



City of
Piney Point Village
Newsletter –
Giving You an Inside Look...
Between the Pines

May/June 2026

Future Meetings

- June 8** – Beautification Committee
- June 10** – Engineering & Planning Meeting
- June 22** – City Council Meeting (Regular)
- June 25** – Planning & Zoning Commission**
- July 3** – Engineering & Planning Meeting
- July 13** – Beautification Committee
- July 23** – Planning & Zoning Commission**
- July 27** – City Council Meeting (Regular)

*At the time of publication, no Board of Adjustment meetings had been formally scheduled.
**Tentative

All meetings are open to the public.

City Council meetings are typically conducted on the 4th Monday of each month.

Notices for all city meetings are posted online, at City Hall, 7660 Woodway, Suite 460, and at the posting board outside Memorial Drive Elementary School, 11202 Smithdale

Welcome to the Piney Point Post!

On behalf of the City Council, I am delighted to welcome you to the first edition of our city newsletter! Our goal is simple – strengthen the sense of community and celebrate our Village and its residents. In these pages, you will find Village updates, community highlights, local history, important announcements, and maybe even a few surprises along the way.

Piney Point Village has a remarkable past and an exciting future. Together, we will continue preserving the character of our Village while responsibly investing in its future. Your City Council and I thank you for the opportunity to serve you. We are excited for what lies ahead – and we hope you enjoy this first issue.

–Mayor Curth

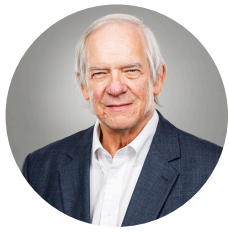
Mayor & City Council



Jonathan Curth
Mayor



Michael Herminghaus
Position 1



Henry Kollenberg
Position 2



Joel Bender
Position 3
Mayor Pro Tem



Margaret Rohde
Position 4



Wynne Sharpe
Position 5

Swearing In Ceremony



The City of Piney Point Village recently marked an important moment in civic leadership as it officially swore in its new Mayor (Jonathan Curth) and two City Councilmembers (Margaret Rohde and Joel Bender). Many residents, community leaders, and family members gathered to recognize both new leadership and the continued dedication of experienced elected officials who have committed their time and energy to serving the community. Our Village extends its gratitude to all who serve and looks forward to a productive chapter of leadership.



From Generation to Generation: 65 Years with SBMSA

For 65 years, the City of Piney Point Village has been proud to partner with Spring Branch-Memorial Sports Association (SBMSA). Since its founding, SBMSA has provided kids throughout the Spring Branch-Memorial area with opportunities to learn teamwork, sportsmanship, and the value of community through athletics. Countless local children have grown up participating in SBMSA programs, creating lifelong friendships and memories along the way. Not to mention the occasional parent vs. referee encounter (sorry, we mean, "memory").



What makes this milestone especially meaningful is not just the number of years, but the generations of volunteers, coaches, and parents who have contributed their time and dedication to making SBMSA such a lasting success. As we celebrate 65 years of partnership, we extend our gratitude to everyone who has helped strengthen this important relationship.



Pictured is SBMSA Representative and Basketball Program Director, Thomas Alleman. Thomas was recently in attendance when our Village's City Council honored this year's third grade SBMSA Girls Storm basketball team to celebrate the team's back-to-back gold bracket championships (both as undefeated seasons).

Did You Know?

Where Did the Name "Piney Point" Come From?

Have you ever wondered how Piney Point Village got its name?

The answer takes us all the way back to 1821, when a Spanish land grant to (the one and only) Stephen F. Austin referenced a geographic feature known as "Pine Point." This landmark marked the southernmost meander of Buffalo Bayou and sat at the western edge of the East Texas Piney Woods, where dense forests gave way to the open coastal prairie. Just a few years later, on August 7, 1824, early settler John D. Taylor hand-selected a 4,428-acre land grant centered on this very landmark. That tract of land would eventually become what we know today as Piney Point Village.

Why Taylor chose "Pine Point" as the centerpiece of his land grant remains something of a mystery. Historical records suggest that he may have been pursuing an opportunity as old as Texas itself: acquiring land in hopes of turning a profit.

The story of Piney Point's earliest days is full of fascinating characters and unexpected twists, and we will continue exploring them in future editions.

Until then, the next time you drive down Taylorcrest Road, remember that its name traces back to John D. Taylor and his family crest — and to the very beginnings of Piney Point Village.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE Senior Classes of 2026!



The Kinkaid School Class of 2026



20 Years of Commitment!



For over 20 years, Piney Point Village has benefited from the leadership and steady guidance of Larry Chapman, who recently stepped down as Chairman of the Board of Adjustment (BOA). Larry's service as Chairman reflects an extraordinary commitment to the community and to preserving the character and quality of life that our residents value so deeply. Our BOA plays an important role in ensuring that our Village's ordinances are applied fairly and thoughtfully. Over the years, Larry earned the appreciation of residents, fellow board members, city staff, and elected officials for his calm leadership, sound judgment, and willingness to carefully consider every perspective before decisions were made, knowing that every BOA decision would impact a fellow neighbor.

