

WEEKLY REPORT

APRIL 21, 2023

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: BRYAN LANGLEY, CITY MANAGER

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I. Council Schedule

Meetings

Monday, May 1, City Council Regular Session, 4 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 and Presentations

- Receive a report, hold a discussion and possible request for future agenda item concerning the Burleson Better Together Committee. (Presenter: Tamara Payne, Council Place 4)
- Receive a report to recognize the selected Employee of the Quarter for the 1st quarter of 2023. (Staff Presenter: Rick DeOrdio, Director of Human Resources)

II. General and Status Updates

A. City Manager to take job in Kyle, Texas

After four years leading the city of Burleson, City Manager Bryan Langley announced his resignation on April 19, 2023, to take the city manager role in Kyle, Texas.

"Burleson has been a great place to work and I am extremely proud of the accomplishments we have been able to achieve as a team," states Langley. "I'm very excited about the Kyle opportunity, but I will always be grateful for my experience in Burleson."

Public safety was a top priority for Langley during his time in Burleson. He added 41 new public safety positions and increased public safety pay by over 40% in four years. He also led the way for the police department headquarters expansion that was approved by voters in the 2022 bond election. He created a public safety communications department that improved 911 communications within the city and developed a plan to transition EMS services from the regional Medstar provider to a fire department-based response

model, which will provide more effective services and come at a reduced cost.

Langley was responsible for developing a \$269 million five-year capital improvement program to address infrastructure needs throughout the city. He also developed a parks capital improvement plan to upgrade the city's park system. Langley led the city through the largest voter-approved bond in the city's history, which includes major thoroughfare improvements and a new fire station on the city's western border.

Langley was also instrumental in several high-profile development projects, including the \$1.2 billion Chisholm Summit master-planned community. He created a 106-acre professional business park as part of the Chisholm Summit development and began negotiations with a potential corporate partner for that site. Langley also developed a public/private partnership for the Ellison Street project in Old Town that will bring new restaurants, retail and office space to the city.

Langley also created a city-wide strategic plan, developed key performance indicators, launched a Lean Government initiative, established a new customer service department, and launched a 311 Customer Relationship Management system to increase citizen access to city services.

"Bryan has been a faithful servant to this city during his time," stated Mayor Chris Fletcher. "He led us through the COVID-19 health crisis, led the 15-member citizen advisory bond committee, prepared a budget that allowed the city council to vote on reducing the city's portion of the property tax rate from 73.50 to 65.72 cents over the last four years, and he proposed the first city homestead exemption for council's consideration."

Langley's last day with the city of Burleson will be May 18. The city council will appoint an interim city manager at an upcoming meeting.

B. Parks and Recreation Wins Two Awards

*This will also be our **Feel Good Friday***

Burleson received two awards from the DFW Directors Association in the Class II category for cities with populations up to 75,000. For the Inclusion Award, the Recreation Division was recognized for its inclusive programming in the Fall of 2022. These programming highlights included the Hollywood Date Night for individuals with special needs and disabilities and the Hispanic Heritage Month event series hosted last Fall. For the Environmental Stewardship Award, the Parks Division was recognized for its tree care and maintenance efforts. Parks and Recreation is honored to be recognized for doing what they love in serving the community of Burleson.



2023 Environmental Stewardship Award



2023 Inclusion Award

C. Update on Village Creek Trail

Construction design work for the Village Creek Trail is at the 90% completion phase, pending requirements for a local on-system agreement (LOSA) with TxDOT within the rights-of-way of SH 174 and FM 731. Once this is determined and all easement requirements are settled, the construction documents will be completed. Then the city will bid the trail project in two phases to avoid conflicts with the widening of SH 174, which could bid in October 2023 or April 2024. The first phase of trail construction will include sections outside of the SH 174 construction limits from FM 731 and Chisenhall Fields. The final phase of trail construction will likely be a second bid package to complete the remaining section upon completion of the SH 174 widening. The city anticipates beginning the first phase of trail construction by Fall 2023.

D. Elk Ridge-Tree Planting Event

On Saturday, April 15, Parks staff and volunteers planted 20 trees at Elk Ridge Park. Five native tree species were planted to provide diversity for optimal shade, improve wildlife habitat, and help to decrease the threat of canopy loss from potential disease. Irrigation was installed on each tree before planting to provide proper water for establishment.



