

ELECTION DAY: MAY 4



WEEKLY REPORT

MAY 3, 2019

TO: MAYOR SHETTER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: BRYAN LANGLEY, CITY MANAGER

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Weekly Report | May 3, 2019

I. City Meetings

Meetings

1. **Monday, May 6:** City Council Meeting at Burleson City Hall, Council Chambers, 141 W. Renfro. Worksession starts at 4 p.m. Regular session starts at 7 p.m. Full Agenda posted: www.burlesontx.com/agendas
2. **Monday, May 13:** City Council Meeting at Burleson City Hall, Council Chambers, 141 W. Renfro. *This is a special meeting of the council to canvass the May 4 election results.*
3. **Monday, May 13:** Park Board Meeting / Connect with Council @ 6:00 p.m. – Chesapeake Building, Russell Farm Art Center.
4. **Monday, May 13:** Mayor’s Youth Council @7:00 p.m. – City Hall Council Chambers.

Upcoming Events

1. **Saturday, May 4: Election Day** Hours of voting 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. All voting to take place at Burleson City Hall, Council Chambers, 141 W. Renfro.
 - i. Early Voting Totals: 454
2. **Public Service Recognition Week – May 5 through May 11**
Thursday, May 9 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Russell Farm, City leadership is hosting an employee cookout next week to celebrate our amazing staff of public servants who provide exceptional service to our City.
3. **Saturday, May 18:** City on a Hill, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Burleson High School, 100 Elk Dr. Mayor’s Youth Council & Council Members will be hosting a booth

II. General Information and Status Updates

A. Updated Bluebird Meadow Community Outreach

Please see informal staff report on page 9 for updates and page 6 for the newspaper article about our community outreach initiatives.

B. BRiCk Indoor Slide Improvements Update

Safe Slide Restoration completed the maintenance work on our indoor water slide per recommendations from the annual inspection report. Council approved the work on February 8, which included removing and re-caulking the water slide, polishing, waxing, and cleaning the slide, replacing structural anchor bolts, replacing the yoke and support brackets of the slide, and sandblasting the tower, stairs, and railings to remove rust and provide new coating.

C. New Workout Equipment at the BRiCk

New fitness equipment has been delivered and installed at the BRiCk. Council approved the expenditure on November 11, 2018, to replace aging equipment. The new line of Hoist equipment ensures proper posture and optimal positioning throughout the range of motion. This helps to reduce injuries and improve the workout experience. The vendor branded the equipment with the BRiCk logo to create a uniform look throughout the workout area at no additional cost.

D. Library Circulation Area Renovation

The renovation of the library's circulation area has been completed. The renovation included removal of the old circulation desk, installation of new wall shelving, new mobile media shelving, paint, and a new single point service desk. Library patrons may now pick up their held items, utilize the self-check stations, or receive assistance with any library service from staff at the single service desk.

E. Chisenhall Concession Stands Painted

A budget item for this year was to repaint the concession stands at Chisenhall Fields. This has now been completed.

F. BRiCk Security Access and Camera System

A budget item for this year was to create controlled access points to secure areas of the facility and to replace and add both internal and external security cameras. This has now been completed.

G. Park Drinking Fountains

Drinking fountains have been replaced at Brushy Mound Trail, Wakefield Heights Park, Meadow Crest Park, and Claudia's Playground.

H. Renfro Street Median Project Update

There have been concerns about workers not being present on the job site. The contractor has been completing work in other towns but indicates work will start back up in Burleson on May 2. Our contract does not force the contractor to be on the job every day, but there are financial damages levied against the contractor for not completing the work on time. The current contractual deadline is July 29. The contractor has indicated they may work weekends or send extra crews to make up time on the project. Engineering staff will continue to monitor the contract progress and time.

I. Marketing and Communications Department Finalists for TAMI awards

The department is finalists in six award categories for the Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers (TAMIO) awards. Below are the categories:

- Best Use of Humor: Fire Department's Smoke Detector for Daily Use
- Public Service Announcement (Educational): BPD's Move Over Campaign
- Best Use of Social Media (unplanned): BPD's Rumor Control for fake Hobby Lobby kidnapping
- Most Creative with least amount of dollars: Shanon's ISR video
- Internal Communications: First Amendment Video
- Electronic Report: State of the City

Awards will be presented at the TAMIO Conference in Denton on June 6.

