



Burleson Public Library

WEEKLY REPORT

SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: BRYAN LANGLEY, CITY MANAGER

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I. Council Schedule

Meetings

Monday, September 13: City Council Special Session, City Hall Council Chambers. 141 W. Renfro St., 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be conducted in the council chambers and is also available via live stream, <https://www.burlesontx.com/watchlive>

Work Session Items/Report & Discussion Items

September 13

- Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding Council Policy 17 procedures. *(Staff Presenter: Matt Ribitzki, Deputy City Attorney)*

II. General Information and Status Updates

A. Ground-Based Mosquito Spraying in Zones 1, 4 and 9 this weekend

On September 9, 2021, the City's environmental services division was notified that three mosquito traps tested positive for West Nile virus.

The areas are:

- **Zone 1** is in the area of Alsbury Blvd., Summercrest Blvd., Wilshire Blvd., Renfro St., and Brushy Mound [View Map](#)
- **Zone 4** is in the area of Hidden Creek Parkway, Burleson Boulevard and Hurst Road. [View Map](#)
- **Zone 9** is in the area of Wilshire Boulevard, Gregory Street, Rigney Way and N. Burleson Blvd. [View Map](#)

The City of Burleson will conduct ground-based spraying for mosquitoes between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. on Saturday, September 11, and then again on Sunday, September 12. The ground spraying will be performed in targeted subdivision within the designated spray zones.

In the event of rain or if wind speeds are above 10 miles per hour, the spraying may be rescheduled. This method of spraying targets flying mosquitoes that come in contact with the pesticide in the spray or fog. These times have been chosen because they are the times that most mosquitoes are active (flying).

[For more information and to find out what zone you live.](#)

B. September Sales Tax Information

Below is the information from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts in reference to the City of Burleson Sales and Use Tax Collections for the most current period.

September 2020	September 2021	Diff \$	Diff %	FY 2020 YTD	FY 2021 YTD	Diff \$	Diff %
\$1,728,928	\$2,134,485	\$405,557	23.45%	\$15,837,873	\$ 18,322,189	\$2,484,316	15.68%

Note: September sales tax amount represents sales incurred in July 2021.

C. Burleson Public Health Messages

• **Burleson Public Health opens second testing facility**

Due to an immense increase in demand for COVID-19 testing the Burleson Public Health team has opened a second location for testing. You can schedule your test at www.burlesontx.com/test or call 682-312-2780 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday.

The testing centers are opened 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.



• **Monoclonal Antibody Therapy: What it is, how can it help, who qualifies**

What is it?

Monoclonal antibody (mAb) therapy is a promising form of treatment for COVID-19. People who may qualify for mAb treatment have experienced the onset of mild to moderate COVID-19 symptoms in the past 10 days, have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 10 days, and are at high risk for developing more serious symptoms. Early studies suggest that mAb treatment can reduce the amount of the virus that causes COVID-19. Having less of the virus in your system means you may not have to be hospitalized.

Who Qualifies?

Monoclonal antibody treatment is available to individuals who:

- Are high risk for developing severe COVID-19 and
- Have a positive COVID-19 test and have not yet been admitted to the hospital and
- Are 12 years of age or older (and at least 88 pounds)

High risk includes any of the following:

- 65 years of age or older
Overweight (body mass index over 25)
- Pregnancy
- Chronic kidney disease
- Diabetes (Type 1 and Type 2)
- Weakened immune system
- Currently receiving immunosuppressive treatment
- Cardiovascular disease/hypertension
- Chronic lung disease

- Sickle cell disease
- Neurodevelopmental disorders
- Medical-related technological dependence

How to get it?

If you fall into any of the categories that qualify, contact your Health Care Provider as soon as possible, don't wait until you are extremely ill, as this treatment works best before you are extremely ill.

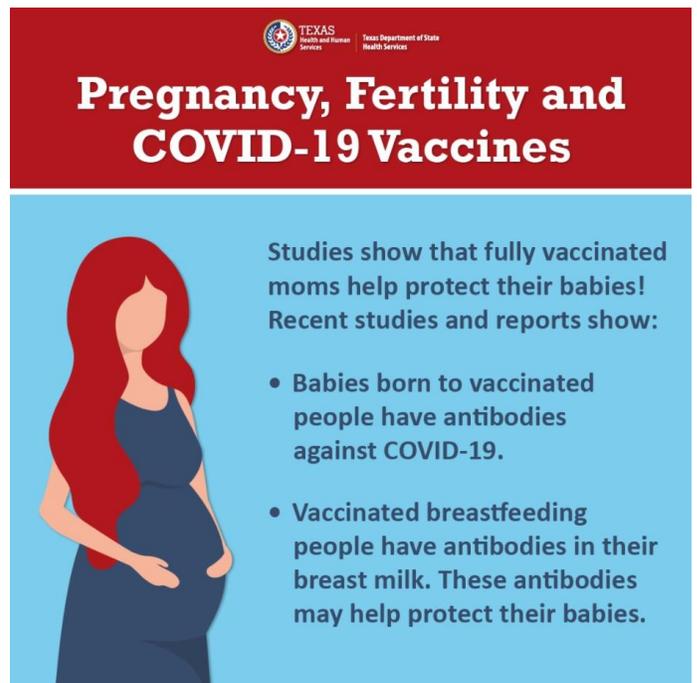
If you don't have access to a health care provider call the Burleson Public Health call center at (682) 312-2780 to schedule a consultation with a member of public health staff.

