



# WEEKLY REPORT

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

### Meetings

**Monday, May 2:** 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

#### May 2

- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction regarding SH 174 Access Management. (Staff Presenter: Eric Oscarson, Director of Public Works)
- Receive a report, hold a discussion and give staff direction on the community services FY 22-23 budget update and supplemental requests (Staff Presenter: DeAnna Phillips, Director of Community Services)
- Receive a report, hold a discussion and give staff direction on the development services FY 22-23 budget update and supplemental requests (Staff Presenter: Tony McIlwain, Director of Development Services)
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction regarding proposed modifications to the park land dedication fee structure and ordinance. (Staff Presenter: Jen Basham, Parks and Recreation Director)

## II. General and Status Updates

### A. Mayor Fletcher presents the State of the City

Mayor Chris Fletcher, along with assistance from Burluson city councilmembers, presented the 'State of the City' at the Burluson Area Greater Chamber of Commerce's Spring Quarterly Meeting, Thur. April 21.

The State of the City highlighted public safety staffing increases, park and trail



improvements along with economic development happenings. Watch the video [here](#).

### **B. Council unveils new public art at Bailey Lake**

On Saturday, April 16, City of Burleson Mayor Fletcher, Mayor Pro Tem Dan McClendon, councilmembers Ronnie Johnson, Victoria Johnson, Jimmy Stanford, and Tamara Payne, along with environmental services and parks and recreation staff, were joined by Keep Burleson Beautiful, Inc., and artist Ryan Stalsby for a ribbon-cutting ceremony



celebrating the completion of the mural at Bailey Lake. Councilmember Victoria Johnson spoke at the event and discussed how the project originated as part of the City's 2020-21 Strategic Plan goal of instituting a public art program to bring beautification to the City through visual art. The project highlights the importance of being great stewards of our parks and natural resources. The finished work of art can be enjoyed for years to come and we hope it inspires future generations to preserve the beauty of Burleson. [More photos from the event](#).

### **C. City of Burleson names Chief Technology Officer**

James Grommersch has been named the city of Burleson's chief technology officer. Grommersch most recently led the information technology team for the city of West St. Paul, Minnesota. He began his duties with Burleson on April 21.

"We are excited to have James as the city's first chief technology officer (CTO)," said Bryan Langley, Burleson City Manager. "As the city's need for secure and reliable technology continues to grow, having a CTO will benefit the city staff and how the



citizens interact with the city digitally. James has experience building high-performing teams to drive digital transformation programs, and we are happy to welcome him to Burleson."

As the chief technology officer, Grommersch will be responsible for managing all aspects of Burleson's technology programs and information systems and planning, coordinating, implementing, managing, and monitoring all information systems, telecommunications, and radio communications services within the city.

In West St. Paul, Minnesota, Grommersch developed the city's IT strategy and project roadmap and guided the digital transformation to modernize the police force's technology. Grommersch holds an associate degree in computer network development and a bachelor's and master's degree in Management of Technology. He has twelve IT certifications in various aspects of IT, ranging from project management to information security.

"I'm excited to join the information technology department and help each department reach its goals of providing the best service to our residents," stated Grommersch. "It's a fantastic opportunity to assist a great group of technologists who support the various city service offerings. I look forward to working with the leadership team, mayor, city council, and residents to plan for the future needs of the technology ecosystem."

Grommersch also served in the United States Marine Corps, where he obtained the rank of Corporal. He was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for outstanding performance as a Logistical Squad leader on his second deployment.

**D. Animal Shelter partners with Texas Health Huguley for adoption event**

The Burleson Animal Shelter will be partnering with Texas Health Huguley Hospital for an off-site adoption event. The event will be held on May 12, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 11801 South Freeway, Burleson, TX 76028. They are celebrating National Hospital Week, and who doesn't love to play with animals. The hospital staff will have a chance to come out and love the animals and possibly take one home. The adoptions will be free. The

owners, Brett and Sherri Morrison of Castrol Premium Lube Express are sponsoring the adoptions for the event. Castrol Lube Express is at 857 NW John Jones Dr, Burleson, TX 76028.

## **E. Library Programs and News**

### **Interview with city of Burleson's first librarian**

To celebrate the library's 51<sup>st</sup> year Sara Miller, deputy library director, sat down with Sandy Babb to talk about what it was like to open up the city's first library. Watch the video [here](#).

### **Burleson Public Library Public Meetings**

We want to hear what you think about library services now, as well as what you would like to see the library look like in the future.

#### **Focus Groups**

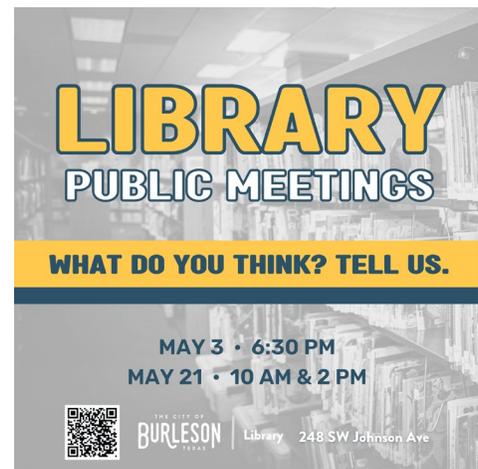
Tuesday, May 3, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m.

Saturday, May 21, 2 p.m.

**Where?** All focus groups will be held at the Burleson Public Library, 248 SW Johnson Avenue.

Light refreshments will be served, and there will be prize drawings for in person attendees.



**F. Feel Good Friday**

Russell Farm extends its sincerest appreciation to Burluson High School Adult Transition Students who come out each week to the farm to work on wood projects, paint, enhance the farm’s Community Gardens and take care of the animals. Teachers Anthony Jara and Ashley Brown encourage the students to learn new skills every week.



**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 Complete. Project closeout underway.		
SW Hulen Street between Greenridge Drive and Potomac Drive	Construction Completed. Currently waiting for striping to occur.	Temporary closure when striping occurs.	Striping date to be determined.

Mockingbird to CR 914A Sanitary Sewer	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
From CR 914 and CR 1021			

#### **IV. Parks Capital Project Delays**

<b>EXPECTED TIMELINE DELAYS</b>				
<b>Projects &amp; Limits</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Reason for Delay</b>	<b>Original projected completion</b>	<b>Adjusted expected Completion</b>
Cindy Park Improvements (New playground, furnishings, and shade structures)	Awaiting delivery of components to begin installation	Supply chain lead time changes	Early Summer 2022	Mid-Summer 2022
Claudia Park Improvements (New playground, furnishings, fitness area, and shade structures)	Awaiting delivery of components to begin installation	Supply chain lead time changes	Summer 2022	Fall 2022
Cemetery Expansion	Construction Underway	Cemetery expected to be substantially completed this spring with exception of new lead times for columbaria and memorial book	May 2022	November 2022
Burleson Bark Park	Substantially complete and open for use.	New lead times for shelter delivery due to supply chain issues	February 2022	September 2022

#### **V. Events**

- **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.