E. Office of Emergency Management in the community

The Office of Emergency Management provided an Emergency Preparedness presentation at Thomas Square Apartments on 4/11.

Topics covered included local hazards, weather terminology, ways to stay informed, Emergency Supplies Tax-Free Weekend, and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).



F. Emergency Supplies Tax-Free Weekend

Natural disasters will continue to happen. Prepare yourself during the 2023 Emergency Preparation Supplies Sales Tax Holiday for emergencies that can cause physical damage, like hurricanes, flash floods and wildfires. You can purchase certain emergency preparation supplies tax-free during the sales tax holiday. There is no limit on the number of qualifying items you can purchase, and you do not need to give an exemption certificate to claim the exemption.

This year's holiday begins at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, April 22, and ends at midnight on Monday, April 24.

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Emergency Supplies Tax-Free Weekend

**Purchase emergency preparedness supplies
anywhere items are sold, TAX-FREE**

What's Included?	What 's Not Included
<p>Less Than \$3000 Portable Generators</p> <p>Less Than \$300 Emergency Ladders Hurricane Shutters</p> <p>Less Than \$75 Axes & Hatchets Batteries (single & multipack) First Aid Kits Fuel Containers Ground Anchor Systems & Tie-Down Kits Non-Electric Coolers and Ice Chests Portable Self-Powered Radios Reusable and Artificial Ice Products Smoke Detectors Fire Extinguishers Carbon Monoxide Detectors Tarps and Other Plastic Sheetting</p>	<p>Batteries for Automobiles, Boats or Other Motorized Vehicles Camping Stoves Camping Supplies Chainsaws Plywood Extension Ladders Step Ladders Tents Repair or Replacement Parts for Emergency Preparation Supplies Services Performed on, or related to, Emergency Preparation Supplies.</p>

April 22-24, 2023



FIRE DEPARTMENT

G. Library News

The library, along with 10 partners in the MetroShare Libraries consortium will receive an FY 2024 Library Cooperative Grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The \$75,000 award will be used for courier costs, a shared Library of Things collection, collaborative library programs and staff training. Roanoke Public Library will act as the grant administrator for the consortium.

MetroShare Libraries has received the award twice before, in FY2022 and FY 2023 when grant funds were used for library software fees and courier services. The formal award will be made in late summer.

