday, December 26** - Offices closed (*regular hours resume Wednesday, December 27*)
- **Monday, January 1*** - Offices closed

**No trash collection on Thursday, November 23, Monday, December 25, and Monday, January 1*

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For more information about these events, contact Management Analyst Mallory Pack at mpack@bunkerhilltx.gov.