



Economic development staff gave free ice cream to community members to celebrate 817 day (August 17)

WEEKLY REPORT

AUGUST 19, 2022

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

THE CITY OF
BURLESON
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Weekly Report | August 19, 2022

I. Council Schedule

Meetings

Monday, September 6

City Council Special Session, 2:00 p.m.

City Council Regular Session, 5:30 p.m.

All meetings will be held at City Hall Council Chambers, 141 W. Renfro St. The meeting will be conducted in the council chambers and is also available via live stream, <https://www.burlesontx.com/watchlive>

Reports & Presentations

September 6

- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Capital Improvements Program Advisory Committee. (Staff Presenter: Eric Oscarson, Director of Public Works)
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding a proposed services contract with the Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce. (Staff Presenter: Alex Philips, Economic Development Director)
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Hill College Request for Proposals. (Staff Presenter: Alex Philips, Economic Development Director)
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff with direction on the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. (Staff Presenter: Martin Avila, Director of Finance)
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff with direction on the addition entryway signage to the community. (Staff Presenter: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff with direction on the Parks Performance Fund. (Staff Presenter: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)

II. General and Status Updates

A. Burleson receives credit rating upgrade

Moody's Investors Service has upgraded the city of Burleson's general obligation bond rating to Aa2 from Aa3. For our most recent bond issuance, the upgrade will provide approximately \$75,088 in debt service savings over the life bonds. Moody's Investors Service rates 22,789 cities throughout the country and only 1,090 cities are at or above Aa2 rating. Therefore, this rating puts the City of Burleson in the top 5 percent of the country. The city of Burleson has held a bond rating of Aa3 since 2013.

B. Burleson public safety hosts active shooter training

BPD officers completed 16 hours of active shooter training inside BISD school campuses during summer break. The combination of classroom and live training allowed officers to practice multiple scenarios. Burleson Fire Department joined on the second day to participate with rescue operations.



C. Burleson receives Leading the Way City Award 2022 for outstanding achievement and performance

ETC Institute performed a city-wide satisfaction survey earlier this year. The survey results placed Burleson in the top 10% satisfaction rates of all local municipalities across the United States. The high score was honored with a Leading the Way City Award, which was presented to the city council during the August 15 meeting.



Qualifications for the award is evaluated across three core areas. The first area is citizen satisfaction with the overall quality of services. The second is citizen satisfaction with customer service provided by employees and the third is citizen satisfaction with the value residents receive from local taxes and fees.

Out of almost 200 cities in the nation, Burleson was one of 18 cities that received the award and one of only six in the state of Texas.

“It is not a stretch to say the city of Burleson is truly setting the standard in many areas, not only in Texas but also across the United States,” stated Jesse Elizondo, director of customer service. “Congratulations to the mayor, city council, city management, staff and the city of Burleson for this award.”

D. Stormwater Management Program Update

The city of Burleson is issued a Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), which requires the city to uphold stormwater quality by managing stormwater discharges within the city limits of Burleson. The city's environmental services division manages this permit by putting in place Best Management Practices (BMPs) in six Minimum Control Measures (MCMs) that meet the city's needs and requirements of the permit. The city

of Burleson is required to create a Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) to list the BMPs and how they are measured and implemented. These BMPs are to be completed annually based on the approved stormwater management program for the duration of each permit term.

On August 8, 2022, environmental services received notification from TCEQ that the technical review of the city's Notice of Intent (NOI) and SWMP had been completed. The city is required to publish a notice in the newspaper for public comment. The public will be given 30 days to submit comments. The attached notice will be published in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Wednesday, August 17, 2022.

This permit and the corresponding stormwater management plan are renewed every five years. In July 2019, the city's environmental services division submitted the city's Notice of Intent (NOI) along with the updated stormwater management plan.

E. BTX Focus Quarterly Newsletter

The fall quarterly newsletter will be distributed to all resident's mailboxes in the upcoming weeks. A preview of the newsletter is attached on page 12.

