



# WEEKLY REPORT

OCTOBER 23, 2020

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

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## I. Council Schedule

### Meetings

**Tuesday, November 17:** City Council Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers. 141 W. Renfro St., 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted in the council chambers. The meeting is also available via live stream, <https://www.burlesontx.com/watchlive>

### Work Session Items/Report & Discussion Items

#### November 17

- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Ellison St. Project. (Staff Presenter: Bryan Langley, City Manager)
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding schematic design of future I-35W configuration within Burleson city limits. (Staff Presenter: Aaron Russell, Public Works Director)
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding park dedication and development fees. (Staff Presenter: Jen Basham, Parks & Recreation Director)
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding parking options at Chisenhall Fields. (Staff Presenter: Jen Basham, Parks & Recreation Director)

## II. General Information and Status Updates

### A. Current Case Statistics

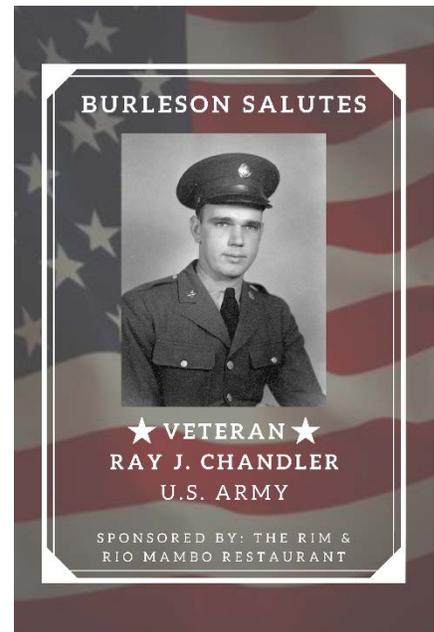
As of October 22, the current COVID-19 case statistics for the City of Burleson are as follows:

- Total Accumulative Cases: 969
- Active: 138
- Recovered: 827
- Deaths: 4

A link to view the COVID-19 statistics page is being posted weekly to social media to encourage people to stay up to date on Burleson's data. To view the current case statistics for Burleson, visit <https://city-of-burleson-covid19-statistics-bur.hub.arcgis.com/>.

## **B. Veterans Banner Display in Old Town**

During November, banners with veterans' photos and their military branch will be displayed on light poles throughout the Old Town district. The Rim, Rio Mambo, and Old Texas Brewing Co. graciously sponsored the banners, so the project was at no cost to the city and/or families of the veterans. The soldiers' families will get to keep the banners when they are taken down at the end of the month. An example of the banner is included.



## **C. Police receive two grants**

In February, the Burleson Police Department applied for two grants through the Justice Assistance grant program managed by the Office of the Governor. The first grant application was a renewal from the previous year to continue funding for the full-time victim assistance coordinator. The grant was recently approved. The victim assistance coordinator serves the citizens of Burleson that have been the victim of a crime by connecting them with services, helping them navigate the criminal justice process, including the court system, and applying for funding through the state when applicable. The City of Burleson adopted two important ordinances to help protect victims of domestic violence and children that witness violence. The Burleson Police Department partnered with Tarleton State University to participate in a three-year grant to study the strangulation ordinance impact. Victim's Assistance serves as an integral part of that study. The grant award is for \$54,410.19.

The second grant was approved for \$71,100 to purchase a Use of Force Training Simulator through the Criminal Justice- Justice Assistance Grant program managed by the Governor's Office. The scenario-based training simulator uses technology to enhance our sworn personnel's knowledge, skills, and abilities in areas including, but not limited to: critical thinking, de-escalation, tactics, and response to resistance. Burleson officers receive limited scenario-based training in the academy but do not have subsequent access to this training type. Scenario-based training has proven to be useful in preparing officers for citizen encounters. The Police Executive Research Forum concluded, "de-escalation should be a core theme of an agency's training program."

The President's Task Force for 21st Century Policing and the Police Executive Research Forum call for realistic, scenario-based training that emphasizes critical skill development, de-escalation, tactical communication, and appropriate response to resistance. The interactive scenarios provide multiple encounter options, requiring critical thinking skills to navigate the scenario. According to Professor Craig Bennell of



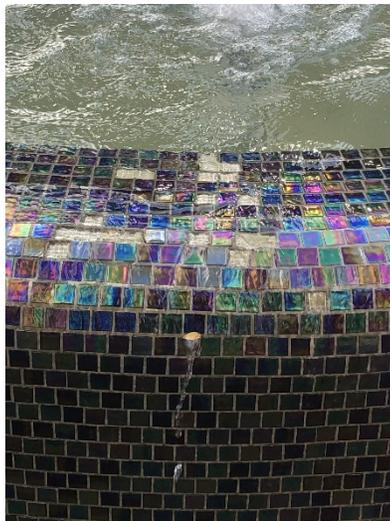


*Type of vegetation/brush scheduled to be cleared.*

**F. Veterans Memorial Plaza**

The Veterans Plaza is getting ready for the city's Veteran's Day event. A few housekeeping items will be completed over the next few weeks.

