



# WEEKLY REPORT

JANUARY 20, 2023

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: BRYAN LANGLEY, CITY MANAGER

# Weekly Report | January 20

## I. Council Schedule

### Meetings

**Monday, January 23**, 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>

## II. General and Status Updates

### A. Traffic Signal Work Around Town

- **Hidden Creek Parkway and I35W**

On Thursday and Friday, January 19 and 20, the traffic signal will be dark with stop signs in place, and the intersection will become an all-way stop from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. This will allow the contractor to install the new pole and arm, move the pole on the Northwest corner to its new location, and return to normal operation.

On Monday – Wednesday, January 23-25, the traffic signal will be dark with stop signs in place, and the intersection will become an all-way stop from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. This will allow the contractor to relocate the final pole and make any necessary connections to make the signal fully functional. Once the final driveway is poured, the intersection can then be fully opened and operational.

- **SH174 and Lakewood Drive**

TxDOT will be completing upgrades to the signal over the next six weeks. This project will include the addition of an extra left turn lane on Lakewood Boulevard and signal improvements to allow for the additional turn lane. Intermittent lane closures will be utilized for the improvements.

- **Greenridge and John Jones**

TxDOT will install a traffic signal over the next nine weeks to help mitigate the traffic at this intersection. This project will include the

installation of new poles and mast arms as well as pedestrian crossing improvements.

**B. Utility Rate Model Study**

Staff allocated funding for a utility rate model as part of the FY 23 budget process. This model intends to assess the current utility rates, operational and capital funding, and multiple other factors to help staff with future utility rates and funding matrices. Willdan Financial Services has been selected as the consultant to assist the city. Staff will be working with Willdan over the next few months to complete the model. Once completed, a presentation will be given to City Council at a future meeting.

**C. Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Report**

The Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) has completed their first quarter business retention and expansion report. Per an agreement with the BACC, their staff will conduct 100 meetings with local businesses and survey the needs and desires of the business community. The report on page X provides data and highlights from their surveys thus far.

**D. Alsbury Striping**

The striping along Alsbury Blvd between Heberle Drive and NW Renfro Street will be updated over the next week. Intermittent lane closure will occur during installation.

**E. Senior Center Programming**

**The Senior Games,  
January 27, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Join us for a free lunch, then play a variety of games for a chance to win great prizes. Games include ping pong bounce, corn hole, ring toss, basketball, javelin throw, golf and card toss.

## F. Library News

### Cash Management for Couples Workshop,

January 21, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Stressed about cash flow? Are financial concerns affecting your relationship and/or health? Ready for something to change so you can finally get ahead? In this workshop you will learn proven techniques from a Certified Financial Planner™ professional on how to think about, organize, and implement a unified spending plan so you can enjoy positive cash flow, less stress about money, and a closer relationship.

[Registration is required](#)



