

Burleson Bark Park

WEEKLY REPORT

MARCH 25, 2022

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

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I. Council Schedule

Meetings

Monday, April 4: Regular City Council Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers. 141 W. Renfro St., 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be conducted in the council chambers and is also available via live stream, <https://www.burlesontx.com/watchlive>

Reports & Presentations

April 4

- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction regarding redevelopment of 130 E. Renfro Street and E. Ellison Street pedestrian improvements. (Staff Presenter: Alex Philips, Director of Economic Development)
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction regarding the establishment of an overlay district for the Transit Oriented District (TOD).
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction regarding the update of the city's Comprehensive and Midpoint 2020 plan. (Staff Presenter: Tony Mcilwain, Development Services Director)

II. General Information and Status Updates

A. Hidden Creek Golf Course fence line

The long-awaited repairs to the fence along I-35 at the Hidden Creek Golf Course began this week. This project is projected to take 7 to 8 days and will be repairing 200 plus rails and 75 posts.



B. Mr. Livingston featured on NBC 5's Wake Up to #SomethingGood

Richard Livingston is a lifelong Burleson resident and Monday night at City Hall, council members proclaimed March 30, 2022, as "Mr. Livingston Day." March 30 will be his 85th birthday.

[View the NBC 5 story here.](#)



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Burleson Celebrates 'World's Greatest Substitute Teacher'

C. Burleson Bark Park Grand Opening

Burleson Bark Park officially opened to the public Saturday, March 19 with a ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening celebration. To see more photos of the dogs having their day, visit: <https://bit.ly/36DeQIU>

Councilmembers Victoria Johnson, Jimmy Stanford, Dan McClendon and Ronnie Johnson, Parks Board chair Cynthia Plonien and founder of community group WheresMyBarkPark

Shannan Sutter, along with members of the community (two-legged and four legged 😊) attended the ceremony and enjoyed the amenities Burleson Bark Park has to offer.



Burleson Bark Park is a 0.91 acre off-leash dog park. The park features a small breed dog paddock for dogs under 30 pounds and two large dog paddocks. The large dog areas are rotated weekly to help sustain natural turf due to heavy traffic generated by larger dog breeds. Burleson Bark Park is closed on Mondays for maintenance.

For more information on Burleson Bark Park, visit <https://bit.ly/3JBXYRu>

D. Library Programs and News

SPRING STEM CHALLENGE

Burleson Public Library had a great time with programming on spring break including STEM challenge with jelly beans and toothpicks.



LEARN A NEW SKILL

Explore thousands of classes in cooking, grilling, and more on Skillshare. This online platform is now available to cardholders of the Burleson Public Library. Explore more than 22,000 classes on topics like writing, design, business, technology and more.

Interested? Simply complete the [online form](#). You will receive an invitation to create a unique account that will give you access to the entire Skillshare library for three weeks. Seats are limited, so checkouts will be rotated on a first-come, first-served basis.



E. Feel Good Friday

On March 13, one of our firefighters, Pedro Ramirez, saw a resident in need and stepped up to change a flat tire for her. The resident shared the below post on Facebook. #BlessedInBurleson #DoingGoodIsAlwaysGood

"My fabulous weekend ended with a flat tire. I thought I'd take it to the gas station to air it up. It wouldn't air up. I saw a friend there and a stranger who tried to help me, but we had no success.

That is when a Burleson Fire Department truck happened to roll in and this SUPER KIND Burleson firefighter volunteered to change it for me.

I know you have better things to do, but it meant so much to me that you were able to help me...THANK YOU, Pedro Ramirez!!!

We sure do love firefighters in my household!!!"



F. BTX Focus Quarterly Newsletter

The spring quarterly newsletter will be distributed to all resident's mailboxes in the upcoming weeks. A preview of the newsletter is attached on page 8.

