



WEEKLY REPORT

SEPTEMBER 23, 2022

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

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I. Council Schedule

Meetings

Monday, October 3, City Council Regular Session, 3:45 p.m.

(City Council will not discuss or take action on any public hearings, or items listed under “Public Presentations” prior to 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

October 3

- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the implementation of a public art policy and associated advisory board (Staff presenter: Jen Basham)
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the hotel fund policy (Staff presenter: Alex Philips)

II. General and Status Updates

A. E. Ellison Roadway and Pedestrian Improvements

On April 4, 2022, the Economic Development Department presented potential pedestrian improvements along E Ellison Street to extend the sidewalks to improve walkability of Old Town to the east. During this discussion, Council directed staff to provide an updated scope with street improvements along E Ellison St, as well as the pedestrian improvements.

The updated proposal will provide the design concepts, construction documents and probable construction cost to make pedestrian, utility, drainage, roadway, and landscape improvements to E Ellison St, from the railroad crossing east to S Scott St, and S Commerce St, from E Renfro St south to E Ellison St. The improvements will add landscaping, wider sidewalks, and lighting for better connectivity and a safer environment in the Old Town area. The proposal is \$343,170 with an estimated construction cost of \$3,200,000. Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ)

#2 would fund the project and based on existing capacities, design is projected to begin in FY2023-24 and construction in FY2024-25.

B. Senior Center Programming Seniors

at the Burleson Senior Activity Center had loads of fun playing the Price is Right and guessing prices (without going over) for a chance to win. The winner of each round then played Plinko to determine which prize they went home with. Everyone ages 50 and older are welcome at the center. For more information about activities and programs:

www.burlesontx.com/seniors



C. Library News

A Food Adventure (Ages 5 - 11)

Tuesday, September 27, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Learn about the adventure that food takes as it travels through your body.

During this time, we will learn about the 5 food groups and what makes up a nutritious meal. We will read a book to understand the different food groups.

This program is for ages 5-11 only. This program is presented by the Gibson D. Lewis Library from the University of North Texas Health Science Center. We hope you can join us!

[Children's programs at the Library](#)

Frugal Living Series: Grocery and Online Shopping

Monday, September 26, 4-5 p.m.

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 other workshops in this series include making your own laundry soap and freezer meals, and container gardening. They are on October 5 from 6-7 p.m. and October 11 from 6-7 p.m. All of these programs are better suited for adults, but all are welcome to attend.

[Adult classes at the Library](#)



D. Animal Shelter Staff says goodbye to Raven

Raven Claw joined the Animal Shelter team 12 years ago when she was six weeks old. Raven became a staple at the Animal Shelter and greeted guests as they would arrive in the lobby. She was known to give kisses to any baby that made their way through the doors. Raven spent her time going to schools and teaching children how to properly care for animals.

Raven quickly became part of the animal services family and they all loved her dearly. Raven's health has been declining over the last few years and the shelter staff had to make the hardest decision earlier this week to let her go.

"She was a beautiful part of our family, we loved her so very much," stated shelter staff. "She will be deeply missed



E. Cindy Park is completed

The parks crew completed the renovations to Cindy Park this week. Upgrades included a new playground and many features including borders, shade structure, picnic table, benches, irrigation, tether ball and, most notably, the fence line along the park. The existing fence was interwoven with trees and vines and in many places served as a secondary fence to residents. Staff worked with the residents to ensure a safe transition of the removal of the existing fence, tree work, and installation of new fence. A ribbon cutting and block party for the neighborhood is being finalized for early October. We cannot wait to gift this new park to the community.



F. Feel Good Friday

Keep Burleson Beautiful board members and Rio Brazos Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists installed new native plants at the Burleson Public Library earlier this month.

New irrigation was installed at the library's garden that will allow the pollinator garden to be thriving in no time.

If you have a Feel Good Friday story email it to dphillips@burlesontx.com



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
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

- **Old Town Picture Show**
 Sept. 24, 7 p.m.
 Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St
 Sept 24: “The Little Rascals”
 FREE EVENT
[More info](#)
- **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](#)

- **National Night Out**
 October 4, 6 – 9 p.m.
 City-wide
 FREE EVENT
[More info](#)
- **Founders Day**
 October 8, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St
 FREE EVENT
[More info](#)
- **Latin Food Truck Friday**
 October 14, 6 - 8 p.m.
 BRiCk parking lot, 550 NW Summercrest Blvd
 FREE EVENT, food for purchase
[More info](#)
- **Cool Sounds of Fall Concerts**
 Oct. 15 & Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m.
 Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St
 FREE EVENT
[More info](#)
- **Far Out Family Campout**
 October 15 - 16, 1 p.m. - 8 a.m.
 Russell Farm, 405 W CR 714
 Pre-event: \$15 per family of 5
 Day of: \$25 per family of 5
[Purchase tickets and more info](#)
- **Boo Bash Festival**
 October 22, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
 Chisenhall Fields, 500 W Hidden Creek Pkwy
[More info](#)