F. Senior Center Programming

Learn Conversational Spanish, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Mondays at the Burleson Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Avenue.

Learn basic, conversational Spanish with an emphasis on communication. Enjoy lots of fun games and activities with plenty of opportunities to converse with classmates in Spanish.



G. Library News

Can't make it to the library to pick up your holds?

Check out the new hold lockers.

Burleson Library patrons now have the option to select outdoor lockers as a hold pickup location. These lockers are perfect for when you can't pick up holds during business hours, or you just don't have time to come inside.



HOLDS LOCKER

HOW IT WORKS

Choose Burleson Holds Locker from the pickup location dropdown menu when placing your hold.



To locate your holds locker, look for the slip that displays

- the first 3 letters of your last name
- the first letter of your first name.

To open the locker, enter the last FOUR digits of your library card number.



Your items are already checked out so just grab and go!

H. Feel Good Friday

On Saturday, August 13, Harvest House hosted the school supply distribution for Little Red School House at the Burleson Recreation Center. The city of Burleson held a city-wide initiative to increase the number of school supplies collected to benefit families in our community. The event gave supplies to 296 children from kindergarten to 12th grade and 19 pre-



Kindergarten students. In total, 315 children (114 families) were served at this event.

III. Upcoming Road Construction/Closures ([click to view map](#))



IV. Parks Capital Projects

ESTIMATED TIMELINE				
Projects & Limits	Current Status	Reason for Delay	Original projected completion	Adjusted expected Completion
Cindy Park Improvements (New playground, furnishings, and shade structures)	Construction underway	n/a	Early Summer 2022	August 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	May 2022	November 2022

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V. Events

- **Hollywood Date Night**
 August 19, 6 - 8 p.m.
 BRiCk, 550 NW Summercrest Blvd
 FREE EVENT
[More info and registration](#)
- **Cool Sounds of Fall – Slippery When Wet (Bon Jovi tribute band)**
 September 3, 7:30 p.m.
 Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St
 FREE EVENT
[More info](#)
- **Trash Bash**
 Sept. 10, 9 – 11 a.m.
 Warren Park, 301 SW Johnson Ave
[Sign up your group or more information](#)
- **Old Town Picture Show**
 Sept. 10, 17 & 24, 7 p.m.
 Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St
 Sept 10: “Sing” Sept 17: “Sing 2” Sept 24: “The Little Rascals”
 FREE EVENT
[More info](#)
- **Be Healthy Burlison 5K/10K/Fun Walk**
 September 17
 Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St
 Register before August 21 to receive a discount
[More information or to register](#)

- **Dogs and Donuts**
September 24, 9:30 – 11 a.m.
Burluson Bark Park, 616 Memorial Plaza
FREE EVENT
[More info](#)

- **Bonnie & Clyde Musical Play**
September 30, 6 p.m.,
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St
FREE EVENT
[More info](#)

VI. Attachments

- Stormwater Management Program Public Hearing Notice.....page 10
- BTX Focus Fall Quarterly Newsletter.....page 12

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) RENEWAL

General Permit Authorization No. TXR040062

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Burleson, 141 West Renfro Street, Burleson, Texas 76028, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Small MS4 General Permit No. TXR040000 for a renewal of authorization number TXR040062 to discharge stormwater to surface water in the state from the City of Burleson MS4. The notice of intent (NOI) and stormwater management program (SWMP) were received by the TCEQ on July 23, 2019.

The MS4 is located in the area within City of Burleson limits located within the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington Urbanized Area in Johnson and Tarrant Counties, Texas. The discharge from the MS4 will eventually reach Lake Arlington in Segment No. 0828 of the Trinity River Basin.

