



## Summer's Over But Hot Things are Happening in Terrell Hills

The kids are headed back to school, so that must mean that summer is over, and autumn (and cooler temperatures) must surely be on the way! We hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer notwithstanding the sometimes unbearable temperatures. The summer heat has not stopped developments down at City Hall, as we have many exciting projects in the works for the benefit of our citizens including:

- Launch of My Terrell Hills app – if you are reading this article, you have the app. Available in both the Apple App Store and Google Play Store, My Terrell Hills will have exclusive content, notifications of TH events and alerts, and contact info for all City officials. If you don't have it, get it and if you do have it, recommend it to a TH friend or neighbor.
- New garbage truck is on the way – our sanitation department has been patiently awaiting delivery of our newest garbage truck since last year. We hear it is on the horizon, and our new truck will be both safer for our sanitation guys and more economic to operate.
- New fire engine is coming too – not to be outdone by the guys “up on the hill”, City Council has approved the purchase of a new fire truck for the City. We are in the design stages and hope to take delivery in about a year. This is a substantial purchase for the City, and we should get 20 years of service (or more) out of our newest fire engine.
- Terrell Hills park to undergo major renovation – our local park/playground down on Crestwood will soon be demolished and a new state of the art play area will be constructed during the fall. The new play area will be covered, have separate play equipment suitable for both small and older children, and feature a soft, spongy surface that is kid-friendly. More about the park in a future article as we are very excited to bring this renovation to the TH community.
- Generator to be installed at CH – during the February, 2021 freeze, City Hall did not have power or water for several days. As a result, many of our first responders spent nights in the dark and without water at CH so as not to miss their shift the next day. To prevent this from ever happening again, City Council approved the purchase of a generator that will power much of City Hall in the event of another power loss in our city (including some of our conference rooms that can be used as a refuge for our citizens in the event of an emergency). We hope to have the generator up and running early next year.
- Street repairs – as many of you know (some all too well), repair and maintenance of our city streets is one of our biggest priorities, and it is a constant battle given the composition of our soil and the drainage issues that seem to crop up no matter where we work. Street repair is our biggest budget expense, and with current inflation rates, everything is becoming more expensive. However, we are committed to an annual street project and City Council, with the

assistance of our City Manager, has been able to allocate funds within our budget to fund our street projects.

As you can see from the projects listed above, there is a lot going on both at City Hall and out in our community. We hope you are excited about these projects that will continue to enhance the quality of life we have in Terrell Hills. Even as busy as we are, the response times for both our fire and police departments remain as rapid as you have come to expect, and our sanitation guys are out there everyday notwithstanding the record heat to take care of your garbage, recycling and brush collection.

Thanks for your consideration and hope to see you out in the neighborhood.

Mayor John Low