



City of HEDWIG VILLAGE

Newsletter

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Summer 2021

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

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OFFICE HOURS

7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Monday through Thursday
7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on 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
Texas Pride – Trash.....281-342-8178
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,

Hedwig Village is making a big push to get more information to you. Over the last couple of weeks volunteers have been putting door hangars on front doors in Hedwig Village with information to assist you in adding your name to the city’s e-mail list. If you have not added your e-mail yet, it is easy to do! Go to the Hedwig Village website at www.hedwigtx.gov and click on the “E-Notification” tab. If you have any issues signing up, please come by or call City Hall and we will help you get on the list. I want you to have important information as quickly as possible, so do not wait to add your e-mail...DO IT TODAY!

We have started reciting the pledge of allegiance at City Council meetings. If you know of a scout that would like to lead us in our pledge, please have her or his scout master contact City Hall. This is a great opportunity for a young person to get involved in their community. (It would be great if we had so many volunteers that we would need to create a waiting list.)

I hope that you find this summer newsletter very informative. Please remember that you can always go to the Hedwig Village City website for information. If you do not find the information that you are looking for do not hesitate to contact City Hall. We are here to serve you.

Sincerely,

Tom Jinks
Mayor

Keep These Tips in Mind When Recycling.....

Recycle Day is every Wednesday

- Pick up a recycling bin at City Hall, first bin is free and any additional bins are \$5.00 each.
- Set your recycle bin out by 7:00 a.m. on the day of collection, but no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the evening before.
- Bins placed backdoor or curbside.
- Please recycle only the acceptable materials. All recyclable materials may be mixed together inside the bin.
- Recyclable materials in plastic bags will be processed as trash and not recycled.
- Maximize space in your bin by crushing plastic bottles and aluminum cans and cutting boxes down.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Aluminum cans, foil, and food trays
- Steel and tin cans (labels are ok)
- Plastics #1-7
- Glass bottles & containers (empty & rinsed)
- Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, phonebooks, office paper, school paper, mail, and paperback books
- Cardboard, paperboard, and paper bags

NOT ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Tissue products
- Plastic bags
- Carbon paper
- Styrofoam
- Food waste
- Wax-coated paper drink containers
- Pizza boxes
- Paper towels
- Paint or Solvents



For a complete list please visit:

<http://www.texaspridedisposal.com/recycle.html>

From the Chief of Police

Residents,

The past year has certainly been challenging. From a global pandemic to civil unrest, to calls for defunding and reforming the way police operate, it has been difficult. But we are still here, our officers put on their uniforms every day and go to work with the goal of creating a better and safer world for everybody. Regardless of how some politicians and members of the media attempt to paint police officers in a negative light, our officers are noble, dedicated, selfless and honorable people. I truly believe police officers are the best of us.

Through all this, Hedwig Village has remained a very safe City with an extremely low crime rate. But crime happens everywhere and we recommend some simple things that you can do to protect you and your property: always lock the doors to your house, garage and vehicles; keep items out of view inside your vehicle whether shopping or at home; and the most important - be aware of your surroundings. **In the event anything seems wrong or out of place call the police department immediately.**

Visit our website at www.hedwigtx.gov and find out more information about our House Watch Program, Monthly Crime Report, Fingerprinting Services and much more.

Thank you for your continued support. If you ever have any questions or concerns about the police department, please contact me personally by calling the department at (713) 462-4797 or by email at dgott@hedwigtx.gov.

Sincerely,

David A. Gott
Chief of Police

2021 Villages Independence Festival

Celebrating our 29th Year!

Dear Residents –

Save the Date! On Monday, July 5th, the Memorial Villages are hosting the **29th Annual Villages Independence Parade.**

We are happy to report that last year's distancing and masking restrictions are no longer in effect! Of course, mask up if you choose to. As the Parade is on a Monday, we will not be having our usual gathering at the end of the parade as we simply ran out of organizing time and location. We need some new blood to start an organizing committee for the Independence Festival, so if you are interested in serving, let us know!

There is also a "Fun Run" and children's bike ride to kick off the parade. Meet up at the Memorial High School field house parking lot at 9:45 am. Runners will go first. The run is a true Fun Run, no timers, no categories, no pressure. The run will go down Piney Point and end near Ecclesia Church. Runners will need to have their own transportation back to the start.

Shortly after the runners leave, we will have a Children's Bike Ride. We are encouraging riders (of all ages) to decorate their bikes and ride the parade route. All in support our Red, White, and Blue. Families are encouraged to ride.

Next, it is the vehicle parade starting at 10 am. Residents who wish to join in are encouraged to decorate their vehicles following a Red, White and Blue theme. The parade will be led by the Village Fire Department, followed by Village Officials, Resident Vehicles and followed up by our Police Departments.

The old-fashioned 4th of July celebration is a joint effort of the six Memorial Villages and is free to all attendees. The Parade will end in front of St. Francis/Ecclesia Church.

If you will be joining in the parade and decorating a vehicle you must register in advance. The parade will be limited to the first 100 vehicles that register. Please send your name and phone number to Tom Fullen at tfullen@cityofhunterscreek.com Limit of 1 vehicle per registration.

Highlighting HVPD Services

Residential House watch: The HVPD will monitor your residence while you are traveling. Simply inform the PD of your travel plans, by phone or online, to set up a house watch. An officer will walk your property several times per day checking for signs of mischief and alert you if there is an issue.

