



City of HEDWIG VILLAGE

Newsletter

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Spring 2022

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Tom Jinks
Councilmember Scott Davis
Councilmember Harry Folloder
Councilmember Dane Johnson
Councilmember Shirley Rouse
Councilmember Matt Woodruff

City Administrator Wendy Baimbridge
wbaimbridge@hedwigtx.gov

Chief of Police David Gott
DGott@hedwigtx.gov

OFFICE HOURS

7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday -Thursday

7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Friday

CITY HALL & MUNICIPAL

COURT 713-465-6009

POLICE DEPT. 713-461-4797

WEBSITE www.hedwigtx.gov

Helpful Phone Numbers

Village Fire Department.....713-468-7941
Memorial Water Authority.....713-465-8318
Spring Branch Tax Office.....713-251-7960
Spring Branch Admin.....713-464-1511
CenterPoint (power outages).....713-207-2222
Spring Branch Library.....713-464-1633
Harris Co. Annex.....713-224-1919
Harris Co. Flood Control.....713-684-4000
Harris Co. Hazardous Waste346-286-4299
Harris Co. Voting Information.....713-755-6965
Texas Pride (Trash & Recycling)....281-342-8178

WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN HEDWIG VILLAGE?

Sign up for **E-Notification** on the City's website.

From the Mayor

Dear Residents:

On Thursday, March 10, Wendy Baimbridge was appointed to serve the City of Hedwig Village as our City Administrator. She has been in public service for the past thirty years in the City of Houston. Wendy is a veteran of the Houston Police Department retiring as an Assistant Chief last summer. Her vast experience in her prior positions will serve our city well. When you have a chance, come by city hall to welcome her.

I am also pleased to announce that Lisa Modisette has been promoted from Assistant City Secretary to City Secretary. Lisa has been serving Hedwig Village for the past 15 years and has proven to be an asset to city hall operations as well as the residential and business communities. I have been able to depend on Lisa since day one of taking office. Congratulations Lisa on the promotion!

The City of Hedwig Village is looking for a summer intern for 2022. Our Student Summer Intern Program is a non-paid internship available for junior and senior high-school students and college students that live in Hedwig Village.

The Internship Program will provide motivated students with a unique learning experience in local government. Interns can expect to work alongside city employees and contribute their talents to a variety of projects. (This is a great resume builder). Interested students should contact City Hall at info@hedwigtx.gov.

Enjoy this newsletter and have a great Spring!

Sincerely,

Tom Jinks
Mayor

Hedwig Police Department

From the Chief of Police

Identity Theft can cause a major disruption in your life and is a common crime within our community. Please keep these tips in mind to protect yourself from identity theft:

- Secure your Social Security Number. Don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet.
- Don't share personal information (birthdate, Social Security Number, or bank account number) just because someone asks for it.
- Collect your mail from your mailbox every day. [Place a hold on your mail](#) when you are going to be away from home for several days.
- Pay attention to your billing cycles. If bills or financial statements are late, contact the sender.
- Use the security features on your mobile phone.
- Review your credit card and bank account statements. Compare receipts with account statements. Watch for unauthorized transactions.
- Shred receipts, credit offers, account statements, and expired credit cards.
- Store personal information in a safe place.
- Install firewalls and virus-detection software on your home computer.
- [Create complex passwords](#) that identity thieves cannot guess. Change your passwords if a company that you do business with has a breach of its databases.
- Review your credit reports once a year. Be certain that they don't include accounts that you have not opened. You can order it for free from [Annualcreditreport.com](#).
- Freeze your credit files with [Equifax](#), [Experian](#), [Innovis](#), [TransUnion](#), and the [National Consumer Telecommunications and Utilities Exchange](#) for free. Credit freezes prevent someone from applying for and getting approval for a credit account or utility services in your name.

Please visit our website at www.hedwigtx.gov and review the Personal Safety Guide for additional tips on keeping you and your loved ones from becoming a victim of crime. You can also find information about our House Watch Program, Monthly Crime Reports, Fingerprinting Services and much more on the website.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about the police department, please contact me personally by calling the department at (713) 461-4797 or by email at dgott@hedwigtx.gov .

Sincerely,

David A. Gott
Chief of Police

Village Fire Department

From the Fire Chief

We are so excited to announce that the station is now complete! We hosted an open house in March and were very pleased to have so many of you come out and visit. As July 4th approaches, I would like to remind everyone that fireworks/pyrotechnics of any kind are strictly prohibited in the Memorial Villages.

Due to hospital wait times and call volume, the fire commission has allowed me to continue to staff the second ambulance from 7 am to 7pm. Response times within the City of Hedwig continue to be outstanding. Firefighter/Paramedics can be at your home within 3 and a half minutes for both fire response and life-threatening medical response. Please feel free to stop by if you have not had the chance. We would love to have you out. I greatly appreciate the support that the community gives to our personnel.