**Cash Management Workshop for Couples**

**FREE COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASS**

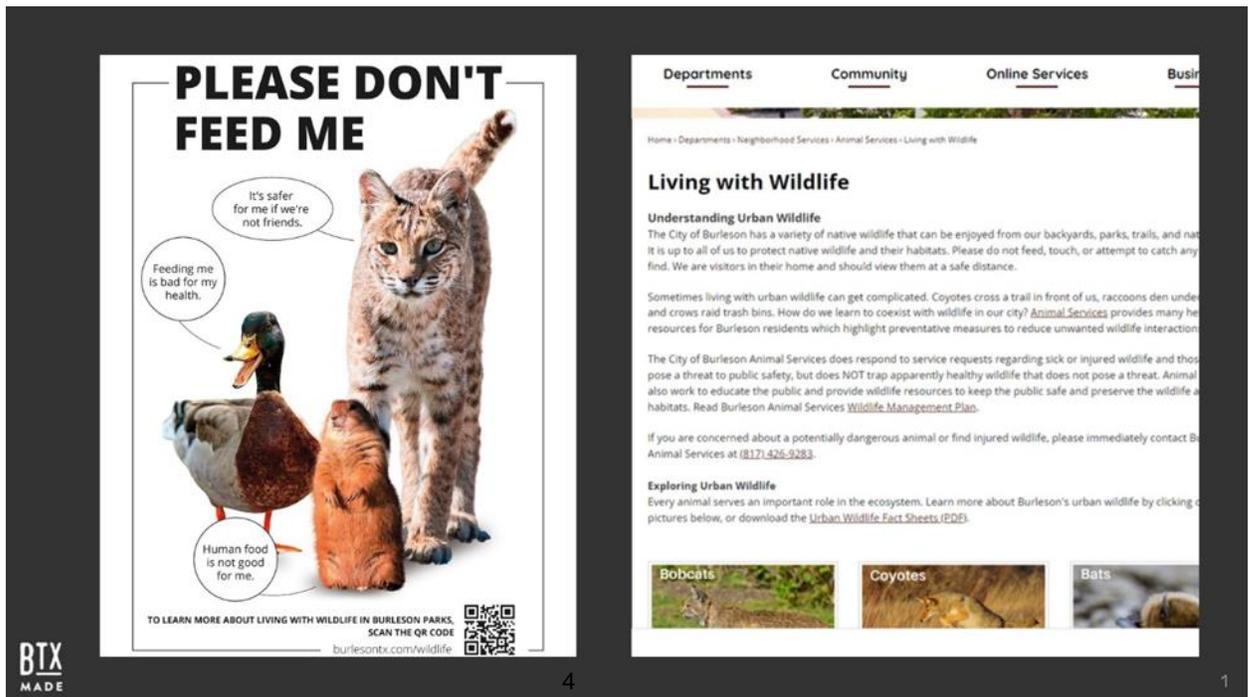
- Positive Cash Flow
- Less stress
- More unity

SAT, JAN 21, 1:30-2:30 PM  
BURLESON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
248 SW Johnson Avenue Burleson, TX 76028  
Limited to 15 couples due to seating capacity

Registration is required!  
You can register on Eventbrite:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cash-management-workshop-for-couples-tickets-514645497537>

## G. New Parks Wildlife Signage

The existing 'Do Not Feed Wildlife' signage at Bailey Lake Park will be replaced with an updated sign with an interactive QR code. The code will link patrons to an Animal Services page on the city's website to educate patrons on identifying featured wildlife, their benefits to the ecosystem, and how to safely live with them. These signs will be installed the week of January 23.



**PLEASE DON'T FEED ME**

It's safer for me if we're not friends.

Feeding me is bad for my health.

Human food is not good for me.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT LIVING WITH WILDLIFE IN BURLESON PARKS, SCAN THE QR CODE  
burlesontx.com/wildlife

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### Living with Wildlife

#### Understanding Urban Wildlife

The City of Burleson has a variety of native wildlife that can be enjoyed from our backyards, parks, trails, and nature. It is up to all of us to protect native wildlife and their habitats. Please do not feed, touch, or attempt to catch any wild animals. We are visitors in their home and should view them at a safe distance.

Sometimes living with urban wildlife can get complicated. Coyotes cross a trail in front of us, raccoons den under trash bins. How do we learn to coexist with wildlife in our city? **Animal Services** provides many helpful resources for Burleson residents which highlight preventative measures to reduce unwanted wildlife interaction.

The City of Burleson Animal Services does respond to service requests regarding sick or injured wildlife and those that pose a threat to public safety, but does NOT trap apparently healthy wildlife that does not pose a threat. Animal Services also works to educate the public and provide wildlife resources to keep the public safe and preserve the wildlife and their habitats. Read Burleson Animal Services [Wildlife Management Plan](#).

If you are concerned about a potentially dangerous animal or find injured wildlife, please immediately contact Burleson Animal Services at (817) 426-9283.

#### Exploring Urban Wildlife

Every animal serves an important role in the ecosystem. Learn more about Burleson's urban wildlife by clicking on the pictures below, or download the [Urban Wildlife Fact Sheets \(PDF\)](#).