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. Minor work items are being completed at Turkey Peak.	No current routes affected.	Winter 2022
Irene/Gardens Safe Routes to School	Construction Underway	Sidewalk construction complete. Signage and stripping underway.	November 2022
SW Hulen Street between Greenridge Drive and Potomac Drive	Construction Underway	Daily closure on SW Hulen St between Greenridge Dr and Potomac Dr with a detour through the neighborhood.	April 2022
E. Hidden Creek Parkway west jug handle	Completed	None	Completed March 21
Mockingbird to CR 914A Sanitary Sewer From CR 914 and CR 1021	Construction started March 9	CR914 will be down to one lane between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Both lanes will be open during overnight hours	Approximately three months, dependent on weather

IV. Events

- **Vietnam Veterans Celebration**
Date: March 26
Time: 2 p.m.
Location: Veterans Memorial Plaza, 298 E Renfro St
[More information](#)
- **Senior Center Resource and Health Fair**
Date: April 1
Time: 12 – 2 p.m.
Location: Burleson Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Ave
- **Light Up the Night**
Date: April 2

Time: 6 – 9 p.m.
Location: BRiCk, 550 SW Summercrest Blvd
[More information](#)

- **Aqua Egg Hunt**

Date: April 9
Time: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Location: BRiCk, 550 NW Summercrest Blvd
[More information](#)

- **Easter Egg Hunt at Russell Farm**

Date: April 9
Time: 9 a.m.
Location: Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714
[More information](#)

- **Bunny Daze**

Date: April 9
Time: 12 – 3 p.m.
Location: Chisenhall Fields, 500 Chisenhall Park Ln
[More information](#)

- **Happy Birthday Burleson Public Library!**

Date: April 9
Time: 1 – 3 p.m.
Location: Burleson Public Library, 248 SW Johnson Ave
[More information](#)

- **Household Hazardous Waste Event**

Date: April 23
Time: 9 – 11 a.m.
Location: Municipal Service Center, 725 SE John Jones Dr
[More information](#)

- **Far Out Family Campout**

Date: April 30 – May 1
Time: 1 p.m. – 8 a.m.
Location: Bailey Lake Park, 280 W Hidden Creek Pkwy
Tickets: \$15/family of five
[More information](#)

- **Drug Take Back**

Date: April 30
Time: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Location: Walmart parking lot, 951 SW Wilshire Blvd.
[More information](#)

- **Red Chair Lecture: Tom Sale & Renata Lucia**

Date: April 30
Time: 11 a.m.
Location: Russell Farm Art Center

- **Russell Farm Arbor Day**

Date: April 30

Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714

Info: Take a guided nature walk identifying birds and trees on the farm and enjoy a tree artist special guest.

V. **Attachments**

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City of Burleson Newsletter
SPRING 2022

YOUR BURLESON CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



MAYOR

Chris Fletcher



PLACE 1

Victoria Johnson



PLACE 2

Rick Green



PLACE 3

Jimmy Stanford



PLACE 4

Tamara Payne



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Dan McClendon



PLACE 6

Ronnie Johnson

City Council Meetings are held at 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month, unless otherwise noticed, at Burleson City Hall, 141 W. Renfro St. View city council agendas at www.burlesontx.com/agendas. Livestream the meetings or view after at www.burlesontx.com/watchlive

BURLESON RESIDENTS WILL CONSIDER TWO BOND PROPOSITIONS FOR MAY 7 ELECTION

Burleson residents are being asked to consider two bond propositions totaling an estimated \$86,005,000 during the May 7 municipal election.

Proposition A: Public Infrastructure

Proposition A asks for \$33,645,000 in general obligation bonds for projects related to mobility throughout the community. The projects include an intelligent traffic system that will allow the city to study, control and synchronize the traffic signals throughout the city and the design and construction for various streets and sidewalks throughout the city. Learn more: www.BurlesonTX.com/PropA

Proposition B: Public Safety Facilities

Proposition B asks for \$52,360,000 in general obligation bonds for projects related to design and construction of Fire Station 4 and expansion to the police department's headquarters. The proposed police department expansion will increase the current facility from 24,000 square feet to 62,500 square feet and will include a training center, public safety dispatch communications center and support building to house evidence and equipment. Fire Station 4 will provide a fire and emergency medical service facility on the city's western border, living quarters for 11 fire personnel, a training room, community engagement space and an office for Burleson Police Department staff. Learn more: www.BurlesonTX.com/PropB



Scan for 2022 Bond Information

BOND 2022 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If the bonds are approved, will property tax rates go up?

No. The projects are timed to ensure no increase to the property tax rate.

What are General Obligation Bonds?