A copy of the NOI, stormwater management program (SWMP), general permit, and general permit fact sheet are available for viewing and copying at City of Burleson Municipal Service Center, 725 SE John Jones Drive, Burleson, Texas 76028. The SWMP can also be viewed online at the City of Burleson's website at www.burlesontx.com. Substantial changes to the MS4's SWMP during the permit term will be posted on the same website.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and SWMP. The SWMP, if approved, would establish additional terms and conditions, not included in the general permit, under which the MS4 must operate. The Executive Director has made the preliminary decision that the SWMP meets all statutory and regulatory requirements and made a preliminary decision to approve the small MS4's authorization under the TPDES Small (Phase II) MS4 General Permit No. TXR040000.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comments or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. If significant interest exists, the Executive Director will direct the applicant to publish a notice of the public meeting and hold the public meeting. The applicant must publish notice of a public meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the MS4 is located. If the MS4 is located in more than one county, the applicant must publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county containing the largest residential population.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087

or electronically at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment> within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant material, or significant public comments. The response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid>. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Any personal contact information you provide to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's records; this includes your name, phone number, email address, and physical address. For more information about this application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, toll free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep>. Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Burleson at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Jesse Tate at 817-426-9848.

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City of Burleson Newsletter
FALL 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



MAYOR PRO TEM

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

CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER FY 2022/2023 BUDGET

City Council will finalize the FY 22-23 budget during the September 12 city council meeting. A public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on September 6 to consider the proposed budget and tax rate.

PROPOSED BUDGET: 5 THINGS TO KNOW

- **Lower tax rate.** For the fourth straight year, the property tax rate is being reduced. The proposed tax rate of \$0.6572 is \$0.0287 lower than last year's rate of \$0.6859. Since 2019, the rate has been reduced by almost eight (8) cents, from \$0.7350 (2019) to \$0.6572 (2023).
- **Homestead exemption.** Last year's budget included a one percent (1%) homestead exemption for the first time in the city's history. The proposed budget this year includes a two percent (2%) homestead exemption in FY 2023, which will be increased one percent (1%) each year thereafter to continue to offer our residents a way to decrease their property tax bill.
- **Street and Traffic Improvements.** The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) proposes \$6.2 million in street and traffic improvements over the coming year and \$35 million for the construction of Lakewood/Chisholm Summit infrastructure. In the five-year CIP, the budget includes over \$87.6 million in funds for street, traffic and sidewalk improvements.
- **Public Safety Enhancements.** The budget recommends the addition of two (2) new police lieutenants, three (3) school resource officers, one (1) property and evidence technician, one (1) records clerk, three (3) dispatch communication personnel and six (6) new fire personnel. Since 2019, we have increased public safety staff by 41 positions.
- **Utilities.** No rate increases are proposed for this fiscal year.

* The items listed above are in the proposed budget and are subject to change per city council's recommendation and requests.

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

REMINDER: BURLESON HAS YEAR-ROUND WATER RESTRICTIONS

THE CITY OF BURLESON TEXAS WATERING GUIDELINES

Twice Per Week Watering Schedule

- Residential: addresses ending in an even number (0,2,4,6,8)
 - Watering days: Wednesdays & Saturdays
- Residential: addresses ending in an odd number (1,3,5,7,9)
 - Watering days: Thursdays & Sundays
- Non-residential locations
 - Watering days: Tuesdays & Fridays

No watering on Mondays or between 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. any day

The watering of lawns and landscapes using irrigation systems (watering with sprinklers) fed by the city of Burleson's water supply is prohibited for both residential and commercial water customers between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. any day of the year. However, variances may be granted under certain conditions.

What about hand watering?

Lawns and landscaping may be watered on any day with a handheld hose, drip irrigation, soaker hose, or tree bubbler. Irrigation using alternative water sources - a well or reclaimed or reused water - are excluded from the irrigation restrictions.

When did this restriction start?

The outdoor water restrictions became permanent in April 2014 due to a required change in the city's water conservation plan. Since the city of Burleson purchases its water from the city of Fort Worth, Burleson must approve a drought contingency plan that mirrors Fort Worth's plan. In April 2014, Fort Worth made the maximum twice-per-week landscape restriction permanent, year-round.