**Bobcats** **Coyotes** **Bats**

**BTX MADE**

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## H. Veterans Plaza – Operation Remember Kiosk

The electronic kiosk for Operation Remember is no longer functioning and has been removed. The purpose of the kiosk was to link patrons to the Operation Remember website to locate veteran pavers at the site. The kiosk will be replaced with an interpretive plaque with a QR code that links patrons to the Operation Remember website, just as the kiosk did.

Additionally, the plaque will feature information about the purpose and on-site features of the Veterans Memorial Plaza. This permanent sign will take a few months to produce; in the interim staff will install a temporary metal sign next week. The image below is a graphic of the metal sign.

### Veterans Memorial Plaza

*Commemorating and honoring Veterans with ties to Burleson*



*Bronze soldier's cross*



*Bronze eagle statue*

**This site features:**

- Ornamental fountain
- Purple Heart memorial
- Bronze eagle statue
- Bronze soldier's cross
- POW monument
- All Conflicts commemorative plaque
- Johnson County Military Veterans paver section
- Operation Remember paver system

**Operation Remember**

Operation Remember archives the personal histories of Burleson's veterans and presents their stories to educate the community on the contributions of local veterans in service to their country. The brick paver system on the south end of the plaza features the names of local veterans, their respective conflicts, and the branch of military they served in.

To view veteran profiles for each brick or to learn how to purchase a brick to commemorate a local veteran, please scan the QR code.





*Ornamental fountain and POW monument*

**Dedicated in 2009**

*Veterans Memorial Plaza  
298 E Renfro Street  
Burleson, Texas*

THE CITY OF  
**BURLESON**  
TEXAS

**Parks and  
Recreation**

## I. Unmanned Donation Drop-offs Update

At the January 9 City Council Meeting a concern was raised regarding illegal dumping at Harvest House. Code Compliance staff was previously aware of the situation and has been working with Harvest House since August to

alleviate the illegal dumping activity. Staff coordinated with Harvest House and made recommendations to prevent the dumping. Harvest House has since installed security cameras and signs to help prevent the dumping/stealing. They will also be using temporary barricade for the drive-thru during non-operation hours to discourage the illegal activity. Code Compliance and BPD will continue to monitor the situation and coordinate any issues with the Harvest House.

**J. Oak Valley Trail Construction**

Staff identified 15 trail panels that need to be replaced along the Oak Valley Trail. Replacement is scheduled to begin early next week. Sections of the trail will be barricaded off during the construction and curing stage of this project. The estimated completion time is one week (weather permitting) to be completed by Friday, January 27.



**K. Feel Good Friday**

Clyde, the Burlson Animal Shelter’s resident dog, celebrated his birthday last week with his favorite people at Mustang Creek Estates. Clyde was treated to a fun birthday party with a special treat just for him and some very nice presents. Watch the segment on [NBC 5’s Tell Me Something Good](#).

If you have a Feel Good Friday email us at [dphillips@burlson.tx.com](mailto:dphillips@burlson.tx.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)	Under Construction	Supply chain issues caused longer lead times in industry	Summer 2022	Winter 2023
Cemetery Expansion	Under Construction	Columbarium, memorial books, infrastructure complete. Shelter 90% complete. Landscaping installation in process.	May 2022	March 2023

## V. Events

- **The Great Giveback**  
January 28, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Burluson Public Library, 248 SW Johnson  
Cost: Free
- **CityFest**  
February 2, 4:30 – 7 p.m.  
BRiCk, 550 NW Summercrest  
Cost: Free
- **Neon Lights 1980s Family Dance**  
February 4, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
BRiCk, 550 NW Summercrest  
Cost: \$10 per person
- **Teen 80s Neon Lights Dance**  
February 4, 7 – 9 p.m.  
BRiCk, 550 NW Summercrest  
Cost: \$10 per person
  
- **Sweets for Your Sweetie**  
February 11, 9 – 11 a.m. or Noon – 2 p.m.  
Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714  
Cost: \$25 per person