David Foster, Fire Chief

713-468-7941 (non-Emergency)



COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Streets and Drainage Committee, comprised of interested residents, was re-formed in July of 2021 and is meeting monthly. The committee's initial focus is the review of potential streets and drainage improvement projects, as well as ensuring ongoing maintenance and improving resident communications. Committee members are Gary Schenk, Harry Craig, DuVal Dickey, Patrick Breckon, and Taras Makogan. Committee meetings are posted on the city calendar and are open for anyone to attend.

Beginning last summer, the committee has undertaken a review of the preliminary design of the large Westside Streets and Drainage project that was proposed by LJA Engineering and the citizen comments that were submitted. Initial recommendations from the committee included a reduction in the proposed width of the streets (originally 28 feet) and proposed conformance with the existing street and sidewalk widths throughout the project area. City Council agreed with these initial recommendations. In addition, the committee identified several open questions from residents, and work is ongoing to resolve them in order to proceed with a recommendation on this project.

In 2022, the committee worked with City Council to engage IDS Engineering Group to provide an ongoing inspection and maintenance program for city streets and drainage infrastructure. The initial project in this program is a restoration project in the Memorial Village Estates area to de-silt the existing ditches, clean culverts, and inspect and clean the storm sewer system in that area. Due to the expected cost of this project, it will be going out to a competitive bid. Notifications will be sent to all MVE residents once the work is scheduled.

You can help with stormwater in the city by maintaining permeable ground on your property, planting trees to help retain stormwater, and avoid blocking the storm sewer drain system.

Thanks for your interest, and please contact us with any questions.

Councilmember Shirley Rouse, Committee Chair

The **Planning & Zoning** Commission worked diligently with City Council to ensure the passing of a new fence ordinance for the Residential and Commercial Districts of the City. Multiple factors were considered throughout the course of this decision-making process. Owners of residential properties located adjacent to non-residential property or heavily traveled streets will now have the opportunity to enhance their privacy from neighboring noise and/or prevent children and pets from running into these busier streets. Also, any new fencing in the Commercial District will be required to adhere to new material guidelines. The ordinance can be viewed on the Hedwig Village website, www.hedwigtx.gov.

This past fall, the Texas A&M Master of Architecture Program studied Hedwig Village's Commercial and Residential Districts. The students spent the semester developing proposed design ideas for Hedwig Village to consider as it goes through a redevelopment phase. From this project, the Planning and Zoning Commission is taking a strong look at improving mobility and accessibility within the City. The objective of these improvements will be to relieve traffic congestion and create connectivity for vehicles and pedestrians within our Commercial Districts.

The Planning and Zoning Commission is also discussing ways to increase the redevelopment of older properties within the City. The intention is to not only have developments that the City of Hedwig Village residents desire, but also to increase the commercial sales tax and property tax revenue in the Commercial Districts, which could lower our Hedwig Village residential taxes. The vision this Committee has for the Commercial Districts is that our residents will be able to patronize restaurants, retail, and entertainment destinations within the City.

Our goal remains to improve the livability of our community now and for future generations. If you have any comments or questions, please let us know how we can assist you.

Clay Trozzo, Chairman, Planning and Zoning Commission

The **Parks and Beautification Committee** has been very busy! After completing the landscaping around the new Hedwig Village monument signs, we have pruned and fertilized several crepe myrtles on Corbindale along with a huge crepe myrtle at the intersection of North and South Lou Al.

The committee was approached by several citizens about replacing a tree that died many years ago on the cul-de-sac at Capri. The committee had a gorgeous live oak planted. We want to thank the neighbors who are helping with watering the new tree!

Trees for Houston is supporting us again with free trees to hand out to citizens. We have requested 125 trees and they will be available during our annual recycling event on October 22, 2022.

Spring is here! Now is the time for fertilizing and planting seasonal flowers. Have fun!

From Memorial Villages Water Authority

With spring fast approaching and the daily temperatures on the rise, we wanted to offer tips to manage consumption and your corresponding water bills, especially those customers who have irrigation systems.

1. Have your irrigation system checked by a professional including valves, sprinkler heads, and controller programming to ensure your system is watering in accordance with your watering days. Even Ending Addresses: 0, 2, 4, 6, & 8 – Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
Odd Ending Addresses: 1, 3, 5, 7, & 9 – Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.
2. MVWA can provide data consumption logs for usage up to 1-hour increments to assist with consumption management.
3. Water leaks can lead to low water pressure and standing water problems. Please contact our offices at 713-465-8318 if you notice running or standing water.