III. Upcoming Road Construction/Closures

Upcoming Road Construction/Closures			
Project & Limits	Current Status	Traffic Affected	Estimated Completion
Renfro Street Medians in Old Town – Johnson to IH35W	Rebuild of water/sewer/outside lane pavement is complete. Medians under construction. Landscape & Irrigation will follow	Middle lanes closed to traffic, one lane open in each direction	<i>5/01 UPDATE:</i> the expected completion time has moved from end of July to mid August. ** see Item H. above for more information
Old Town Parking Lots - Bufford@Warren and Main@Renfro	<i>5/01 UPDATE:</i> Main St. lot was paved 4/29. Landscape and irrigation ongoing. 20+ new on-street parking spaces now open on Bufford, 4 on Warren. Bufford lot will open after landscaping complete.	Main Street closed north of Renfro.	May/June 2019
Old Town Quiet Zones - RR xings at Commerce, Renfro, Ellison, Eldred	<i>5/01 UPDATE:</i> Received signed agreements from UPRR. Work is expected to begin in May on the Renfro Street crossing.	Closures at crossings when work is occurring	Start in May 2019, End in November 2019
NW Renfro Improvements – Wilshire Blvd. To Cindy Lane	<i>5/01 UPDATE:</i> Concrete removal work started near CVS. Right turn lane work will begin next.	<i>5/01 UPDATE:</i> Lane closures on SH174 and Renfro started 4/25. TXDOT modified signal timing at Renfro 4/29. SH174 timing increased to help with backups on SH174 between Renfro and IH35W. SH174 lane closure will be in effect for approximately 10 weeks.	Early 2020
McNairn 16" Water Line & Sewer Rebuild- SH174 to Turkey Peak Water Facility Site on Jayellen	<i>5/01 UPDATE:</i> Bore under SH174 complete, water line in on McNairn from 174 past Sunnybrook, almost to Hillside. Sewer work underway south of Hillside.	<i>5/01 UPDATE:</i> Sections of McNairn closed as work progresses. Currently working South of Hillside.	October 2019

III. Upcoming Community Events and Meetings

A. Events

- **Friday, May 3:** Health Fair at Senior Activity Center, noon – 3 p.m.
- **Saturday, May 4:** Historic Home Tours at Russell Farm, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **Saturday, May 4:** May the 4th Be With You at the BRiCk, 1 – 3 p.m.
- **May 6 - 11:** Economic Development Week
- **Wednesday, May 8:** McLane Classic Foods Grand Opening, 10:00 a.m.
- **Friday, May 10:** Burleson Works Signing Day at City Hall, 10:00 a.m.
- **Friday, May 10:** Old Time Country Dance at Russell Farm, 6 – 8:30 p.m.
- **Friday, May 10:** Yappy Hour at Lost Oak Winery, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

B. Community Meetings

- **Thursday, May 9:** Bluebird Community Outreach Meeting at R.C. Loflin Middle School (Library), 6801 FM 1902, Joshua, 6 p.m.

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MEETING SET FOR MAY 9 REGARDING STRAY BULLETS



Wed, 05/01/2019 - 9:44am

RICKY MOORE

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Over the past year, residents of the Bluebird Meadows section of Burleson have had their lives impacted by stray bullets that have been fired from unincorporated sections of Johnson County.

To address the situation, the city of Burleson will be holding a meeting at 6 p.m. May 9 at Loflin Middle School. Although the school is part of the Joshua Independent School District, it along with the JISD's Caddo Grove Elementary School lie within the Bluebird Meadows subdivision. Loflin Middle School is located at 6801 FM 1902.

Along with city officials, officials from the JISD and Johnson County Sheriff's Office are expected to attend the meeting. Burleson Police Chief Billy Cordell said he hopes that solutions for the dangerous situation can be found during the meeting.

"What has been happening is very concerning to us because protecting our citizens is a top priority," Cordell said. "As we are building out new communities it is important to understand that where they may have been able to shoot in the past that may not be the case in the present."

Cordell noted that it is legal to discharge a firearm within Johnson County's unincorporated areas but those who do so are responsible for their bullets and where they land.

"Our message is that it is your bullet and you are responsible for it and that you can be either criminally and or civilly charged depending on where your bullet lands," Cordell said. "You just need to use a lot more caution because it is a new neighborhood and you have roads going through it and schools nearby. A kid on a school playground should not have to worry about a bullet flying in. It is incumbent upon the shooter to do their due diligence and ensure the safety of those around you."

Burleson Place 4 City Councilman Todd Hulsey lives in the Bluebird Meadows subdivision and will also be attending the meeting.

"It's an informational session to let people know that if people live in the unincorporated area of the county that is near the Burleson city limits yes they may lawfully discharge firearms but they are responsible for where the bullet impacts," Hulseley said.

