



City of HEDWIG VILLAGE

Newsletter

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FALL 2022

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Tom Jinks
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Councilmember Scott Davis
Councilmember Shirley Rouse
Councilmember Clay Trozzo
Councilmember Matt Woodruff

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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:

The first day of school for SBISD is August 15. We are committed to ensuring our children are as safe as possible. With this in mind, we will repaint all crosswalks throughout the City. Please pay special attention when you see school buses stopping and children walking so, they can get to and from school safely.

Additionally, we have two projects currently underway to assist in drainage. We have reached out to the Harris County Flood District to desilt Soldiers Creek, which they are doing now. Further, the City is desilting the ditches located in our Memorial Village Estates neighborhood.

There are many ways Hedwig Village residents can stay in touch with city operations and events. You can join our email list, and in the event you have issues that need to be addressed by city hall, you can report concerns through our new Citizens Assistance link on our webpage. You can find both links on our home page at www.hedwigtx.gov.

Enjoy this newsletter and have a great Fall!

Sincerely,

Tom Jinks

Mayor

Hedwig Police Department

From the Chief of Police

Summer is here and many of you will be taking vacations to great places. While you are away, we recommend some safety tips for the security of your home:

- Always put your home on our House Watch program. This will ensure an officer will check on it several times a day. To start the House Watch, you can either call the station or complete the on-line form on the Hedwig Village website.
- Lock all doors and windows.
- Always set your alarm and contact your alarm company to ensure HVPD is called immediately if the alarm activates. We don't mind responding to false alarms and this will save valuable time if it is a true break in. Place the alarm company sign in your front yard to deter potential thieves.
- Make the home look occupied. Set timers on some interior lights and maybe turn a radio on to a talk station.
- Contact the post office to stop all mail deliveries.

Thieves look for an easy target. By following a few simple tips, you can prevent yourself from becoming a victim. Please also visit our website at www.hedwigtx.gov and review the Personal Safety Guide for additional ways to keep you and your family safe.

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

As June arrived, we entered another hurricane season. Remember to have your emergency supply kit ready to go! One of the most important things to remember is to have a supply of necessary prescriptions in your kit. Please see the Village Fire Department's website, Disaster Management page to see what else you need in your kit.

As we enter summer, we have seen a dramatic rise in our temperatures. Please ensure you keep yourself well hydrated. Also keep in mind as you walk your dogs that hot pavement is hot on the paws.

If you are by the fire station, please stop in and have a cup of coffee or a glass of tea with us. We are always happy to provide tours of the station and our trucks, no matter your age.

Be Safe,

David Foster
Fire Chief

713-468-7941 (non-Emergency)

Memorial Villages Water Authority

Stage One Water Conservation: Customers are asked to voluntarily conserve water and limit the irrigation of landscaped areas. Have your irrigation system checked by a professional. The check should include valves, sprinkler heads, and controller programming to ensure your system is watering in accordance with your watering days.

1. Even Ending Addresses: 0, 2, 4, 6, & 8 – Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
2. Odd Ending Addresses: 1, 3, 5, 7, & 9 – Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Bill Pay: The Memorial Village Water Authority offers multiple options to pay your bill. Online bill pay, auto draft, pay by mail, and pay by phone are several methods to pay.

Be Prepared for Water Emergencies: Before an emergency, check your water system. Locate the main cut off valve and operate it to verify it is in good working order. If a water pipe breaks, you may need to react quickly. The MVMA can demonstrate how to isolate your system in the event of a plumbing emergency.

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 on the above topics or if you need assistance.