Residential Security Survey: At your request, a specially trained HVPD officer will assess your residence for security issues you may wish to remedy. Certain insurance companies offer premium discounts if your residence meets their security standards. Contact HVPD, by phone or online, if you would like to arrange a survey.

Fingerprinting: Fingerprinting is becoming a more frequent requirement (and logistical hassle) for employment screening and professional certification. The HVPD offers convenient, walk-up fingerprinting services FREE to Hedwig Village residents, and also to non-residents for a nominal fee.

Keeping your ditches clean?

This is the time of year we see homeowners trimming trees, shrubs, and mulching flowerbeds. When doing yardwork make sure mulch, tree limbs, and shrub clippings do not end up in the drainage ditches or storm drains. We have seen an increase in yard waste dumping.

WHY IS THE CITY SO CONCERNED? When drainage ditches are full of mulch run-off and tree clippings the water does not drain and flooding occurs. Please be a good neighbor and help keep the drainage ditches clean and clear of yard debris.

If you spot someone dumping yard waste or other debris in the City's drainage ditches, please call City Hall at 713-465-6009, they can be issued a citation for illegally dumping.

Where does the water go?

Ever see someone pour motor oil into a storm sewer? Use the nearest ditch to dispose of grass clippings with the leaf blower? Did you ever wonder where it all ends up? Galveston Bay. Substances that make their way into the City and Harris County stormwater drainage system flow directly into our bayous, rivers and ultimately, into the Bay. If stormwater is contaminated by contact with pollutants, then that's how it stays. Stormwater receives no treatment.

For more information please call the Harris County Watershed Protection Group at 713-290-3000 or www.CleanWaterways.org.

Hedwig Village's New Eateries!

The City of Hedwig Village has several new eateries, including two new offerings in the Moody mixed-use project at 9655 Katy Freeway, and one at the former Georgia's Market at 9201 Katy Freeway.

Milk and Cookies is opening soon within the Moody mixed-use development. This coffee and dessert shop was started with the goal to create the perfect chocolate chip cookie. In addition to perfected cookies, this shop will offer a selection of coffees, baked goods, ice-cream, and cookie dough to-go.

Belong Kitchen (formerly Belong Bakery) will also be opening in the Moody mixed-use project in the next couple of months and will offer a selection of delicious meals, salads, breakfasts, and desserts. This new offering has worked with Houston chefs to create a delectable menu with a goal of employing adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in a nurturing environment.

The former Georgia's Market at 9201 Katy Freeway, is being transformed to a new coffee shop called **Sunday Press**. This coffee shop will offer premium coffee selections, pastries, and quick-serve food items later this year. Sunday Press is a new concept by the owners of Tout Sweet and Sweet and will make a great addition to the City of Hedwig Village. Sunday Press – Opening Late 2021

Village Fire Department

If anyone has driven past the Village Fire Station in the last several months, you are aware of the construction. After 40+ years, the building needed renovations. The initial station was staffed with 6 firefighters on duty, today we require a minimum of 10 firefighters. During the construction, we continue emergency responses from the property. Response personnel have moved to the small building behind the main building and are sleeping in temporary trailers on the east side of the building. We expect construction to be completed and to be back in the building before Thanksgiving 2021.

Our response times in the City of Hedwig Village continue to be excellent. We far exceed the National Standards. For emergency medical calls we are on scene in an average of 3 minutes 9 seconds. For fire type calls we are on scene on average of 3 minutes 43 seconds.

If there is anything we can do for you or to answer any question, please to not hesitate to call. Have a safe summer, be sure you stay hydrated.

David Foster, Fire Chief
713-468-7941 (Non-Emergency)

Did You Know?

The City of Hedwig Village has an ordinance that requires all residents to register their dog(s) with the city annually. To register your dog(s) bring the most recent rabies vaccination record to city hall with \$3.00 for your registration tag.

From the Presiding Judge

Hedwig Residents:

Did you know that the City of Hedwig Village has Jury Trials for our Municipal Court? I want to encourage all to serve. Although you can be exempt, those 70 and over make exceptional jurors with the experience and maturity to handle the responsibilities.

Thank you for your future attendance as a prospective Jury member in our Municipal Court.

Gary B. Maddox, Presiding Judge

Residential Outdoor Lighting and Color Temperature: Outdoor lighting is critical for safety and creation of a desired ambiance for your home. The amount of lighting choices is overwhelming as never before has there been more options with differing lumens (intensity) and color temperature. In terms of color temperature, most often the choices include 2.7k, 3k, 4k, and 5k. The main difference with these color temperatures is that the lower the number means the less blue in the spectrum is emitted. Exposure to blue light at night has been shown to have negative consequences, including changes to circadian rhythms (sleep patterns) and melatonin secretion.

When looking at replacement bulbs or lighting fixtures, the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) recommends using a warm-type light at the 3k or lower color temperature. This warm light allows for a well-lit area, while reducing the negative effects found within the blue light spectrum. A simple way to ensure your new lighting or fixture will provide the necessary lighting but also prevent the negative effects of lighting (such as light glare or spillover), is to search for and purchase a certified "Dark Sky Approved" fixture.



Save the Date!!
Saturday, October 23rd
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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