"We also want to let people know that we have had rounds impact in the Bluebird Meadows subdivision and it is also to inform those who live in Bluebird Meadows what steps the city is taking in order to address this."

Currently, Bluebird Meadows area has around 100 homes, but when the subdivision is completed there will be around 300 homes in the area, according to Hulseley.

The first incident occurred more than a year ago when a woman working in her backyard was struck in the hip by a rifle round.

"Some guys were shooting at a refrigerator and there was a tree line behind it and the bullet was able to get past everything and hit her," Cordell said.

Hulseley said the woman received a serious wound that did substantial damage to her hip and pelvis.

The next incident involved a man who heard rounds coming over his head while working in his yard. Hulseley said the man was a veteran of multiple combat tours in Afghanistan and knew the sound a bullet makes when flying past.

The final case happened about two weeks ago. A woman noticed that a bullet was embedded in the hood of her car and there were also bullets on the ground near the car.

"People must understand they can be civilly and criminally responsible for their bullets," Hulseley said. "They must properly backstop their impact zone. Right now, it's not a theoretical possibility that someone is going to get shot because someone has already been shot."

Legislative Update

HB2/SB2 (Property Tax Bills)

The House of Representatives approved an amended version of Senate Bill 2 (SB2), the property tax reform bill, Tuesday (4/30). Rather than calling it a "property tax reform bill" as is done in the Senate, Representative Dustin Burrows (R-Lubbock), who carried the bill in the House, calls it a property tax transparency bill. "This bill will not reduce anyone's taxes. I have not ever said it would and I'm not going to tell anybody that it would," said Burrows.

The House-amended version of SB2 has quite a few differences compared to the Senate version. Most significantly, it ties Senate Bill 2 to House Bill 3, the school finance reform bill. Like the Senate version, it reduces the rollback rate for cities and counties to 3.5 percent, but differs because it leaves it at 8% percent for hospital and community college districts and reduces the rollback rate to two percent for schools. It also changes property tax notices to make them easier to understand.

The Bill will now proceed to a House-Senate Conference Committee to reconcile the differences between the bills.

Below are links to stories by news organizations:

<http://bit.ly/HBill1>

<http://bit.ly/HBill2>

HB 2439

This bill– with certain exceptions – prohibits a city from mandating any building materials that are more stringent than those in a building code. In effect, it renders the City's masonry ordinance obsolete. Despite opposition from TML and numerous cities, it passed the House 4/30/19 by a vote of 124-21-2. The bill is now headed to the Texas Senate. A report on this bill from the House

Research Organization can be found here:

<http://bit.ly/HBill3>

Other Legislation: In addition to the above, the attack on local control is present in numerous bills. TML's latest legislative update summarizing bills of local impact can be found at this link: <http://bit.ly/HBill4>



Bluebird Meadows Community Outreach Meeting

6 PM | Thursday, May 9
R.C. Loflin Middle School (Library)
6801 FM 1902 | Joshua, TX 76058

Community Outreach

Action Steps:

1. April 17, 2018: Burleson PD presented Bluebird Meadows shooting case to Johnson County District Attorney. JCDA declined to pursue charges on April 18, 2018.
2. April 17, 2018: Burleson PD presented Bluebird Meadows shooting case to Johnson County Attorney, they declined to pursue charges.
3. April 2018 - present: Burleson PD is in routine contact with Johnson County Sheriff Department in regards to issues in the neighborhoods.
4. June 12, 2018: Letter mailed to eight neighboring property owners around Bluebird Meadows.
5. April 16, 2019: Letter mailed to 30 neighboring property owners around Bluebird Meadows.
6. Week of April 14 - 19; Deputy Chief Sandifer followed up with residents who addressed city council during the April 15 City Council meeting.
7. Week of April 14 - 19: Contacted Rick Edwards with Joshua ISD to discuss public safety issues and how the city and ISD and partner together. ISD offered to host community meeting at one of their schools.
8. Week of April 14-19: Launched marketing campaign, "Your Bullet. Your Responsibility."
9. Week of April 22-26: Designed "Your Bullet. Your Responsibility" postcards to be mailed to 813 properties around Bluebird Meadows.
10. April 22: "Your Bullet. Your Responsibility" post made on Burleson Police Department's Facebook and Twitter accounts. Facebook post reached 28,241 people, had 5,495 engagements, 50 comments, 211 shares and 241 reactions. The Twitter post had 1,734 impressions, 95 engagements, 51 media engagements and 21 likes.
11. April 22: Johnson County Sheriff shared "Your Bullet. Your Responsibility" Facebook post on their official page.

