



City of HEDWIG VILLAGE

Newsletter

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Spring 2024

ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Mayor Tom Jinks
- Councilmember Patrick J. Breckon
- Councilmember Scott Davis
- Councilmember Shirley Rouse
- Councilmember Clay Trozzo
- Councilmember Matt Woodruff

City Administrator Wendy Baimbridge
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- 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

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From Mayor Jinks

Dear Residents:

Council members Matt Woodruff, Clay Trozzo, and Patrick Breckon were all sworn in at the May 9th City Council meeting. Council members serve two-year terms.

Mayor Pro Tem Matt Woodruff is our most tenured Councilmember in Position 4. He has served our City since 2005. I would like to thank him for his diligence in serving as the Chair of the Village Fire Department (VFD) Board of Commissions this past year. Under his leadership, the budget has been better organized, streamlined, and mirrors the strategic plan for equipment replacement. He also served as the Chairman of the Fire Chief Search Committee. This committee recommended Chief Miller to move from interim Chief to the full time Chief of the VFD.

Councilmember Clay Trozzo was originally elected to Position 3 in 2022 and also serves as Council Liaison to the Planning and Zoning Committee. His knowledge and experience have been vital in the ability for Hedwig Village to pass a Design Guide for our commercial districts. The Design Guide will provide direction to commercial developers regarding the City's standards, goals, and objectives in the City's commercial area.

Patrick Breckon serves in Position 2. Councilmember Breckon has worked diligently on the City's infrastructure projects through his service on the Streets and Drainage Committee. He has also volunteered to serve as an alternate on the VFD's Board of Commissioners.

Councilmembers Shirely Rouse and Scott Davis are in the middle of their terms of service to Hedwig Village.

Councilmember Rouse has served on Council in Position 5 for the past 7 years. She has been intricately involved in the Westside Infrastructure Project and Street Rehabilitation Projects as she is the Chair of the Streets and Drainage Committee. Councilmember Rouse has also led the effort for Hedwig Village to be recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City for the past two years. She chairs the Tree City Committee.

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Councilmember Scott Davis was elected to Council in Position 1 in 2021. He has contributed to the development of the City's fiscal policy, investments, and assisted in our most recent change in financial institutions. As a result of his input and guidance, the City has benefited from additional revenue through better investment options.

The comments above are merely a brief synopsis of the contributions of our Councilmembers. They all take time out to attend meetings each month and consistently avail themselves to City staff. As you know, they are all volunteers, so their dedication to the City has proven to be invaluable. As a result of their tireless efforts, the City is moving forward in a manner that we can all be proud of. Please join me in thanking them for their service to Hedwig Village.

This is difficult to communicate... Chief David Gott, our long-time police chief, has announced that he will be retiring this September. Chief Gott has served our City for the past 11 years. Prior to Hedwig Village, Chief Gott served in the Houston Police Department (HPD) for 32 years. During his tenure with HPD, he commanded a variety of divisions including Homicide, Patrol, Recruiting, Internal Affairs, and Tactical Operations. Chief Gott's extensive experience, administrative acumen, and overall command presence have been invaluable to the City of Hedwig Village.

Chief Gott led the transition to the new police station on Gaylord, he was at the helm of high-profile investigations, and installed simulator training. His interactions with the public are always professional and represents Hedwig Village and our police department in a way that makes our residents proud that he is our police chief. Chief Gott served under three mayors, including me. I consider Chief a friend, and I will miss seeing him in Hedwig Village. Please send your well-wishes to Chief between now and his September retirement.

On April 11, 2024, City Council passed a policy for the acceptance of private streets to become public. The policy includes the mandate to have unanimous support from current homeowners, a City Engineers report of current conditions, stipulations for the residents to meet certain provisions, and City Council approval. Contact City Hall for details.

On May 9, 2024, City Council voted on the 2024 Capital Improvement Project for our Street Rehabilitation Program. This year, we will mill and overlay Robinwood, Whippoorwill, and possibly Sprucewood. Also at the May 9 Council Meeting, City contracted engineers received direction from Council to proceed in the remaining design for our Westside Infrastructure Project which encompasses a much-needed upgrade to the streets and drainage system in that part of our City.

In response to several requests for enhanced safety features on the crosswalk at Taylorcrest at Magdalene, the City worked on a project to install flashing lights at this intersection. Because this section of Taylorcrest is part of the Bunker Hill Village jurisdiction, a presentation to their council was necessary to gain approval for the installation. Many thanks to Mayor Lord for his support and Bunker Hill City Council for approving this needed safety feature! We now have more visibility and signage so motorists can better observe pedestrians, which includes Hedwig Village children who cross Taylorcrest to attend Bunker Hill Elementary.

We will be restriping all crosswalks throughout the summer months. By refreshing the crosswalk markings, we are reaffirming our commitment to creating safe and accessible pathways for everyone in our community, particularly our students. Whether walking to school or exploring our neighborhood, residents can feel confident knowing that our crosswalks are clearly marked and easily identifiable. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to complete this project.

Our student Intern Program will continue in 2024! The goal of this program is to allow Hedwig Village high school and college students an understanding of municipal government purpose and functions. If you are interested, or know a Hedwig Village student that is, please contact the City Administrator, Wendy Baimbridge, at 713-600-7373...(continued)...

On behalf of City Council and myself, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to members of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Streets and Drainage Committee, the Parks and Beautification Committee, the Board of Adjustments, and the Tree City Committee. You all have sacrificed your time to serve our City. As individuals and as a group, you have made the City better. Thank you all for your support and for your care and involvement in our community.

Because we communicate more frequently through emails, I encourage you to sign up to receive Hedwig Village emails on our home page at www.hedwigtx.gov. In the event you have any feedback regarding City operations, use the Citizens Assistance link on our webpage.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe summer!