His dedication exemplifies the spirit of community service that makes our Village so special. Although Larry is stepping down from his role as Chairman, we are fortunate that he will continue serving on the BOA as a member.

On behalf of the community, we thank Larry for his remarkable 20 years of leadership and his continued service to our Village. We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to other BOA members, including Kevin Risley (Chair); Michael Cooper (Member); Vickie Driscoll (Member); Richard Hodge (Member); Britton Holland (Alternate); and Zeb Nash (Alternate).

For background, the BOA is nominated by the Mayor and approved and appointed by the City Council. The primary purpose of the BOA is to decide upon requested variances from our Village's zoning ordinances. For a variance to be granted, 4 out of 5 BOA members must approve a requested variance. BOA members are volunteer residents from our Village.



Vacation House Watch

Summer vacations should be about relaxing – not worrying about what’s happening back home. That’s where the Piney Point Village Vacation House Watch program (operated by the Memorial Villages Police Department) steps in.

Before you hit the road this summer, register your home and let our dedicated police officers at MVPD do the rest. They will check on your property multiple times daily while you are away. And, yes, MVPD officers actually do drive by each registered house.

The house watch program is a FREE community service designed to keep Piney Point Village safe all year long. Register online at www.mvptx.org or call (713) 365-3700 to register or modify your request. Thank you to Police Chief Ray Schultz and all MVPD officers who keep us safe!



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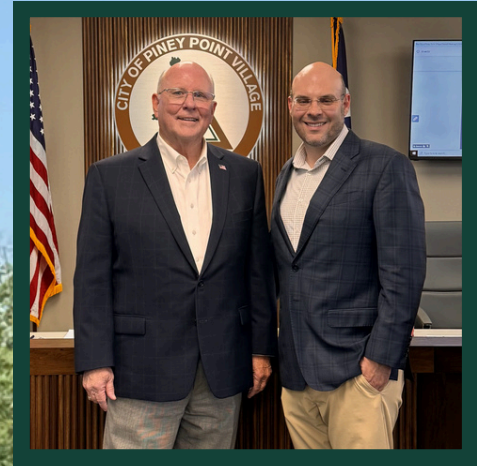
Often out for early morning walks with the Conoscenti family are Whiskey and Derrick, an energetic and sometimes mischievous Chocolate Labrador Retriever and a gentle-natured German Shorthaired Pointer. Whiskey (2 ½) still carries the boundless enthusiasm of a puppy, with an eagerness for bird hunting, squirrel chasing, and swimming in the ocean. Derrick (9 ½) moves at a more leisurely pace these days, yet remains a steadfast companion. Both always enjoy a sweet treat, and neither will ever turn down a “pup cup”!

Both dogs are exceptionally friendly and love meeting new people. If you happen to see them around the neighborhood, they’ll be wagging their tails, more than happy to say hello!

Investing in Our Village's Future

One of the greatest responsibilities of your City Council is preserving what makes our Village special while thoughtfully preparing it for the future. Over the coming months, you will continue to see visible investments in both landscaping and infrastructure throughout our community as we ramp up initiatives. We know that residents do not turn over their tax dollars voluntarily – so we are actively looking for ways to deliver tangible returns and results.

A major recent accomplishment was the repaving of Memorial Drive. We are grateful to Harris County Commissioner (Precinct 3) Tom Ramsey, pictured with Mayor Curth, for securing complete funding for this important improvement, delivering a smoother, safer roadway for residents. Your City Council worked hard to satisfy the prerequisites needed for Commissioner Ramsey to deliver this accomplishment. Beyond roadway improvements, the Beautification Committee and City Council are actively evaluating opportunities to enhance landscaping, beautify public spaces, and improve the overall appearance of key corridors and intersections.



PINEY POINT VILLAGE
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AS WE WORK TO IMPROVE OUR VILLAGE



Residents may notice additional Public Works improvement projects (including our new signs) taking place around our Village in the months ahead. For example, we recently cleaned up the right-of-way at the 4-way intersection of Greenbay Dr. & Piney Point Rd. that previously made it difficult to see – now, visibility of opposing traffic has been dramatically enhanced. We are also considering adding a 3-way stop intersection at Beinhorn & N. Piney Point Rd. to make it safer for pedestrians crossing and vehicles turning onto Piney Point Rd. Let us know your thoughts!



Pictured above is Ryan Smith (Public Works Manager) who, along with Edinson Mazariegos (Crew Member, pictured to the right) and Theo Brown (Crew Member), were recently honored by City Council during "National Public Works Week." Their daily field efforts are greatly appreciated by the City Council and residents alike. If you see these friendly guys out and about, say "hi"!

Get Social!



You can follow Piney Point Village on Instagram!

Snap the QR below and press "Follow" to keep up with events around the community! Be sure to tag @pineypointvillage or send your photos from around our Village!



@PINEYPOINTVILLAGE

★ Save the Date! ★

Villages Independence Festival

Join Us to Celebrate the Nation's 250th Anniversary!

JULY 4TH | 10AM

Parade 10am - 11am

Starts at Memorial Church of Christ on Gaylord and ends at Ecclesia Church on Piney Point Rd.

Festival 11am - 1pm (at Ecclesia Church)

Music & Entertainment • Food & Refreshments • Family Fun

