



WEEKLY REPORT

SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
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I. Council Schedule

Meetings

Monday, September 12, City Council Special Session, 9:00 a.m.

Monday, September 19, 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

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II. General and Status Updates

A. September 2022 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.

Sept 2021	Sept 2022	Diff \$	Diff %	FY 2021 YTD	FY 2022 YTD	Diff \$	Diff %
\$ 2,134,485	\$ 2,252,940	\$ 118,455	5.55%	\$ 20,061,510	\$ 22,933,609	\$ 2,872,099	14.32%

Note: September 2022 sales tax amount represents sales incurred in July 2022.

B. Fire Marshal Singleton set to retire

After 31 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Burleson, Fire Marshal Stacy Singleton has announced his plans to retire effective September 28. Join us for a retirement party Wednesday, September 28, from 2 - 4 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. This is a come-and-go event. Please make plans to stop by for refreshments and thank Stacy for his dedication and service to the community.

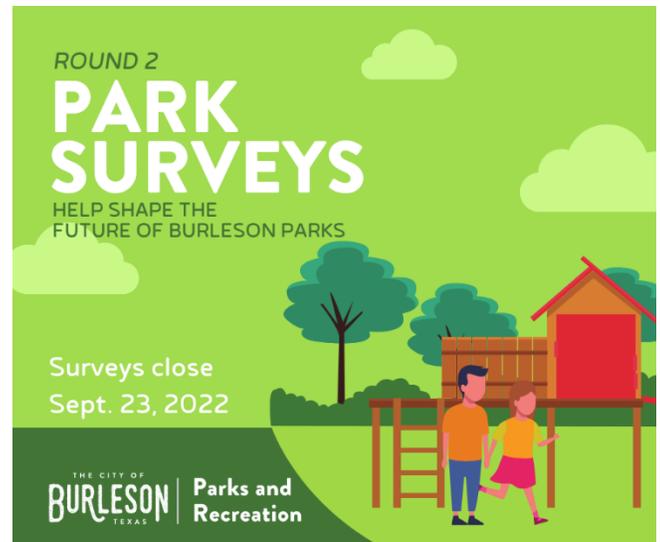
C. Mayor's Minute

In this episode of the Mayor's Minute, Mayor Chris Fletcher visits Jennifer Woods at the new Harvest House resale shop. They also talk about the Just Serve app, an IOS and Android available app that lets you find and sign up for volunteer work in your area. Watch the video [here](#).



D. Playground Upgrade Surveys now live!

The Parks and Recreation department is now in the second phase of surveying the community for final design input for Wakefield, Oak Valley, and Elk Ridge park playground upgrades. Survey links for each park are listed below and will be available through September 23. The survey will be made available utilizing the city's primary communications channels (e.g. website news release, social media, and e-newsletter) to ensure citizens have an opportunity to provide feedback.



Wakefield: 704 Elizabeth Dr. Burleson, TX 76028

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WakefieldPark2>

Oak Valley: 804 Parkridge Blvd. Burleson, TX 76028

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OakValleyPark2>

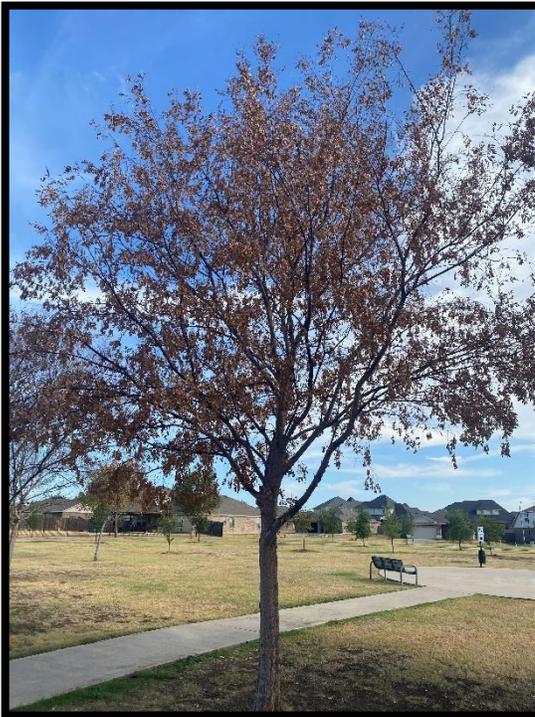
Elk Ridge: 1016 Dorsey St. Burleson, TX 76028