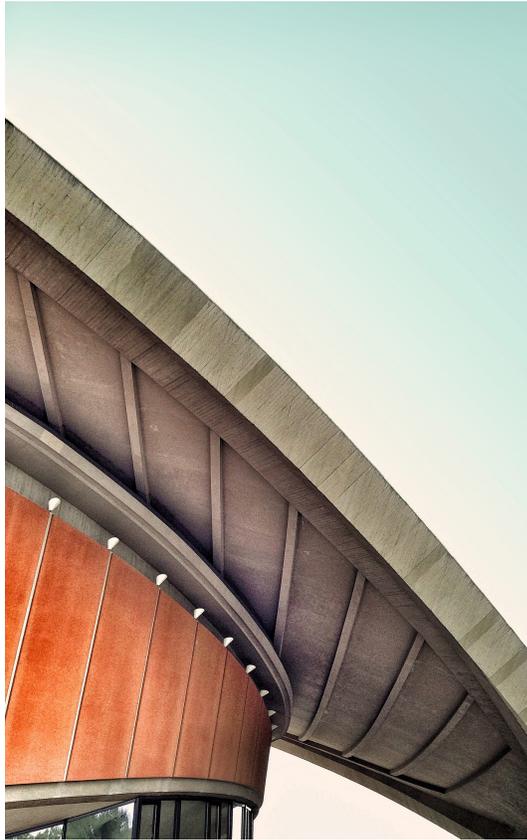
## VI. Attachments

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# Q1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SURVEY REPORT

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN  
THE CITY OF BURLESON  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT +  
BURLESON AREA CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE

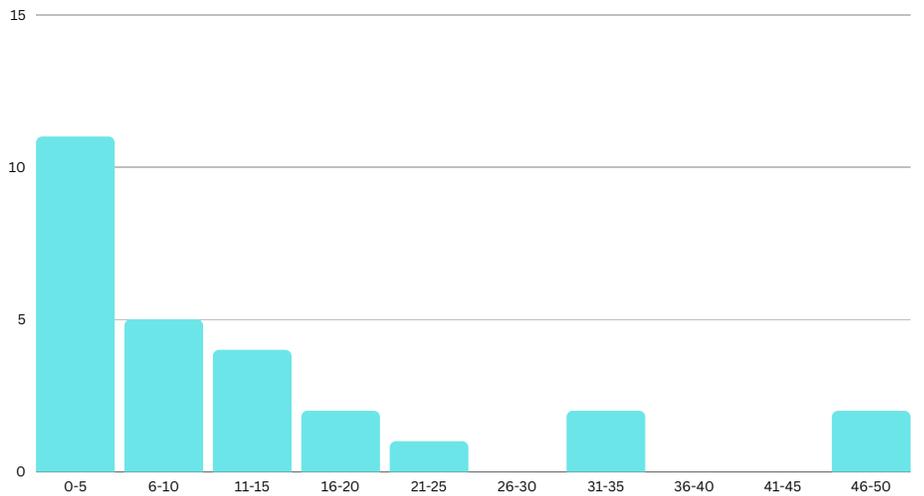
*Interviews Conducted by BACC Executive Director Gabriela Daniels  
Report Created by BACC Communications Coordinator Jessica Pounds*