General Obligation (GO) bonds are funds borrowed by the city for specific public purposes. Bonds enable the city to complete larger projects that would otherwise be unaffordable or unachievable. Authorization to borrow GO bonds must be approved by voters, and the amount of money borrowed, plus interest, is repaid over a period of years using the city's property tax revenue.

When is the last time the City held a bond election?

The last time the City of Burleson held a bond election was in 2013.

How were the capital project needs selected?

A 15-person Special Citizens Bond Advisory Committee was appointed by the Mayor and City Council to review, prioritize, suggest, and recommend bond projects going before the voters. The 15 volunteers met over several months, obtaining feedback and recommendations from city staff. Information regarding this process can be found at www.BurlesonTX.com/2022Bond.

Have other bond related questions? Visit www.BurlesonTX.com/BondFAQ

COVID-19 TESTING & VACCINE SITE MOVES TO NEW LOCATION

The city's COVID-19 testing site and the vaccine center has moved to 620 Memorial Plaza, Burleson (former Fire Station 2). COVID-19 vaccine and booster shots are available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursday from 3:30 - 6 p.m. Schedule a vaccine at: www.BurlesonTX.com/vaccine or call (682) 312-2780. COVID-19 testing is available Monday - Friday. Appointments can be made at www.BurlesonTX.com/test or by calling (682) 312-2780.



FIRE HOSTS CITIZEN SAFETY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP

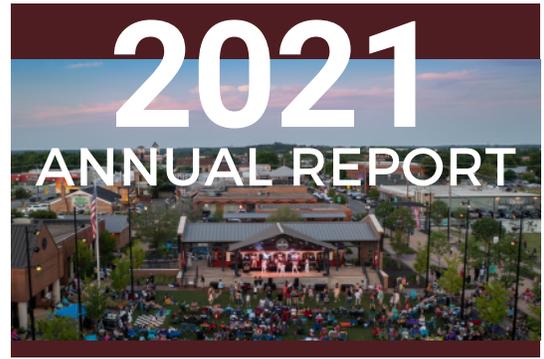
After a hiatus during COVID-19, the citizen safety preparedness workshops are back. Burleson Fire Department hosts the workshop to provide the skills to recognize and control life-threatening bleeding, and how to perform Hands-Only CPR/AED use. Classes are held the second Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m., Fire Station 16, 250 E. Hidden Creek Parkway. There is no charge for this training, but class sizes are limited so make sure to sign up early at www.BurlesonTX.com/crase



CITY RELEASES 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

The city of Burleson has released its 2021 Annual Report. The report includes top accomplishments of the organization from the past year and goals for the upcoming year. The city continues to focus on improving business processes, identifying cost containment strategies and delivering many capital projects.

View the report: www.BurlesonTX.com.com/annualreport



SUMMER FUN CAMP: REGISTRATION OPEN

Summer Fun Camp starts May 31 at the Burleson Recreation Center (BRiCK) and will run for 11 consecutive weeks until August 12. The program is open for campers from 6 to 12 years old. Camp activities include arts and crafts, science projects, field trips, guest speakers, gym activities, swimming and outdoor nature walks. Parents can select which weeks the child attends or they can attend the entire summer. The camps fill up quickly, scan the QR code for more information or to register.



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

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Summer Reading Program

This summer's theme is Oceans of Possibilities. Registration starts May 1 and the program runs June 1 - July 31.

Learn more at www.BurlesonTX.com/library

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS



Easter Events: April 9

Three events to select from
Scan the QR code for details



Household Hazardous Waste Event: April 23

Event is free, residents only



Far Out Family Campout: April 30 - May 1

Tickets are required



Scan to view all upcoming events



Bond information: www.BurlesonTX.com/2022bond

Public infrastructure and public safety facilities are the two bond propositions Burleson voters will consider on May 7.



141 W. Renfro
Burleson, TX 76028
Attention: Marketing



Election Day

Look inside for more bond election information

Voter Information



LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE: April 7, 2022
APPLICATIONS FOR VOTING BY MAIL MUST BE RECEIVED BY: April 26, 2022



EARLY VOTING Monday, April 25 - Tuesday, May 3 (including Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1)
Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ELECTION DAY May 7, 2022
Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



VOTING LOCATION
Burleson Senior Activity Center - Back Room
216 SW Johnson Ave
Early Voting & Election Day will be at this location