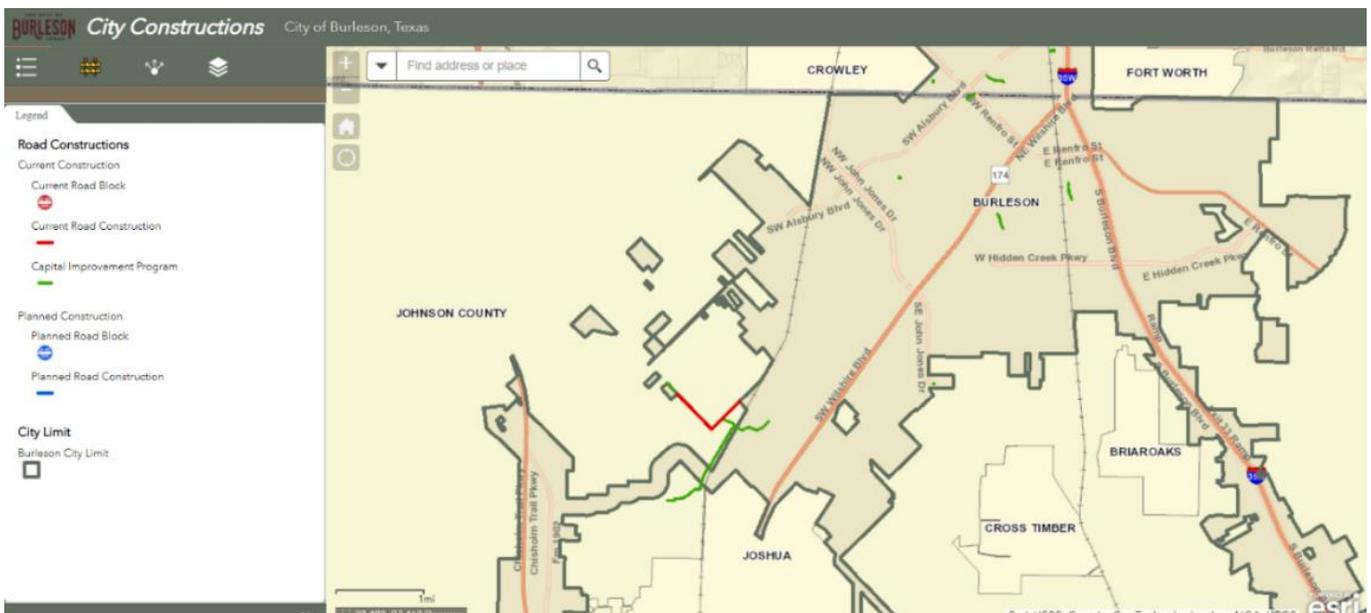
H. Senior Center Programming

Casual Bridge | Fridays, 12:30 p.m.

One of the most entertaining and beloved card games of all time, bridge is not only fun, it's challenging and can help keep your brain sharp. Join us each Friday at the Senior Center for a casual game. The Senior Activity Center is open to anyone age 50 and up.



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



IV. Parks Capital Projects

Project	Status	Timeline
Clark Parking Lot	Under construction	Scheduled completion: early May 2023
Oak Valley Playground and Parking Lot	Parking lot under construction to be completed late May 2023. Playground installation will begin immediately following completion of parking construction.	Parking lot construction to begin 4/3/23 thru the end of May 2023. Playground scheduled to begin in early June to be completed by the end of June 2023.
Cemetery Expansion	Finishes and final landscaping underway.	Project completion: late-April 2023
Elk Ridge Playground and Trees	Playground installation is underway. Tree planting and irrigation completed.	Playground installation to be completed by mid-May, weather permitting.
Wakefield Playground	Playground shipment date April 4 (1-2 week ship time); To begin installation late April 2023	Project completion: mid-May 2023
Monument Sign	Construction documents complete – Vendor selected to begin construction project.	Project completion: Summer 2023
Claudia Playground	Complete and in-service	Completed 04/15/2023
Bailey Lake/ Chisenhall Parking Expansions	Construction likely to begin 5/15/23 at Chisenhall and 6/15/23 at Bailey Lake	Construction contract awarded on 4/17/23 to begin construction on 5/15/23.
Village Creek Trail	90% plans underway - acquiring easements and TXDOT LOSA	Partial construction to begin Fall 2023
Parks Building	Mezzanine steel beams/joists/deck edging, roof installation, framing exterior walls, and installation of HVAC hangers underway.	Project Completion: early June 2023
Chisenhall Turf Conversion	Under construction – infield turf installed and rubber infill installation underway	Project completion: End of April 2023
Shannon Creek Nature Park	Schematic design documents received and under staff review.	Begin construction Fall 2023
City Gateway Signage	Conceptual renderings approved	
Bartlett Soccer Complex Field Renovation	Under construction	Complete construction 4/30/23 with grow-in period thru 6/30/23

V. Events

- **Drug Take-Back Day**
 April 22, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 Walmart Supercenter Parking Lot, 951 Wilshire Blvd
 Free event
- **Earth Day Celebration**
 April 22, 10 a.m.
 Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714
 Free event
- **Arbor Day Celebration**
 April 28, 10 a.m.
 Centennial Park, 1100 Scarlet Sage Pkwy
 Free event
- **Far Out Family Campout**
 April 29 - 30, 1 p.m. – 8 a.m.
 Bailey Lake Park, 280 W Hidden Creek Pkwy
 Pre-event: \$25 per family of 5
 Day of: \$30 per family of 5
- **Resource & Health Fair**
 May 5, 12 - 2 p.m.
 Burlison Senior Center, 216 SW Johnson Ave
 Free event
- **Cinco de Mayo**
 May 5, 7:30 p.m.
 Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St
 Free event
- **Household Hazardous Waste Event**
 May 6, 9 - 11 a.m.
 Municipal Service Center, 725 S.E. John Jones Dr.
 Free event, open only to Burlison residents

- **Date Night Experience: Cinco de Mayo Theme**

May 6, 6 – 8 p.m.

Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714

\$45 per couple