Community Outreach

Action Steps:

12. April 25: Burleson Police Department joined Bluebird Meadows Facebook page.
13. April 25: Communications department contacted Burleson Star and Cleburne Times Review and requested their help in spreading community awareness about this public safety issue.
14. April 26: Burleson Police posted Bluebird Meadows Community Outreach Meeting Invite on Bluebird Meadows Group Facebook page.
15. April 26: Bluebird Meadows Community Outreach Meeting posted on City Website.
16. April 27: Burleson Police posted Bluebird Meadows Community Outreach Meeting Invite on their official social media.
17. April 30: Burleson detectives met with Johnson County District Attorney again to discuss the April 2018 shooting case.
18. April 30: Bluebird Meadows Community Outreach Meeting invitation sent to JISD with request to distributed to students.
19. April 30: 813 "Your Bullet. Your Responsibility" postcards mailed to homes within a one-mile radius of Bluebird Meadows.
20. May 1: Burleson Police shared the Community Outreach Invite to their Facebook page.
21. May 1: Burleson Police posted Community Outreach Meeting Invite to Bluebird Meadows Group Facebook.
22. May 1: Burleson Star published article.
23. May 1: Door hangers were created and sent to printer for Outreach Meeting.
24. May 2: Bluebird Meadows Outreach Meeting included in city's electronic weekly newsletter.

Community Outreach

Next Steps:

1. Week of May 6: Burleson COPs volunteers and CRO's will distribute door hangers to every home in Bluebird Meadows to alert them of upcoming community outreach meeting.
2. May 4: Social media posts reminding community of upcoming Outreach Meeting.
3. May 9: Reminder social media post about Outreach Meeting.
4. May 9: Bluebird Meadows Community Outreach Meeting at 6 p.m. at R.C. Loflin Middle School, 6801 FM 1902, Joshua.
5. Week of May 20: "Your Bullet. Your Responsibility" social media post

Materials

Copy of Letter mailed June 12, 2018



POLICE DEPARTMENT

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1161 SW Wilshire
Burleson, TX 76028
<http://www.burlesontx.com>

June 12,
2018

*Via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
& First-Class U.S. Mail*

Re:

Shooting of Firearms and Fireworks in Your Neighborhood

Dear Resident:

Since April of 2018 the Burleson Police Department ("Burleson PD") has received three calls in the Bluebird Meadows neighborhood, located inside the City limits of Burleson involving the shooting of firearms and fireworks from your neighborhood. This letter is sent to you because, according to appraisal district records, you are an owner of real property in the vicinity of these incidents. This letter is not being sent to you because of any specific complaint about you or your property. Rather, Burleson PD is sending this letter to ten different property owners in and around the Bluebird Meadows neighborhood in hopes that this letter will remind the homeowners in your area of just how close in proximity your property is to the Bluebird Meadows neighborhood in an effort to keep everybody safe.

The calls received by Burleson PD over the last three months from your neighborhood include incidents where a property owner was shooting firearms or fireworks on their property, but the projectile landed on adjacent property. Such actions led to one person being seriously injured and a home damaged. Please note that while you may be able to legally shoot fireworks and firearms on your property, you are legally responsible for your actions and may be held criminally and/or civilly liable. Burleson PD respectfully requests that if you shoot firearms or fireworks on your property that you take all necessary precautions to keep you and those around you safe and sound.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact the Burleson Police Department at 817-426-9903 with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Billy J. Cordell
Chief of Police
City of Burleson

M. Matthew Ribitzki
Deputy City Attorney
City of Burleson

Cc: Sheriff Adam King
Johnson County Sheriff's Office
1102 East Kilpatrick St., Ste. A
Cleburne, TX 76031

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

April 15, 2019

*Via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
& First-Class U.S. Mail*

Re:

Shooting of Firearms and Fireworks in Your Neighborhood

Dear Resident:

Since April of 2018, the Burleson Police Department ("Burleson PD") has received multiple calls from residents in the Bluebird Meadows neighborhood, which is located inside the city limits of Burleson, regarding the shooting of firearms and fireworks from your neighborhood into Bluebird Meadows. This letter is sent to you because, according to appraisal district records, you are an owner of real property near these incidents. This letter is not sent to you because of any specific complaint about you or your property. Rather, Burleson PD is sending this letter to multiple different property owners in and around the Bluebird Meadows neighborhood in an effort to keep everybody safe. It is our hope that this letter will remind the homeowners in your area of just how close in proximity their property is to the Bluebird Meadows neighborhood.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact the Burleson Police Department at 817-426-9913 with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Sandifer".