The Gaylord Water Treatment Plant Project is under construction and completion is expected in April 2022. The project will replace aging infrastructure and improve water storage and pumping capacity to our system. The project includes replacing two (2) 500,000 gallon-ground storage tanks, five (5) vertical turbine booster pumps, and all associated piping and electrical controls.

Do not dispose of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) down the drain or garbage disposal. FOG can clog the pipes on your property and/or within the sewer system. Instead transfer to a sealed container for proper disposal or recycling.

Memorial Villages Water Authority is committed to providing safe, reliable water and wastewater services to our customers. Contact our offices at 713-465-8318 with any questions or if you need assistance.

Hedwig Village's New Eateries!

There are new and improved amenities in the City of Hedwig Village for our residents to enjoy!

Let's welcome our newest business into the City! **The TeaHouse - Tapioca and Tea** is open for business! They are located next to Southwell's on Gaylord Drive. They offer a large variety of green, oolong, black and herbal teas. They also offer add-ons such as tapioca (boba), ice cream, and sweeteners to add to your drink selection. This restaurant also has a good selection of other warm and cold drinks such as coffee, smoothies, fresh fruit juices and slushies. Although known for their drink selection, a small selection of appetizers is available, such as popcorn chicken, egg rolls and seasoned fries. Feel free to ask for tea or other drink suggestions!

The **Bean and Bottle** coffee and wine bar is coming soon to Hedwig Village! It is still under construction within the Moody buildings located at 9655 Katy Freeway in Building A. It will be located adjacent to Masraff's and is expected to open in the second quarter of this year.

DSW Designer Shoe Warehouse, located at 9419 Katy Freeway, is currently remodeling their retail space. The remodeling should be completed soon and the store will re-open to customers with updated branding and an improved store layout.

Carter's Pet Depot, located at 9333 Katy Freeway, has also remodeled their retail space. The store is open for business. Stop by to see their new space!

Hedwig Village General Election

May 7, 2022

On Saturday, May 7, 2022 the City will hold its annual general election for municipal officers.

The city potentially holds a general election every year. In odd numbered years, the city elects a Mayor and Council Positions 1 and 5. In even numbered years, the city elects Council Positions 2, 3, and 4. The positions are elected at large. Before the filing deadline, which was February 18th this year, any eligible person could file and campaign for any of the positions on City Council. Note, all elected and appointed positions are volunteers.

This year, three (3) Councilmembers will be elected – Position 2, Position 3, and Position 4; however, only one person filed for Position 4, so only Positions 2 and 3 are contested.

The polling location will be City Hall, located at 955 Piney Point Road. This polling location will be used for early voting and election day voting.

Early voting will be conducted from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on April 25, 2022 through May 3, 2022.

Election day voting will be conducted on May 7, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The City's website, www.hedwigtx.gov, has a webpage with helpful election information.

An acceptable form of photo identification (ID) is required to vote. Acceptable forms of ID include:

1. Texas Driver's License issued by DPS
2. Texas Election ID Certificate issued by DPS
3. Texas Personal ID Card issued by DPS
4. Texas Handgun License issued by DPS
5. U.S. Military ID card
6. U.S. Citizenship Certificate
7. U.S. Passport (book or card)

With the exception of the U.S. Citizenship card, which does not expire, all forms of ID must not be expired more than four (4) years. For voters over 70 years of age, the ID can be expired for any length of time if the ID is otherwise valid.

Check the election webpage on the City website for additional information, including a sample ballot, when available.

The deadline to register to vote this year will be April 7, 2022. If you are already registered to vote but have moved, the deadline to change your address on your voter registration in order to vote in the Hedwig Village election is April 7, 2022. You may change your address online at <https://txapps.texas.gov/tolapp/sos/SOSACManager> or you can print the voter registration application and submit via mail. Print the application at <https://harrisvotes.org/VoterRegistration/Registration>.

See you at City Hall on May 7!

Did You Know?

Warmer weather means home improvement season!

Did you know that there are a lot of projects you can do that do not require a permit? For example, painting, flooring, cabinets, water softener systems, updating existing plumbing and/or electrical fixtures.

Additionally, we have made recent changes to our residential fencing ordinances that now allow taller fences up to 8 ft and we now allow 4 ft fences in the front of properties that face a major street.

For further information or clarification, please contact our city hall building department at 713-465-6009.

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There is a Farmers Market in the area! Have you been yet?

The Memorial Villages Farmers Market is located at First Congregational Church at 10840 Beinhorn Road. The date/time is every Saturday, rain or shine, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 1:00 p.m.

They offer high quality vendors, ample parking, live music, and a playground and children's activities.

www.mvfarmersmarket.org



Save the Date!!
Saturday, October 22nd
8am - Noon

Memorial Villages Recycling Event
Donations, Shredding, Electronics, & Rx Disposal
Hedwig Village City Hall Parking Lot
955 Piney Point Rd, Hedwig Village TX 77024



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