CLEAR THE SHELTERS: AUGUST 23 - 27

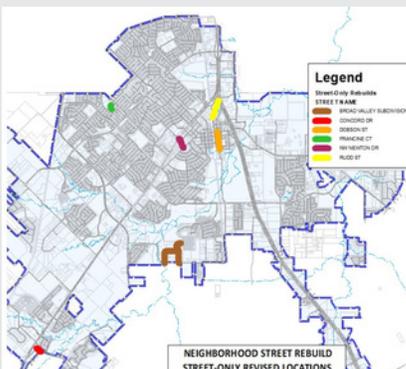
Join Burleson Animal Shelter, 775 SE John Jones Drive, August 23 - 27 to help Clear the Shelters. Donations will be taken the entire month of August. If you would like to donate to the event visit www.burlesontx.com/animalshelterdonations



Adopt your new best friend that week and pay no fee. All potential adopters will undergo screening before adoption. From long walks on the beach to your morning yoga routine, you'll always have a partner in crime to put a bright smile on your face. Transform your life and adopt today.



NEIGHBORHOOD STREET REBUILD PROJECT



The Neighborhood Street Rebuild Project construction contract was approved by city council on August 1, 2022. The project includes the reconstruction of existing asphalt pavement on the following streets: Broad Valley Drive, Broad Valley Court, Concord Drive, Francine Court, North Rudd Street, NW Newton Drive (Johnson Street to Wilshire) and Dobson Street (Renfro Street to Town Creek Bridge).

Various neighborhood streets will be addressed yearly as part of the Neighborhood Street Rebuild program.

DID YOU READ THIS?

We want to make sure the quarterly newsletter is an effective way to inform our residents. If you are reading this, scan the QR code to the right and enter a drawing to win a \$100 gift card to the Burleson business of your choice.



GET ON BOARD
burlesontx.com/GetOnBoard

APPLY TO SERVE ON A BOARD

Are you interested in making a difference in your community by serving on a City of Burleson Board or Commission? Visit www.burlesontx.com/GetOnBoard to learn how you can get involved. Deadline is August 22.

There are approximately 10 vacancies across all boards. Remember to select your order of preference when filling out the form. For questions or to request a form via email, please contact records@burlesontx.com.

LIBRARY CARD ONLINE



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Scan the QR Code to get started

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Library
(817) 426-9209

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No problem. With your library card, you can download these three apps that will have you reading, listening, or watching all your favorites in no time.

1. **cloudLibrary**: Check out popular eBooks and audiobooks.
2. **Libby, by Overdrive**: Borrow ebooks, audiobooks, magazines and more from your local library for free.
3. **hoopla**: Borrow and enjoy audiobooks, eBooks, comics, movies, TV, magazines or music everywhere you have a screen—your computer, your phone, your car or even your TV.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS



Old Town Picture Show
Free movies under the stars
September 10, 17 and 24



Cool Sounds of Fall
Free concerts in Old Town
Sept. 3, Oct. 15 & Nov. 12



Boo Bash Festival
Free event Chisenhall Fields
Oct. 22 | 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.



Scan to view all upcoming events



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City of Burleson Newsletter

Be Healthy Burleson Annual Run | September 17

Sign up for the Be Healthy Burleson Annual Run 1K Fun Run, 5K or 10K <https://bit.ly/BHBRun>



THE CITY OF
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141 W. Renfro St.
Burleson, TX 76028
Attention: Marketing

October

Founders Day

Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Free

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Fall brings lots of fun and exciting events to BTX

burlesontx.com/events

BTX BEST FEST | SEPTEMBER 1 - 30



Discover new flavors as participating Burleson restaurants submit their culinary creations inspired by the flavors of State Fair foods in this month-long contest!

Get your passport stamped at each location and submit your stamped passport to City Hall for your chance to win a grand prize package from participating businesses.

Where to get your **BTX Best Fest** passport:

- City Hall, 141 W Renfro Street
- Any participating restaurant
- Scan QR Code to download and print

Fill 50% of your passport for a chance to win a prize package!