# BUSINESSES INTERVIEWED THIS QUARTER

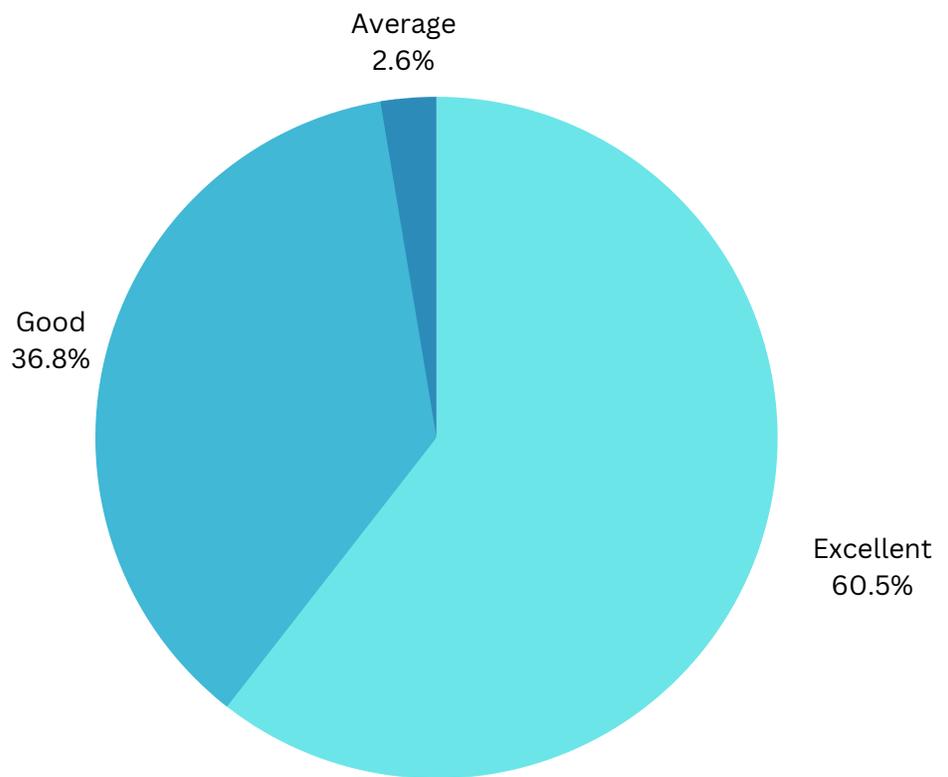
- ABC Supply
- Accents
- American Revelry
- Antonios
- Bath & Body Works
- Blossoms on the Boulevard
- Boot Barn
- Braum's Ice Cream
- Busy B's Bakery
- Caliber Collison
- Castrol Premium Lube Express
- Centex Uniforms
- Chicken Express store
- Chisholm Trail Firearms
- Christian Brothers
- City Market
- Fish City Grill
- Flowers By Fran
- Frescos
- Fuzzy's
- Gina's Pizza
- H-E-B
- Home Zone
- IHOP
- Hoover Automotive
- Jaxson James Boutqieu
- Liquid Stone
- Lost Oak Winery
- Lynn Smith Chevrolet
- Moontower Pizza Bar
- Ol' South Pancake House
- Pink Chandieler
- Rio Mambo
- Rosa's Café
- Southern Gem
- The Rim
- Varsity Car Wash
- Wendy's

# YEARS IN BUSINESS



# BUSINESS IN BURLESON

**HOW DO BUSINESSES  
RATE THEIR OVERALL  
SATISFACTION WITH  
DOING BUSINESS IN  
BURLESON?**



**53.6%** OF EMPLOYEES LIVE IN BURLESON

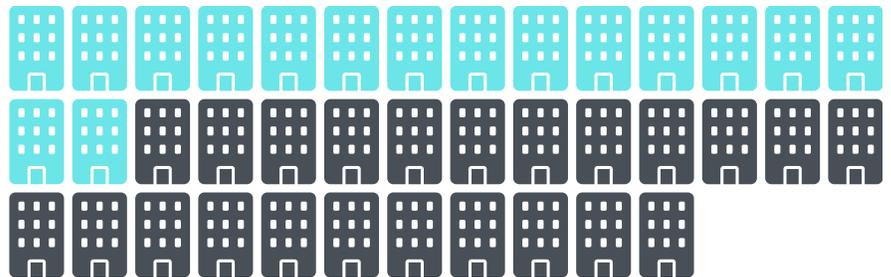
**17** BUSINESSES ARE FACING RECRUITMENT ISSUES



# TOP CHALLENGES

1. PARKING
2. INFLATION/COST OF SUPPLIES
3. EMPLOYEE RETENTION
4. LACK OF FOOT TRAFFIC
5. AREA CONSTRUCTION

**16** BUSINESSES PLAN TO EXPAND



# TOP COMMENTS

**"THE BURLESON POLICE DEPARTMENT IS  
AWESOME."**

**"BEING ABLE TO PULL (PERMITS) FROM THE  
WEBSITE IS VERY HELPFUL TO THEM."**