BUNKER HILL VILLAGE

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Residents -

I hope this newsletter finds each of you happy and healthy. It appears that things in the Villages continue along the path to normalcy.

Public safety continues to be a top priority in our City. If you have been reading the weekly emails from Chief Schultz, you know that the innovative Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) have proven to be an incredible tool for the MVPD throughout the Villages. MVPD has worked with our cities and adjacent areas to strategically place the cameras. I have received requests to add additional cameras to the system. As a result, the City Council passed an ordinance giving Bunker Hill residents the opportunity to supplement the ALPR system. The process is included on page 2 of this newsletter, or please contact City Administrator, Karen Glynn for more information.

Speaking of normal, our City Council has been meeting in person at City Hall for our Council Meetings for several months —please feel free to attend. We will be welcoming a new Councilmember in May. Judge Carl Moerer has retired from the City's Municipal Court and will be our newly elected Councilmember for Position 3. A special thank you goes out to Carl as well as to current Councilmember Jay Smyre who has served in Position 3 for the last four years. Jay and his wife Jackie are moving out of the City for their well-deserved retirement. Additional thanks go out to Eric Thode and Susan Schwartz who have applied and are unopposed for another term of office.

Please join us for the Council Meeting in April to hear my first "State of the City" address. We will also be honoring Judge Moerer and Councilmember Smyre as well as honoring the service of former Mayor Shirley Inman and extend our deepest sympathies to the Inman family for their loss. Finally, we welcome our local scouts to join us at this meeting or any other meeting! As an Eagle Scout myself, I am happy to help future leaders with his/her Eagle Scout/Gold Award Projects, Merit Badges, or have you lead the pledge of allegiance.

Again, as always, thank you for allowing me to serve, *Robert Lord, Mayor*

City Council Election Information

The City will **not** be holding an Election on Saturday, May 7, 2022

There are three unopposed positions for City Council:

Councilmember Position 1 - Eric Thode (incumbent)

Councilmember Position 2 - Susan Schwartz (incumbent)

Councilmember Position 3 - Carl Moerer

Thank you for serving the next two-year term!

In Memory of

Mayor

Shirley Inman



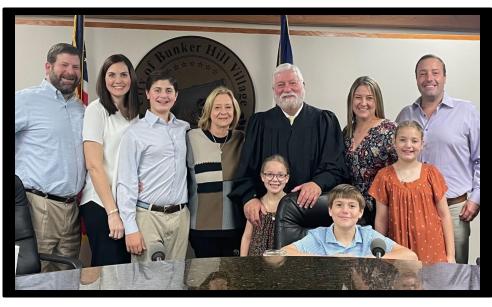
The City was saddened to hear of the passing of former Mayor Shirley Inman. Mayor Inman served as Mayor from 1984 to 1990 and prior to the Office of Mayor was a Councilmember from 1975-1984. Mayor Inman shared the vision for the uniqueness of Bunker Hill Village. Mayor Inman spent time at City Hall helping in any way she could. Mayor Inman lived a life of service not only to the City--she also managed her husband's dental practice, for over 46 years, and was a true inspiration to her children and family. Mayor Lord and the City Council will recognize Mayor Inman's service to the City at a City Council Meeting and will be adding a tree in her honor to the "City's Arbor Tribute Walk."





Meet the Bunker Hill Municipal Court Team (& Family)

The City recently honored Judge Carl Moerer and his family, thanking him for his 30 years of service to the City's Municipal Court. Judge Moerer grew up in the Villages right off of Bunker Hill Road. He attended Spring Branch schools and moved into Bunker Hill in 1989. He started his volunteer work with the City on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He then became the City's Prosecutor in 1991 and the last 16 years he has served as Presiding Judge and Magistrate. Judge Moerer has many interesting stories from the City's Municipal Court! The City now looks forward to Judge Moerer continuing his service as a City Councilman.





The City's Municipal Court is the judicial branch of the government of the City of Bunker Hill Village. The Municipal Court adjudicate Class C misdemeanor cases most of which are criminal, including traffic, city ordinance, state code, juvenile, and disabled parking.

Judge Moerer enjoyed sharing the evening with his family pictured above. As Judge Moerer's last official duty on the Court, the City asked that he swear in the City's newly appointed Court Team. Pictured left to right:

Associate Prosecutor, Mr. Robert Gallego Judge and Magistrate, Kelly Benavides Associate Judge, Brian Chandler Associate Prosecutor, Christopher Gore

Judge Moerer and the City's Court Administrator, Valerie Cantu, joined the team for the second photo. Congratulations goes out to Valerie Cantu as she was recently presented the Texas Court Clerks Association's Distinguished Service Award for her outstanding service and dedication to the City and support for the other Villages and Cities in the Chapter. Great job, Valerie!!

We hope you enjoyed meeting the Court Team in this newsletter and will not be meeting them at City Hall! Remember to Drive Safely!!