- Tile along the exterior border of the fountain will be replaced, loose or missing tiles on the center of the fountain will be replaced, and the inner circle of tiles will be power washed.
- The flower beds will be receiving a layer of rock and a border of new grasses. The rocks have been selected to replace the existing beds due to the root system of the trees prohibiting plants from establishing roots the past few years.
- The flag repository was installed 10/21/2020.



*Loose and missing tiles will be replaced this week*



*Rock for flower beds will match existing rock in the front bed along the monument sign*



*Flag Repository placement*



*Perimeter border will be replaced before 11/7*

**G. BPD to participate in Beard it Up**

Burleson PD will participate in the Beard it Up/ Color for the Cure Campaign from November 1-30, 2020. During November, Chief Cordell has approved BPD staff to grow beards or paint their fingernails to heighten awareness of the smallest heroes battling cancer. Unfortunately, cancer has impacted several Burleson children, and the men and women of BPD stand with you in support and pray for your healing. The Beard it Up/ Color for the Cure campaign aims to raise money for pediatric cancer research. Staff members will donate a minimum of \$25 to participate in the campaign and they are encouraged to raise additional funds by soliciting donations from friends, family and the community. The link to donate in support of the Burleson Police Department is <https://thecurestartsnow.salsalabs.org/beard-it-up/p/burlesonpolicedepartment/index.html>.

**H. Burleson Recreation Center – KidZone Capacity Increased**

After review with Dr. Martin, the capacity in the KidZone at the BRiCk will be increased to 10 children per room. This change will go into effect on November 2, 2020. The KidZone safety protocols will remain in place and reservations will still be available.

**I. Burleson Recreation Center – Fitness Area**

The BRiCk will be implementing a new cleaning schedule for the fitness area that will ensure each piece of equipment and high touch points are cleaned every 2 hours. Members will still be encouraged to wipe down their machines after use. This schedule will require one staff member per shift with an additional staff member during peak hours. Dr. Martin reviewed and approved this plan.

**J. New Trees in Shannon Creek**

Residents in the Shannon Creek neighborhood have expressed frustration since the new Candler Bridge's completion due to light from car headlights entering their homes from the new traffic. Staff worked with a consultant to put together a plan to plant trees to provide screening for the homes in question (see attached). Staff will be planting eight, 65-gallon trees in the area specified on the plan below. Staff obtained three quotes for the project, and the trees will be planted with temporary irrigation for the cost of \$5,500. Staff identified a small amount of available funding remaining from the 2016 Streets and Parks GO bond that will cover the cost of the project.



**K. Russell Farm featured on CBS news Gardening 101 segment**

Russell Farm is one of five locations in North Texas that's conducting a five-year study by Texas A&M on what types of grapes grow best in our region. The study was featured on CBS news during their evening news cast on Wednesday, Oct. 21. The story focused on Earth Kind drought resistant grapes and Russell Farm was noted in the segment as one of the study locations. You can view the news segment here: <https://cbsloc.al/3omnRdR>

**L. Golf Tournament with helicopter ball drop**

Hidden Creek Golf Course is hosting the Centennial Baseball / Dawson Barnes Memorial Golf Tournament Saturday, October 24 at 1 p.m. Like last year, there will be a helicopter flying over the driving range about 12:30 p.m. to do a ball drop as a part of their fundraiser. The helicopter should only be flying over the driving range for about 10-15 minutes.

### III. Upcoming Road Construction/Closures

<b>Projects &amp; Limits</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Traffic Affected</b>	<b>Estimated Completion</b>
Old Town Quiet Zones: RR crossings at Commerce, Renfro, Ellison, Eldred	Punchlist items corrected. Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) final approval pending.	None anticipated	Notice of Establishment (NOE) issued. Quiet Zone scheduled to be quiet November 2
Turkey Peak Ground Storage Tank Construction & Brushy Mound Tank Demolition at existing City Facilities	Tank Sub-Contractor has mobilized at Turkey Peak site. General Contractor is at the Brushy Mound Site.	Intermittent construction traffic to and from both sites. Anticipated Routes include: NW Renfro, SW Brushy Mound Rd, SW Alsbury Blvd, NW Summercrest Blvd, Nicole Dr & NW Jayellen Ave.	Fall 2021
Traffic Signal at Hidden Vistas / Hidden Creek Parkway Intersection	Contract Awarded, Pre-construction meeting with Durable Specialties to be held in October 2020	None immediately anticipated	April 2021
Fire Station #16	Drive approaches on Hidden Creek Parkway Complete	None anticipated	
Elk Drive Pedestrian Mobility	Contract awarded. Pre-construction meeting held October 21, 2020. Construction scheduled to be started November 2020.	None immediately anticipated.	May 2021
Irene/Gardens Safe Routes to School	Contract awarded. Pre-construction meeting to be scheduled late October	None immediately anticipated.	November 2021

#### IV. **Upcoming Community Events**

- **October 24, Drug Take Back Day**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Walmart parking lot, 951 Wilshire.
- **October 24, Boo Bash with a Twist: Cruising Through Candyland**, 6 – 8 p.m., Various Locations. [Registration links](#).
- **November 7, Veterans Day Celebration**, Parade 9 a.m., Veterans Tribute 2 p.m. and fireworks 6 p.m. [More information](#)
- **November 14, Household Hazardous Waste event**, 9 – 11 a.m., Municipal Service Center, 725 SE John Jones Dr. [More information](#).