

# *Hot Sounds of Summer*



# WEEKLY REPORT

JUNE 7, 2019

TO: MAYOR SHETTER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS  
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## I. Council Schedule

### Meetings

- **Monday, June 17: Burleson 4A Community Economic Development Corp.**, at Burleson City Hall, Council Chambers, 141 W. Renfro St., start time 5 p.m.
- **Monday, June 17: City Council Worksession** at Burleson City Hall, Council Chambers, 141 W. Renfro St., session starts at 5:30 p.m.
- **Monday, June 17: City Council Meeting** at Burleson City Hall, Council Chambers, 141 W. Renfro St. Regular session starts at 7 p.m.

### Events

- **Friday, June 7, Ground breaking** Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza in Old Town – 141 W Renfro St, start time 7 p.m.

## II. General Information and Status Updates

### A. Red Light Cameras

With the passage of HB 1631 into law, Burleson PD stopped its Red Light Camera enforcement program as of June 1, 2019. Violations are no longer being captured and any currently queued violations are being dismissed. Please note, the law is not retroactive and does not affect past violations.

### B. Railroad Fencing

Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) will be replacing the existing wire fencing between the City's parking lot and the railroad with a decorative metal fence. The fence will serve as additional safety and security for UPRR operations and will be an improvement aesthetically. There are a few crepe myrtles and other trees that will be removed as a part of this process. Staff is currently determining if there are any options for replacement, but we will likely be limited as UPRR prohibits large plantings in their right-of-way. Tree removal will occur within the next couple of weeks. Installation will likely begin within the



month. A detailed schedule has not been provided at this time.

### **C. Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza Weekly Update**

Abatement of the “Wood Shopping Center” is ongoing and is scheduled to be completed around June 24-25. After the abatement demolition will follow and should be completed by June 28.

Construction activity for next week, June 10-14, includes:

- Removal of light poles
- Removal of Rotary Clock
- Removal of the trolley canopies
- Removal of the train cars to be stored during construction

### **D. Marketing and Communications Department takes home awards**

The marketing and communications department attended Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers in Denton this week. They took home several awards including:

- Award of Honor: Best Use of Humor Video with Fire Department’s “A smoke detector for daily use” PSA
- Award of Honor: Public Service Announcement (Educational) Video with Police Department’s “Move Over Shuffle”
- Award of Excellence: Best Use of Social Media (unplanned) with the Police Department’s “Rumor Control Facebook post”
- Award of Honor: Best Electronic Report with the City’s State of the City video
- TAMI Award: Most Creative with Least Dollars with the Fire Department’s ISR Drowning Prevention video
- Award of Honor: Internal Communications with HR’s First Amendment Video



DeAnna Phillips was a speaker at the conference at a session called, “Public Safety: Working Across the Aisle.” She spoke about tactics and strategies to ensure messages stay on point, even in crisis situations and how public safety and city PIO’s can work together (which is super easy because she is both for the City of Burlison!).

#### **E. Railroad Quiet Zones are coming to Old Town**

Construction work started this week on the UPRR crossings in Old Town – at Commerce, Renfro, Ellison and Eldred Streets. The city’s contractor will be constructing improvements required by UPRR to allow quiet zones (No Train Horn) to be established. The improvements, which vary at each crossing location, are required to improve safety by installing barriers that prevent vehicles from going around crossing gates. Commerce and Eldred will include improvements such as road widening and lane dividers. Renfro and Ellison Streets will include medians and pedestrian rail crossings. The work will focus first on Renfro Street, but is also underway at the other locations.

Union Pacific Railroad will install new gates, pedestrian gates and other equipment at each location after the City’s construction is complete. When all work is final and approved by the Federal Railroad Administration, the City will publish a Notice of Intent for Quiet Zone Establishment, and install all required signage. After a 30-day publishing requirement, the Quiet Zones will go into effect. Train engineers are still permitted to blow the horns if they see obstructions on the track or for any safety need, but most trains that come through town will not blow horns. It is anticipated that the Quiet Zones will be in effect in early 2020, however, the schedule is dependent on work to be completed independently by UPRR.

Alsbury and McAlister are already quiet zones. The City is also working on plans for establishing a quiet zone at CR714.

#### **F. Water Quality Report**

The top priority for the utilities section of the City of Burlison Public Works Department is providing safe and reliable drinking water that meets or exceeds state and federal quality standards. **Burlison’s water meets or exceeds all state and federal quality standards.**

Each year the Public Works Department issues an annual Water Quality Report in both English and Spanish. This report is a summary of the quality of water we provide to our customers. The analysis was made by using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests and is presented via brochure. The report is distributed to the public by making a digital version available on the City’s web site, a hard copy available at Utility Customer Service in City Hall and the Municipal Service Center, and is distributed directly to multi-family addresses that do

not receive a water bill. A link to the report is provided on all water bills starting with the May 25<sup>th</sup> billing cycle and will continue through the June 15<sup>th</sup> billing cycle ensuring all customers are made aware of the report. Please find a link to the report below.

<https://www.burlesontx.com/DocumentCenter/View/18717/2018-Drinking-Water-Quality-Report>

### III. Upcoming Road Construction/Closures

<b>Upcoming Road Construction/Closures</b>			
<b>Project &amp; Limits</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Traffic Affected</b>	<b>Estimated Completion</b>
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. Striping was changed at IH35W intersection.	Contractor is behind schedule 2-3 weeks, but has committed to make up time to complete by original July 29 date.
Old Town Parking Lots - Bufford@Warren and Main@Renfro	<i>6/7 UPDATE:</i> Plantings and lights were placed in both lots 6/6. Main St. lot was paved 4/29. 104 parking spaces now open at Bufford Lot location.	4-way stops are now in place at Bufford/Wilson and Bufford/Warren due to limited sight distance at the intersections. Main Street closed north of Renfro.	Bufford parking lot is now open for use. 104 total spaces are now available. Minor construction is ongoing and will be complete at the end of June.
Old Town Quiet Zones - RR xings at Commerce, Renfro, Ellison, Eldred	<i>6/7 UPDATE:</i> Work started on 6/3 on Renfro. Medians and pedestrian crossings will be constructed. UPRR will set new crossing gates on their schedule.	Closures at crossings when work is occurring. First location will be Renfro Street.	Start in June 2019, End in December 2019
NW Renfro Improvements – Wilshire Blvd. To Cindy Lane	<i>6/7 UPDATE:</i> Concrete work underway at Cindy & Murphy intersections. Work will improve street crossing safety for pedestrians and bicycles.	Lane closures on SH174 and Renfro started 4/25. Work moved to Renfro first, SH174 lane closure will occur later in the project and be minimized as much as possible.	Early 2020
McNairn 16" Water Line & Sewer Rebuild- SH174 to Turkey Peak Water Facility Site on Jayellen	Bore under SH174 complete, water line in on McNairn from 174 past Sunnybrook. Bore complete under Hillside. Work is progressing north of Hillside.	Sections of McNairn closed as work progresses. Currently working South of Hillside.	October 2019

**IV. Upcoming Community Events**

**A. Events**

- **Friday, June 7:** Hot Sounds of Summer Concert featuring “3 Amigos” in Old Town, 7:30 p.m.

- **Saturday, June 8:** Summer Craft Fair at the Senior Center, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**V. Attachments**

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# Hot Sounds of Summer Concert featuring the Dolan Band – June 7