The City of Bunker Hill Village Mayor and City Council Cordially Invite You to Join Us

(in person or via zoom)



Mayor's State of the City Open House & Presentation

Tuesday, April 19, 2022 5:30 p.m. Bunker Hill City Hall

Dear Residents:

We are excited to bring back the "Annual" State of the City Presentation and Open House. This will be Mayor Lord's first time to present! There are so many projects and activities to share and celebrate with you. I hope to see you in April!

The first quarter of the year is a prime time for our annual check list especially after these chilly weather conditions:

- <u>Sign up for v-linc</u> to stay engaged with all Police and City news. V-linc serves as our main opportunity to get information to you on a timely basis.
- Register or update your alarm information to ensure the Police Department has the best contact information and understands any special needs that you may have. We often forget that we update phone numbers or email addresses during the year. The alarm process is handled by MVPD online through our v-line system so all can be updated in one place!
- Sign up for auto pay by bank draft. You can also use your credit card; however, the City does pay credit card fees. There are no fees associated with bank draft. With billing every other month, sometimes this bill can be missed so auto pay works great.

All of this information is available on our website. We are very thankful for our partnership with MVPD on alarms and v-linc and also the ALPR Project. See the adjacent article for info on installing more cameras in our City.

Please stay safe and well! Thank you, *Karen Glynn*, *City Administrator*



MVPD's Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPR) Top \$ 3.458 Million in Recovered Property

The Memorial Villages Police Department ("MVPD") has seen great success with the ALPR System in serving as an investigative tool to solve crimes and recover goods. Our City Council passed an ordinance to further the program by allowing residents to provide additional ALPR cameras at the resident's expense at strategic locations in the City. City staff will coordinate with MVPD to determine the placement of these additional ALPR cameras in the City's rights-of-way to enhance the virtual safety gate for investigative purposes.

A person who desires to place and fund an ALPR camera within the public right-of-way of a street within the City must obtain a permit from the City and pay the applicable fees. Each applicant must commit to execute an agreement with the ALPR camera provider, agree to pay all costs to install and operate the additional ALPR camera(s) and to name the MVPD as administrator under the agreement.

The permit application shall be made to the City. The City will coordinate with MVPD for review and approval of the placement of the additional ALPR camera(s). Upon approval by MVPD and the City, the applicant shall then enter into an agreement with the ALPR camera provider and shall pay all costs for the installation, maintenance, and ongoing operations of the ALPR camera(s). Once the City has received the executed agreement with an ALPR camera provider, the City will permit the ALPR camera provider to install the ALPR camera(s) at the approved location(s).

Please contact City Administrator Karen Glynn for more information or to begin the process.

Update on Projects

Bunker Hill Elementary School & Water Well No. 5

There is a new school progressing behind the old school!! A new building is well under way on the north side of the campus. The SBISD Team is doing an incredible job getting Bunker Hill Elementary School ready for the 2022-2023 School Year!





The City's Water Well was drilled this summer with **excellent water quality** results. Work is now underway on the sitework which includes a building to secure the well and equipment. The City Council and SBISD approved **additional detention** to be added under the ballfields. The detention to **reduce flooding** will be constructed as the last phase of the project in the last quarter of 2022.

It will be a busy summer as the SBISD Team takes down the old school and reconstructs the parking area on the south side. The City will also be **installing a new water line** that will take water from the new well to the Taylorcrest Water Plant. Be ready for some **traffic delays** around the school this Summer as this is the best time to construct this critical infrastructure.

Chapel Belle Reconstruction and Improvements to a Segment of Tamerlaine Drive

The Chapel Belle Project is under way! Thank you to all of the residents along Chapel Belle as new drainage and pavement will be installed over the **next 6 months**. The contractor will be reconstructing a segment of Tamerlaine towards the end of the project.

The City's Public Works and Disaster Operations Building is under final design and review by the City's Construction Manager at Risk. JLA Construction Solutions was awarded the project at the January City Council Meeting. The Construction Manager at Risk Process allows the City to hire a contractor to work with the architect during the design phase of the project allowing value engineering and decisions to be made during design versus construction (in view of various supply issues).

The City has budgeted for this addition to City Hall which will include office and support space for staff during emergencies as the staff is housed at City Hall during these events. The City will be working with residents to further support the project using **donations for funding the fixtures and furnishings for the building** as a way to show support for our selfless Public Works employees.

Safety Improvements at Bunker Hill Road and Taylorcrest will be underway soon. This intersection has continued to experience accidents. The City Council approved funding to install a concrete wall between the residential and City fence to **prevent vehicles from making their way to the backyards of residents** in the Williamsburg neighborhood. In addition, new signal flashers have been ordered and a new streetlight will be installed. Improved city signage and landscaping will follow.

Additional **streetlights** will be installed along Memorial Drive this year. The City continues partnering with residents on planting trees, adding benches and working with Eagle Scouts on enhancing the City. We have just added our **first pet watering station** at Strey and Memorial in advance of the heat!