Doug Sandifer
Deputy Chief of Police
City of Burleson

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Matthew Ribitzki".

M. Matthew Ribitzki
Deputy City Attorney
City of Burleson

Cc: Sheriff Adam King
Johnson County Sheriff's Office
1102 East Kilpatrick St., Ste. A
Cleburne, TX 76031



INTERNATIONALLY ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

Materials

Postcards that were mailed to 813 properties within a one-mile radius of Bluebird Meadows on April 30, 2019



YOUR BULLET. YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

Recklessly engaging in conduct that places others in imminent danger, like discharging a firearm in the direction of an individual, habitation, building, or vehicle can lead to a Class A misdemeanor or a third degree felony charge.

FRIENDLY REMINDER:

- If you live in the county, you are legally allowed to discharge your weapon on your property.
- If the bullet extends beyond your property line, you could be held criminally and civilly responsible for any injuries or property damage.
- It is important to remember bullets will come down when fired in the air.
- BPD was recently called to the scene in your area where it appeared a gun had been fired in the air and bullets landed on a vehicle and in the streets of a nearby neighborhood.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE.

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Social media posts



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Materials

Community meeting invite and door hanger



Join us

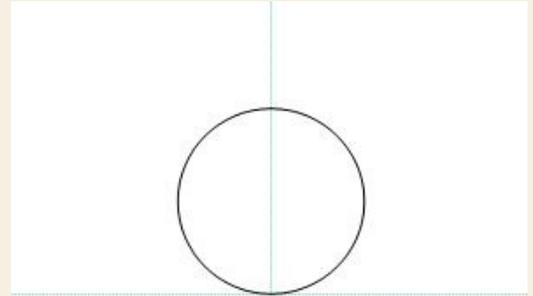
Bluebird Meadows

Community Outreach Meeting

6 PM | Thursday, May 9

Burleson Police Department and Johnson County Sheriff invite you to attend a community forum to discuss public safety issues, including stray bullets found in the neighborhood.

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Council Voting Technology

Background and Objectives

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on staff's work to replace our current electronic voting system at the Council Dais.

Staff surveyed our twelve market comparison cities to determine what electronic voting system they used for their council meetings. Nine cities responded that they use an electronic voting system with four of them using a hardware based system similar to what we currently use. Five cities responded that they use a software based application that can be accessed through a computer, tablet or smart phone.

Market Cities Council Setup

City	Electronic Voting (Y/N)	Electronic Voting System	Agenda Mgmt.	Video	iPads
Arlington	Yes	Granicus	Granicus	Granicus	Yes
Cedar Hill	No Response	No Response	No Response	No Response	N/A
Cleburne	Yes	Rollcall	Word, PDF, Rollcall	Swagit	Yes
Coppell	No	None	Legistar	Granicus	Yes
Euless	Yes	Shure	None	Swagit	Yes
Fort Worth	Yes	Granicus	Granicus	Granicus	Yes
Grand Prarie	Yes	Whitlock/Crestron	Legistar	Swagit	Yes
Hurst	Yes	Bosch Dicientis	None	Swagit	No
Keller	Yes	Granicus	Legistar	Granicus	Yes
Mansfield	Yes	D'san Deliberator	Legistar	Rushworks Vdesk	Yes
North Richland Hills	Yes	Granicus	Granicus	Granicus	Yes
The Colony	No	None	Granicus	Granicus	Yes

Based on our history of using a hardware centric voting system, staff has decided to look at software based applications for our voting needs. Taking this approach will allow for more flexibility in the voting process. Voting is done through an app that can be accessed via a computer, tablet or smart phone. Users will have the ability to make a motion, second and vote (yes, no or abstain). These software based applications have to ability to tie in to our agenda management software and video capture system which will allow us to present the vote tally to our streaming video feed and import it into the City Secretary's minutes.

Timeline

Staff will be attending software demos from Granicus and Rollcall early next week. This will be followed by site visits to nearby cities that use each of these applications. Once staff has selected a vendor the project will be brought forward for the city council's consideration. Following the award of a contract, the timeline for implementation is as follows based on vendor selected:

- Granicus – The implementation process takes four to six weeks, on average, depending on the availability of stakeholders.
 - On-site hardware/software installation
 - Setup and configuration
 - On-site training

- Rollcall – The implementation process takes two to three weeks.
 - On-site software installation
 - Setup and configuration
 - On-site training