

# CITY OF HILLCREST VILLAGE HIGHLIGHTS

*Recognizing the people  
volunteering their time  
and talents for our village*

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## CHRISTMAS LUMINARIES

Our 50+ year tradition of the Christmas luminaries was a gorgeous sight to see. Thank you to everyone who worked to keep the tradition alive for our community and future generations to come. Experiencing the luminaries is a memory so many have shared as a special time from their childhood. It is wonderful to see this tradition continuing to give young ones the same joy for the holidays.



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"Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much" – Helen Keller

# MORE DRAINAGE WORK COMPLETED

The goal of 2022 was to work jointly with Brazoria County to address our drainage needs within the Village. With the persistence from John Patterson, he has been able to build a relationship with the County to coordinate the activities to best maximize their time and efforts. We are all tremendously grateful for his efforts to make the calls and his ability to get the right people involved. See the latest improvement on our drainage below. A drain was covered with over 10' of brush, trees, and limbs.

BEFORE



AFTER



## 2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Category	Description
Drainage	<b>Retention pond improvements</b> Enabled to the pond to operate correctly to quickly move water in the area
Drainage	<b>Several miles of drainage cleared</b> Updated to improve water flow
Drainage	<b>Mustang Bayou Clean Up</b> Worked with community to remove the illegal dumping along the bayou that prevented the County from maintaining the drainage.
Water	<b>Hydro Pneumatic Tank No.1 &amp; Tank No. 2</b> Repainting the tanks have extended their life for an estimated 20 years.
Water	<b>Bottom valve replacement on Hydro Pneumatic Tank #2</b> Allows the tank to be isolated and cleaned more efficiently in the future
Water	<b>Install Block Valves to Isolate Hydro Pneumatic Tank No. 2 -</b> Allows the tank to be isolated and cleaned more efficiently in the future
Road	<b>Updated stop signs</b> Based on numerous traffic stop feedback, many drivers shared that their inability to see the stop sign caused them to miss the stop
Lights	<b>Street Lights</b> Replace the light on Sherwood
Misc	<b>AT&amp;T Line Upgrades</b> Working with both the community and AT&T to address the issues caused by the upgrades
Buildings	<b>Community Building Electrical Upgrades</b> An outside receptacle box was installed outside of the Community Center to provide light on our American Flag and to provide additional power for rental needs. This box has prevented the need of running extension cords, which has caused electrical fuses to go out.

# TEXAS A&M AGRI-LIFE REVIEW

Travis Hobbs (Hillcrest Village Emergency Management Coordinator Volunteer) through both his professional contacts as a City of Houston Firefighter and personal contacts, has reached out to the Texas A&M Agri-Life for support of the City of Hillcrest water management. They hosted a meeting within the community center to share their recommendations by using their latest technology. Based on the feedback they received during their meeting, Texas A&M Agri-Life will be compiling a list of recommendations on how best to manage the water as the City of Alvin develops new subdivisions around us.

## WATER IMPROVEMENTS

Once all the water improvements are complete, the City of Hillcrest will have 4 ways to access water (Water well #2, Water well #3, Water Tank and City of Alvin Interconnect.) With the COVID grant money, our volunteers, Kory Izard Wrobliski, Kendall McGilvray, John Patterson, Preston Armistead, and Tom Wilson, have been working to understand how to use the Federal funds and how to properly follow the rules associated with these funds. They have been able to upgrade the Hydro pneumatic tanks by both painting the interior/exterior walls to prevent any future pitting and by repairing/installing new isolation valves that allows the water wells to be bypassed to access the water tank individually. Also, they have used the grant funds to pay to have the existing interconnect drawings to be approved by a license engineer as per the recent updated code that caused the water interconnect to be temporarily taken down.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHT COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who decorated their homes for the holidays! It was amazing to see the creativity and the beautiful scenes everyone created with their decorations. We had many people who drove down our streets to enjoy the Christmas spirit. Everyone was a winner this holiday season!

Unfortunately, we did not have a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner with the light competition due to the volunteer judges not being available and/or the cold weather. Next year, the goal is to identify a few organizations prior to the event to properly recognize their efforts.

## SPRING YARD COMPETITION

Since we have donated awards available, we would like to use the funds to host a Spring Yard Competition! We will be sending out more information on the time and date. If you have any ideas on how to add to the event, please contact Kory Izard Wrobliski (korycityhillcrest@protonmail.com)

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***If anyone is interested in volunteering and/or have an idea you would like to pursue for the community, please reach out to Kory Izard Wrobliski – it takes a village to make this place home.  
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