To learn more about mAb treatment, visit the website [CombatCOVID.hhs.gov](https://www.combatcovid.hhs.gov)

- **Pregnancy and COVID-19 Vaccine**

Pregnancy causes changes in the body that could make it easier to get very sick from respiratory viruses. This makes people who are pregnant and recently pregnant at an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for all people 12 and older, including people who are pregnant, breastfeeding, trying to get pregnant now, or might become pregnant in the future. If you would like to speak to someone about COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy, you can visit mothertobaby.org or contact MotherToBaby experts at 1-866-626-6847.



- D. **BTX Focus**

The latest copy of BTX Focus can be found on page 7. BTX Focus is the quarterly newsletter that is currently sent to Burleson residents in their utility bill. This will be the last BTX Focus that is included in utility bills, next fiscal year the quarterly newsletters will be directly mailed to all homes in the city limits of Burleson.

E. Feel Good Friday

Sunday, September 12 is Grandparents Day. We know there are some great grandparents out there, so we are asking social media users to share photos of the grandparents in their lives to thank them for all they do.



III. Upcoming Road Construction/Closures

UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION / CLOSURES			
Projects & Limits	Current Status	Traffic Affected	Estimated Completion
Turkey Peak Ground Storage Tank Construction & Brushy Mound Tank Demolition at existing City Facilities	General Contractor is at both Turkey Peak and Brushy Mound Sites.	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
Irene/Gardens Safe Routes to School	Construction underway	Outside lanes of Gardens & Irene will be closed in areas of construction. Closures to move with construction progress.	November 2021
SH174 (Wilshire) Landscape Enhancements	Substantially complete, material was delivered September 9 to complete the project. All islands in the median are complete and pending a final walkthrough.	Construction will require temporary daytime lane closures as necessary. These closures will only affect the inside lanes. Remaining lanes, including left-turn lanes, will always remain open.	Mid-September 2021
CR 910 & FM 1902 Right Turn Lane Construction	Notice to Proceed to Contractor set for August 9	County Road 910 will have temporary daytime lane closures during construction.	Oct 2021
Neighborhood Street Rebuild (Full Utility and Pavement Rebuild for	Notice to Proceed given to Contractor for August 30	Affected streets may require temporary detours or flaggers during	Feb 2022

Red Oak Court, NW Wood Drive, Smith Street & portions of S Dobson Street)		daytime construction. Access to homes will be maintained.	
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IV. Events

- **Old Town Picture Show**
 Dates: Sept. 11, 18 & 25
 Time: 7 - 9:30 p.m.
 Location: Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St
- **Clear the Shelters 2021**
 Dates: Sept 14 - 18
 Times: Tue – Fri, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sat 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Location: Burleson Animal Shelter, 775 SE John Jones Dr.
- **Be Healthy Burleson 5k/10k/1 Mile Fun Run**
 Date: Sept 18
 Time: Race Day Registration & Packet Pick Up begin at 6 a.m.
 Time Details: 1 Mile Fun Walk - 8 a.m., 10K Fun Run – 8:15 a.m., 5K Fun Run – 8:30 a.m.
 Location: Old Town Burleson
- **Trash Bash**
 Date: Sept 25
 Time: 9 – 11 a.m.
 Location: Warren Park, 301 SW Johnson Ave.

V. Attachments

- BTX Focus Quarterly Newsletter.....page 7



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FALL 2021



CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER BUDGET

City Council will consider the FY 21-22 budget during the September 13 city council meeting. Below are highlights from this year's proposed budget.

