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Well, summer's almost over. The backpack/back to school ads have started....sad days....

Speaking as a recent "Empty Nester", I encourage all you parents lamenting melted popsicles and wet towels left in bedroom corners, to drink it in and savor the moment....it goes by way too quick. Go night swimming a few more times, go get Ice Cream late at night from Sonic, wrap a house, HRC Bingo on Wednesday....make a few more great summer memories while you still can....

On a happy note, Football season begins in a few weeks, and the first Aggie National Championship drive begins.....so we have that to look forward to!

### **A Few Housekeeping Items:**

-Harris County Flood Control had their meeting to discuss Bond/Flood related items this past week, and our council and Engineers were in attendance. So far, just a lobbying/sales job for the bond issuance (which we are in favor of) and a political photo op. Nothing substantive yet, but I will let you know when there is and how it could affect us.

-While I'm happy you like your Candidate for whatever office they're running for in November, could we please hold off on the political signs that have been up all summer? At least till maybe mid-October? You don't care who I support and I don't care who you support. We spend a ton of money and effort keeping Hunters Creek beautiful and clean, (see our esplanades and public areas), and don't need sign pollution all over for months, no matter what the Candidates tell you to do. Yes, it's your right to do so, but it's about respect for our neighbors and keeping a beautiful neighborhood, free of sign pollution. Regardless, one sign per candidate and none in the City right of way, if so, they will be removed. Have at it in October.....please.

-Your wonderful City Council had its annual budget planning workshop last week. After many hours of discussion/planning/cutting/negotiating, we again have a fully balanced budget with a bit of a surplus to handle the unknown expense of our Drainage Outfall situation. It is currently being video camera inspected to see what the damage/situation is so we can plan accordingly. This is potentially the biggest ticket item we have coming down the pipe....(yes I used it again).... We have preserved the lowest tax rate, by quite a bit, of any of the Villages and the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest in the region with NO DEBT. That is HUGE....

-Kudo's to Councilman/Fire commissioner Jay Carlton for his tireless work on the Village Fire Dept. roof repair and remodel upcoming. There will be much more news to follow, but 5 of the 6 Villages have voted for the extensive remodel for our First Class Fire Dept. Jay has headed up this very extensive task and spent countless hours making sure we will have a wonderful facility for our Firemen and Firewomen for decades to come. We hope that Bunker Hill Village will join us in that task and remain our partner in the VFD.

-The much anticipated Memorial/Voss intersection lights and beautification project spearheaded by Councilman Chip Cowell will begin next month. It will be a bit of a headache for a week or two during construction, but when finished, will be THE SHOWCASE intersection in the Villages. Beinhorn at Voss will be next.

-Construction to begin in the coming weeks on our Hunters Creek pavilion behind City Hall. Just in time for the Fall. Quarterly neighborhood events (BBQ's), birthday parties, community meetings, whatever you want will soon be available for our use. It's gonna be very cool.

-We continue to waste our tax dollars in staff time and legal fees in association with frivolous Open record requests/demands and continued personal attacks on me. Attorney fees and staff time getting expensive. I guess it's just part of the job, but it's pathetic and sad that this continues and we have to waste good money on this.

-It's been a long, hot dry summer. Our trees in public areas have been watered regularly and they look to be surviving. While water conservation is always important, we're working with MVWD to make sure we're doing what we can to avoid mandatory rationing, will keep you posted.

-License to Carry and CPR classes to resume in the Fall, further notices to follow.

-We moved our Hunters Creek Monument signs on north and south Voss to more visible spots, as they were quite hidden. Of course, Saturday night our North sign got destroyed in a feeder road crash. Happily the drivers survived, but sign did not. The trees that were damaged are being straightened and will be fine. Sign being repaired and replaced this week. Special thanks to Shane's Fence Co. for jumping on this.

OK, that's all the news for now. Go get some late night Ice cream and savor the last of Summer.....the Holidays will be here before you know it.

As always, feel free to call and let us know any issues, concerns or ideas you may have for us.

Mayor Jim Pappas