Memorial Villages Water Authority

Streets and Drainage Committee

While we are all hoping for rain and some relief from the hot temperatures, we can't forget that sometimes it rains a lot in Houston! The Hedwig Village Streets and Drainage Committee and Tim Buscha from IDS Engineering Group have met five times since the last update, and here are a few of the accomplishments:

- Selected contractor to complete the Memorial Village Estates project to de-silt the existing ditches, clean culverts, and inspect and clean the storm sewer system in that area. This work will likely commence in August. All residents of MVE will be notified in advance.
- Engaged with IDS and LJA to answer the open resident questions about the proposed Westside project and complete the needed Drainage Impact Analysis. The committee is reviewing the information on a street-by-street basis. This analysis is anticipated to be complete in 8-12 weeks.
- Prepared input for the city budget process to provide a 3-to-5-year financial outlook for streets and drainage inspection, maintenance, and improvement projects. The city has 1.35 million square feet of asphalt and concrete roadways, 24,000 linear feet of ditches and 90,000 linear feet of storm sewer - and we want it all to be in good condition for years to come. The goal is to use inspection to identify the highest priority projects across the city on an ongoing basis.

You can help manage stormwater in the city by maintaining open permeable ground on your property, keeping and planting trees to help retain stormwater, and avoiding any blockage of the storm sewer drain system.

Committee members are Councilmember Patrick Breckon, Gary Schenk, Harry Craig, DuVal Dickey, and Taras Makogan. Meetings are posted on the city calendar and are open for anyone to attend. Thanks for your interest, and please contact us with any questions.

Shirley Rouse

Streets and Drainage Committee, Chairperson

Parks and Beautification Committee

Summer has started out hot and dry. The Parks and Beautification Committee is busy ensuring all our recently installed landscaping has enough water. Campbell Road esplanade was spruced up with mulch and new flowers. We are busy working on plans for future projects to make our village its best!

The Planning and Zoning Committee has been working hard to improve the Hedwig Village zoning regulations to encourage smart development which increases the City's revenues through increased sales tax. Over time, this would lessen our burden to rely on property tax revenue. Hedwig Village is unique among the memorial villages with our I-10 frontage and commercial districts.

The Committee has passed two recommendations recently which are awaiting a joint hearing with the City Council on August 11th.

The first would reduce the size of Planned Urban Developments (PUD) and remove the maximum allowable limit within any commercial district. This will allow smaller parcels to negotiate directly with the city and be more creative in their planned developments which will increase their values and add ground floor retail. Both would increase city revenues without increasing property tax rates. Additionally, it will give the city the ability to have more control over the final product to incorporate any feedback from citizens.

Secondly, we have voted to establish a family-friendly walkable retail promenade along Gaylord. The concentration of a retail zone will drive pedestrian traffic which will in turn increase retail sales resulting in higher revenue for the city. Not to mention that it will help bring more dining and entertainment options for all of us to enjoy!

Looking forward, the Planning and Zoning Committee wants to build off these "quick fixes" and update our zoning regulations, study our parking requirements, and update our Design Guide with the goal of encouraging additional development while maintaining our small-town atmosphere.

Please reach out to me if you have any suggestions on how to improve our commercial districts!

Pete Sanborn
Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman

A reminder, when you or your lawn service is mowing your grass, please do not allow the clipped grass to go into the drain in the street. That inlet eventually flows to the Gulf and any lawn or tree trimmings could clog the storm sewer pipe, reducing the water flow and possibly cause flooding. The lawn trimmings could also contaminate the water in the Gulf with any fertilizer used on the grass.



The Spring Branch-Memorial Library is back in business! We have story times, crafts, book clubs, and STEM activities for all ages. Check out the website to see what programs are available at <http://www.hcpl.net/branch/spring-branch-memorial-branch-library>.

Don't forget to sign up for our Summer Reading Program at www.hcpl.net/beanstack where everyone (including adults) can win prizes for reading this summer. And reading includes blogs, articles, and audiobooks (we're not picky).

We also have podcasts! Listen to Using Our Library Voices, Gabbing with the Librarians, Are You Afraid of the Stacks, or one of our specials at www.hcpl.net/podcast or your preferred podcast provider.

Want to support the library? Join the Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library at <https://www.friendsofsbml.org>. Without their support we wouldn't be able to provide any of our exciting programming.

Stop by if you just need to escape the heat and use the internet. We have lots of free things to fit everyone's needs, so don't forget about us this summer as you try to save gas and still have fun.