- 1. Lower tax rate.** The proposed tax rate of \$0.6859 is \$0.0252 lower than last year's rate of \$0.7111. This is the third year in a row the city has lowered its portion of the tax rate. And this is the lowest the city's tax rate has been since 2009.
- 2. First homestead exemption.** The proposed budget recommends adding a one percent homestead exemption in FY 2023, which will be increased one percent each year after that to continue to offer our residents a way to decrease their property tax bill.
- 3. Street Improvements.** One of the community's most requested budget items during the city's outreach methods was street improvements. The Capital Improvement Program proposes \$8.93 million in street improvements over the coming year.
- 4. Public Safety Enhancements.** The budget recommends the addition of six new police officers and seven new fire personnel.
- 5. Utilities.** There will be no rate increases for city utilities this fiscal year.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROPOSED BUDGET:
WWW.BURLESONTX.COM/BUDGETINPUT**

CITY COUNCIL MEETING INFORMATION

City Council Meetings are held at 5 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month, unless otherwise noticed, at
Burleson City Hall,
141 W. Renfro St

VIEW AGENDAS

City Council agendas are posted at least 72 hours before a scheduled meeting and can be viewed at
www.burlesontx.com/agendas

WATCH MEETINGS

Livestream the meeting or view after at
www.burlesontx.com/watchlive

PUBLIC HEALTH REOPENS COVID-19 TESTING CENTER

Due to the demand for both COVID-19 testing and vaccines, Burleson Public Health have reopened the COVID-19 testing center and extended vaccine clinic hours.

COVID-19 Testing Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 245 Lakewood Drive, Burleson. Testing appointments can be made at www.burlesontx.com/test

COVID-19 Vaccines Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fridays from 1 - 5 p.m. at 120 SE Dian Street, Burleson. Anyone 12 years old and older is eligible for the vaccine. Appointments can be made at www.burlesontx.com/vaccine



MAYOR VERA CALVIN PLAZA RECEIVES CLIDE AWARD



Award recipients are the City of Burleson, TBG Partners, Hill & Wilkinson, Bennett Benner Partners, and Dunaway Associates

Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza has been awarded a 2021 CLIDE Award by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG).

The Celebrating Leadership in Development Excellence (CLIDE) Awards Program was created in 2003 to encourage innovative development projects and practices that will help accommodate expected growth and ensure a sustainable North Texas for generations to come.

The revitalized plaza includes a courtyard, public seating, shade pavilions, performance stage, and picnic tables, in addition to a children's play area with a trolley serving as the backdrop. The Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza design was inspired by the City of Burleson's rich history and "Old Town" feel. Two train cars from the 1900s make up the focal points of the plaza, while the main trolley is used as the backdrop of the permanent stage and can be used as a hangout room for performers before they hit the spotlight.

DISC GOLF COURSE EXPANDS

The Parks and Recreation Department is excited to announce that the Disc Golf Expansion at Bailey Lake Park is now open for play. The new disc golf baskets and tee boxes have been installed making it a full 18-hole course for all skill levels. Although the new kiosk map and tee signs have not been delivered, temporary maps with hole information have been installed at every tee box. The Disc Golf Course is located at Bailey Lake, 280 W Hidden Creek Parkway.



ADOPT YOUR BEST FRIEND AT CLEAR THE SHELTERS



Burleson Animal Shelter will participate in Clear the Shelters, a nationwide pet adoption drive that helps find loving homes for animals in need, from September 14 - 18.

To help ensure the safety of all staff and visitors, the Burleson Animal Shelter will be limiting the number of persons in the shelter at one time.

The shelter will open at 11 a.m. from Tuesday - Saturday. Adoptions will remain on a first-come, first-served basis. More information: (817) 426-9283.

BURLESON POLICE WARN OF PHONE SCAM

A phone scam where people are pretending to be from the Burleson Police Department has been reported in our area. The scammer is attempting to get people to pay fines over the phone or online to a provided phone number. The Burleson Police Department **does not** solicit people to pay fines over the phone or online. If you are contacted by someone you believe is attempting to scam you, please call the Burleson Police Department at 817-426-9903.



SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1-30

BTX Best Fest, participating Burleson restaurants

Sept. 4

Burleson Police Open House, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Burleson Police Station

Sept. 9

Red Chair Lecture: Michelle O'Michael, 7 p.m. at Russell Farm Art Center

Sept. 11, 18 & 25

Old Town Picture Show, 6 p.m. at Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza

Sept. 18

Be Healthy Burleson Run, 7 - 11 a.m. at Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza



Be Healthy Burleson Run

OCTOBER

Oct. 9

Founders Day, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza

Oct. 1, 15, & 29

Fall Friday Food Truck Series, 6 - 8 p.m. at various city parks

Oct. 22

Farm Fall Festival, 6 - 8 p.m. at Russell Farm Art Center

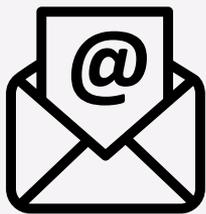
Oct. 23

Boo Bash, 6 - 8 p.m. at the BRiCK



Boo Bash

Learn more at www.burlesontx.com/events or 817-426-9104



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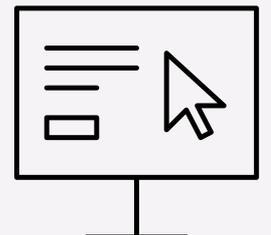
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