

Winter 2022: A Message from Councilmember Shannon Carroll

As we move into a new year, it is a time to reflect on the past and to look forward with hopeful anticipation toward the future and I am overcome with a sense of gratitude. As a member of your West University Place City Council, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you. Over the past year, I have appreciated the opportunity to meet City staff and to interact with neighbors new and old.

During our first months as Council members, we were able to come together to define our goals and outline a strategic vision for our city. We created the first Sustainability Task Force in West U, comprised of citizens who will review and recommend ways for the city to improve its energy efficiency and environmental stewardship. We also worked to pass an annual budget. Recently, we appointed members to our City boards, and we were encouraged with the level of interest and numbers of both new and experienced applicants and their enthusiasm to serve.

Looking toward the future, we are anticipating the completion of the Buffalo Speedway construction project. We continue to receive regular updates on the eastside and westside drainage projects that are designed to help with flooding in West U, and on the initial phases of a new Wastewater Treatment Plant. We are also working on identifying future improvements to Poor Farm Ditch. This drainage ditch that runs through our city is in need of repair, and we have made it a priority to explore options to improve and enhance its functionality, working with our neighbors in Southside Place and with Harris County officials to do so.

The future here in West University Place is bright! The ability of our citizens, friends, employees, and neighbors to come together and work with an eye toward the future is nothing short of impressive. I am grateful to live in and represent this city that we all call home, and I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together in the New Year!

- Councilmember Shannon Carroll