From the Animal Control Officer:

Per city ordinance, all dogs shall be on a leash when out walking. This will keep you, your pet, and other citizens safe

Hurricane Season 2022 is here!!

Hurricanes, Tropical Storms, and Tropical Depressions are severe weather events that can cause extensive damage due to high winds, heavy rain, flooding, and tornados, just to name a few. The hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30 every year.

Ensure you have prepared for a severe weather event before the storm approaches your area. Prepare an emergency kit including, but not limited to, such items as:

- Water (one gallon per person per day, including for pets)
- Food (non-perishable – several days' supply, including infant formula and pet food), manual can opener
- Battery powered radio, flashlights, fresh batteries
- First aid kit (including masks)
- Phone (with chargers and backup battery)
- Personal supplies (such as prescription and over the counter medications, diapers, baby wipes, prescription glasses or contact lens, etc.), change of clothes (per person)
- Cash and important family documents in watertight containers or stored electronically
- Utensils, paper plates, paper cups, paper towels, trash bags
- Fun activities for people of all ages
- Tools for turning off utilities, such as gas or water
- Full tank of gas for vehicle(s)

Ensure your emergency kit is easily accessible.

Ensure all family members are aware of your Family Emergency Plan – how and how often to stay in contact, where to meet if separated, and where to go if you choose to evacuate or cannot stay in your home.

Inform family and friends if you choose to evacuate and where you will go.

Prepare you home for severe weather. Store all outdoor furniture in a secure location, trim trees around power lines.

Have a plan in place for any family member with a chronic illness (organ failure, heart failure, depression, diabetes, etc.).

If you see downed power lines, trees on power lines, or smell natural gas after the storm:

- Call CenterPoint Energy at 713-207-2222 or CenterPoint Gas at 713-659-2111
- Move away, and stay away, from the area before making any phone calls

Log onto www.weather.com for additional information regarding hurricane preparedness.

Please pick up after your dog when out walking your pet. The City has several pet waste stations throughout the City to help with this endeavor. Let's all work together to keep our city clean.



KIDS WILDLIFE CONSERVATION DAY



Presents **2** Courses

August 20, 2022

9:00 A.M.
to 1:00 P.M.

*sign in begins at
8:00 A.M.

ARCHER EDUCATION
for KIDS 9+

BOATER EDUCATION
for KIDS 13+

ANGLER EDUCATION
for KIDS 9+

HUNTER EDUCATION
for KIDS 9+

FIELD
DEMONSTRATIONS

Expo

1:00 P.M. TO
3:00 P.M.

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* HUNTER CERTIFICATE \$15

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Sign up. Prizes food
fun

Hedwig Village's New Businesses!

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

Let's welcome our newest businesses to the City!

Cuisinery Food Market – opening soon at 9079 Katy Freeway. This wonderful opportunity will offer chef-inspired cuisine, high nutrient content, and delicious pre-made meals. The meals are fully prepared, ready-to-heat and serve, and offer exceptional taste and the ultimate convenience.

Milano Nail Spa will be located at 9355 Katy Freeway. They are currently renovating their space in the Echo Lane Shopping Center and will open soon. The spa will offer manicures and pedicures, as well as several other spa services.

Hedwig Village has a wonderful selection of restaurants and retail establishments. Support our community by supporting local businesses!

Did You Know?

Summer Intern Program

Matthew Lim was the City's intern this summer. He is a Hedwig Village resident and a student at Texas A&M, studying engineering. He assisted Terry Vick with the City's Maintenance Plan. He also created an inventory and drawings of city property located on our right-of-way (e.g., the irrigation system, traffic signs, city markers and our Memorial Trees). We are grateful for Matthew's contributions and wish him well in his studies!

Our 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. Interested students should contact City Hall at info@hedwigtx.gov.

The Villages Annual July 4th Parade was a success. The residents turned out to line the parade route in support of the Villages and to show support for the Hedwig Village Police Department, the Village Fire Department, Spring Valley Police Department, and the Memorial Villages Police Department.





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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