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ElkridgePark2>

E. Centennial Park –Tree Removal

Fourteen lacebark elm and three live oak trees at Centennial Park were assessed by an ISA Certified Arborist and identified for removal. The arborist also noted other lacebark elms struggling in the park and suggested

supplemental watering and reevaluation next spring. According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Regional Forester, this has been a common theme with these two tree species region-wide. Lacebark elms were severely stressed during Winter Storm Uri followed by excessive summer heat. Ten new redbud trees that were planted at the park after Winter Storm Uri are in good health. Monoculture plantings of the same tree in parks make the entire canopy susceptible to the same stress or disease. For this reason, Burleson Parks and Recreation adopted tree diversification practices in 2021 for all new tree plantings. All tree removals are added to the Parks and Recreation Tree Mitigation Log to be replanted within the park system between late fall and early spring.



F. Traffic Signal Construction on SH 174 & Commons Drive

TxDOT will be conducting traffic signal construction on SH 174 & Commons Drive on Sept 12th. Traffic will be greatly impacted at this intersection. Traffic on Commons Dr. will be detoured away from the intersection, and priority given to SH 174. This will include the closing of the turn lanes on SH 174 onto Commons Dr.

G. Senior Center Programming

Walking Class 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Wednesdays at the Burleson Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Avenue

Go at your own pace as you follow a lively video which takes you on a four mile walk. The video's stages go at different paces with the latter stages integrating working with stretch bands as well as a bit of yoga.



H. Library News

Frugal Living Series

Have rising prices caused you to rethink how you spend your money? The Burleson Library is hosting a Frugal Living Series to help you! You may attend one or all of the different workshops to learn frugal tips. The workshops in this series include grocery and online shopping, making your own laundry soap and freezer meals, and container gardening. They are on September 26 from 4-5 p.m., October 5 from 6-7 p.m. and October 11 from 6-7 p.m.

A colorful promotional poster for the 'FRUGAL LIVING SERIES' at the Burleson Library. The poster is divided into three sections, each with an illustration and text. The top section is 'GROCERY AND ONLINE SHOPPING' on September 26, 4:00 - 5:00 P.M., with an illustration of a shopping cart and a person at a computer. The middle section is 'DIY-LAUNDRY SOAP AND FREEZER MEALS' on October 5, 6:00 - 7:00 P.M., with an illustration of a washing machine and a person at a counter. The bottom section is 'FALL CONTAINER GARDENING' on October 11, 6:00 - 7:00 P.M., with an illustration of a table with various potted plants. The poster is framed by a blue border with piggy bank icons at the top and the Burleson Library logo at the bottom.

I. Cool Sounds of Fall Concert Recap

Bon Jovi Tribute band, Slippery When Wet kicked off Cool Sounds of Fall concert series. Join Parks and Recreation at 7:30 p.m. October 15 for the next concert featuring Selena Forever Tribute Band. The concerts are free and take place in Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza.



J. Feel Good Friday

The Johnson County Master Gardeners (JCMG) hosted a “Rain Barrel Project” at Russell Farm Art Center in August. The JCMG is fortunate to have an artist as a member who painted three rain barrels for Russell Farm Art Center. A couple other JCMG members and Russell Farm volunteers finished the rain barrels with accessories to harvest and collect rain water.

A water harvesting demonstration will be held this fall at Russell Farm Art Center. The demonstration will include how to convert a 55-gallon, food grade, plastic drum into a rain barrel that can be used to harvest rain water from your roof in your backyard.



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	September 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

V. Events

- 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 Burluson 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](#)