Sincerely,

Tom Jinks

Mayor

City of Hedwig Village

**VILLAGES
INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Parade

Thursday, July 4, 2024

START
Memorial Church of Christ
Library · Spring...

END
Ecclesia
Piney Point Village

Parade
Starts at 10:00 a.m.

Starts at Memorial Church of Christ on Gaylord

Ends at Ecclesia on Piney Point Rd

MVPD Fun Run & Bike Ride
Starts at 9:45 a.m.

For more information and to participate in the parade, visit www.bunkerhilltx.gov/latest-news/independence-day-parade or contact Mallory Pack at mpack@bunkerhilltx.gov

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NEW BUSINESSES IN HEDWIG VILLAGE!!!!

We are thrilled to share the exciting news of several new businesses making their debut in our vibrant community! Hedwig Village is buzzing with anticipation as these new establishments open their doors, offering residents and visitors an array of food, shopping, and service experiences.

Stores

[Old Navy](#), located at 9429 Katy Freeway, has opened after an extensive remodel of the old Office Maxx location. Old Navy has clothes for babies, toddlers, children, teens, women, and men. Their website address is oldnavy.gap.com.

[Pi Kitchen and Bath](#), located at 8741 Katy Freeway, is a kitchen and bath remodel enterprise. Their staff can assist you with remodeling options for the kitchen, bath, and closets, making the experience as hassle-free as possible. Their website is kitchenandbathshop.com.

[Pi Pergola](#), also located at 8741 Katy Freeway, specializes in custom designed pergola installations and outdoor shade structures. They offer a wide array of options. Their website is pipergola.com.

[Klein Jewelry](#), located at 9311C Katy Freeway, offers jewelry, repair and service, and unsurpassed value. Their selection includes rings, bracelets, earrings, necklaces and pendants, and watches. Their website is kleinsjewelry.com.

[Epic Dental Center](#), located at 8800 Katy Freeway, Ste 280, is open for general, family, cosmetic, preventive, and restorative dentistry. Their website is epicdentalcenter.com.

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Restaurants

[Bar Bludorn](#), located at 9061 Gaylord Dr., is open for dinner and has a private dining option. Their menu includes seafood, duck, pork chops, pasta, soups and salads, and desserts. Their website is [barbludorn.com](#).

[Rice Box](#), located at 9201 Katy Freeway, will be open soon. They will serve classic dishes such as General Tso Chicken, Sesame Chicken, and Kung Pao Chicken. They also serve noodles and rice dishes such as Curry Fried Rice and Chow Fun. Their website is [riceboxed.com](#).

[Crust Pizza](#) will open soon at 9406 Gaylord Dr., Ste 900. Their menu includes items such as pizza and calzones, pasta, salad, kid's meals, and desserts. Their website is [crustpizzaco.com](#).

[Taco Deli](#), founded in Austin, Texas, will open a location in Hedwig Village soon. Their menu includes various breakfast, lunch, and dinner options. Their website is [tacodeli.com](#).

[Chicken Salad Chick](#), opening soon in the 9400 block of Gaylord, offers a variety of chicken salad sandwiches, as well as soups, salads, and a kid's menu. They also offer catering with various options. Their website is [chickensaladchick.com](#).

Further, we have new retail space, with restaurants (some mentioned above), will open along Gaylord, across from the high school track and field. As we continue to grow and evolve, we look forward to welcoming even more new businesses that will contribute to the vibrancy and vitality of our beloved city. Stay tuned for more updates and announcements – and shop Hedwig!



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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.



Update on the May 16, 2024 Storm Event

On May 16, 2024, our region experienced a severe storm with high winds starting at approximately 6:30 p.m. While this was not a high-water event and there was minimal street flooding, the storm was characterized by extremely high winds, with speeds reported to be between 70 mph and 130 mph. As a result, the entire city was without power for several days due to numerous trees falling on power lines. CenterPoint Energy reported that the Memorial Villages and Cypress were among the hardest-hit areas in our region.

The most immediate goal on the night of the storm was to remove all fallen trees from the roadways throughout the city to ensure that emergency vehicles and CenterPoint trucks could access the streets. An email was sent to residents requesting that they call City Hall to report any issues, such as downed trees and power lines. The downed tree reports were promptly relayed to field crews to handle that night. City staff, and several residents worked diligently to clear the streets until 2:30 a.m. While the streets were being cleared of debris, City employees maintained constant communication with CenterPoint throughout the night and for the next several days to report fallen power lines.

An Emergency Declaration was signed along with curfew orders on May 17, 2024. Daily email notifications were sent to residents (please visit the City of Hedwig Village website to sign up to receive City emails if you haven't already). The emails provided daily updates on power restoration, debris removal, important outage reporting contacts, etc.

In the days following the storm, the City's priorities were power restoration and debris removal. The City maintained ongoing communication with CenterPoint until all power was restored in Hedwig Village, which occurred on Friday, May 24. Once power was restored, the City collaborated with internet providers to expedite the restoration of services by informing them of downed lines. Additionally, the City worked with Harris County Commissioner Tom Ramsey and his staff to clear roadways of debris. An ad-hoc plan was enacted to collaborate with contracted city companies to remove the debris to a staging area off I-10. I would like to extend our gratitude to Mr. Khalid Kajani for generously allowing the City to use his vacant land to store the debris, which enabled the City to clean up the debris, including Hedwig Park, before Memorial Day. We were the first village to complete the 'first pass' of debris pickup.

I am incredibly proud of Hedwig Village residents. Your resilience and genuine care for one another were on full display throughout the past few weeks. Thank you for supporting each other and for assisting our elderly neighbors.

Sincerely,
Tom Jinks
Mayor
City of Hedwig Village