



WEEKLY REPORT

JULY 7, 2023

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: TOMMY LUDWIG, INTERIM CITY MANAGER

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I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JULY 10, CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, 4:00 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 and hold a discussion regarding the Burleson Opportunity Fund (BOF). *(Presenter: Craig Couch, President of the Burleson Opportunity Fund)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback, regarding the overview of the Burleson Fire Department and FY24 Supplemental budget requests. *(Staff Presenter: K.T. Freeman, Fire Chief)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on the financial overview of other proprietary and special revenue funds and receive any additional direction from City Council regarding the annual budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. *(Staff Presenter: Martin Avila, Director of Finance)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion regarding the proposed new City Council Policy #42 – City Council Committees. *(Staff Presenter: Amanda Campos, City Secretary)*

II. GENERAL AND STATUS UPDATES

A. GROUND-BASED MOSQUITOES SPRAYING TO OCCUR JULY 7 & 8

On the afternoon of July 5, 2023, the City's environmental services division was notified that a mosquito trap tested positive for West Nile virus. This is the fourth West Nile positive of the season, the second in Zone 1.

The areas are:

- **Zone 1**, is in the area of Alsbury Blvd., Summercrest Blvd., Wilshire Blvd., Renfro St., and Brushy Mound. [See map of area.](#)

[Find out what zone you live in](#)

The City of Burleson will conduct truck-based spraying for mosquitoes between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. on Friday, July 7 and then again on Saturday, July 8. The spraying will be performed in targeted subdivisions within the designated spray zones.

In the event of rain or if wind speeds are above 10 miles per hour, the spraying may be rescheduled. This method of spraying targets flying mosquitoes that come in contact with the pesticide in the spray. These times have been chosen because they are the times that most mosquitoes are active (flying).

B. COUNCILMEMBER V. JOHNSON ELECTED NCTCOG EXECUTIVE BOARD SECRETARY-TREASURER

Councilmember Victoria Johnson has been elected as the Secretary-Treasurer for North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board during NCTCOG's annual meeting on Friday, June 30, at the Hurst Conference Center.



“I am so honored to have been elected as an officer for the North Texas Council of Governments Executive Board today,” stated Councilmember Johnson. “I’ve enjoyed serving alongside elected leaders from all over the region. We share ideas, we support our member communities and ultimately do our best to find regional solutions that benefit all North Texans.”

The North Central Texas Council of Governments is a voluntary association for local governments to assist in regional planning. NCTCOG's purpose is to strengthen local governments' individual and collective power and help them recognize regional opportunities, eliminate unnecessary duplication, and make joint decisions for the region of more than 8 million people.

Councilmember V. Johnson was appointed to the 17-member board in June 2022. The executive board serves as the policy-making body for NCTCOG.

Councilmember Johnson's role with NCTCOG will allow her to contribute to decisions impacting our region for years to come.

C. LIBRARY NEWS

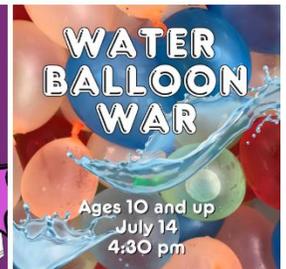
JUNE BY THE NUMBERS	
Visitors to the Library	17,388
Physical Items Checked Out	23,840
Library Program Attendees	3,950

Last week, Little Makers played in the library garden and families enjoyed a performance by Professor Brainius at City Hall. Teens played Blocktionary and the Jigsaw Puzzle Contest winners amazed everyone by completing a puzzle in 23 minutes.



NEXT WEEK’S SUMMER READING CLUB PROGRAMS:

- **Bluey Bonanza at the Senior Activity Center**
Saturday, July 8, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- **Early Reader Book Club (Kinder-2nd Grade)**
Tuesday, July 11, 11 a.m. to noon
- **The Creature Teacher at Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza**
Wednesday, July 12, 9 a.m.
- **Anime Club (ages 10-17)**
Thursday, July 13, 3 p.m.
- **Teen Water Balloon War (ages 10-17)**
Friday, July 14, 4:30 p.m.



D. Burlleson Area Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Report

The Burlleson Area Chamber of Commerce (ACC) has completed their third 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 14 provides data and highlights from their surveys thus far.

E. SENIOR CENTER NEWS

\$3 LUNCH

Tuesday, July 11, 11:30 a.m.

Menu: spaghetti, bread and dessert.

Please call 817-295-6611 to register. The Senior Activity Center is open to anyone over 50.

[Sign up for the Senior Center newsletter](#)



F. HIDDEN VISTAS PARK

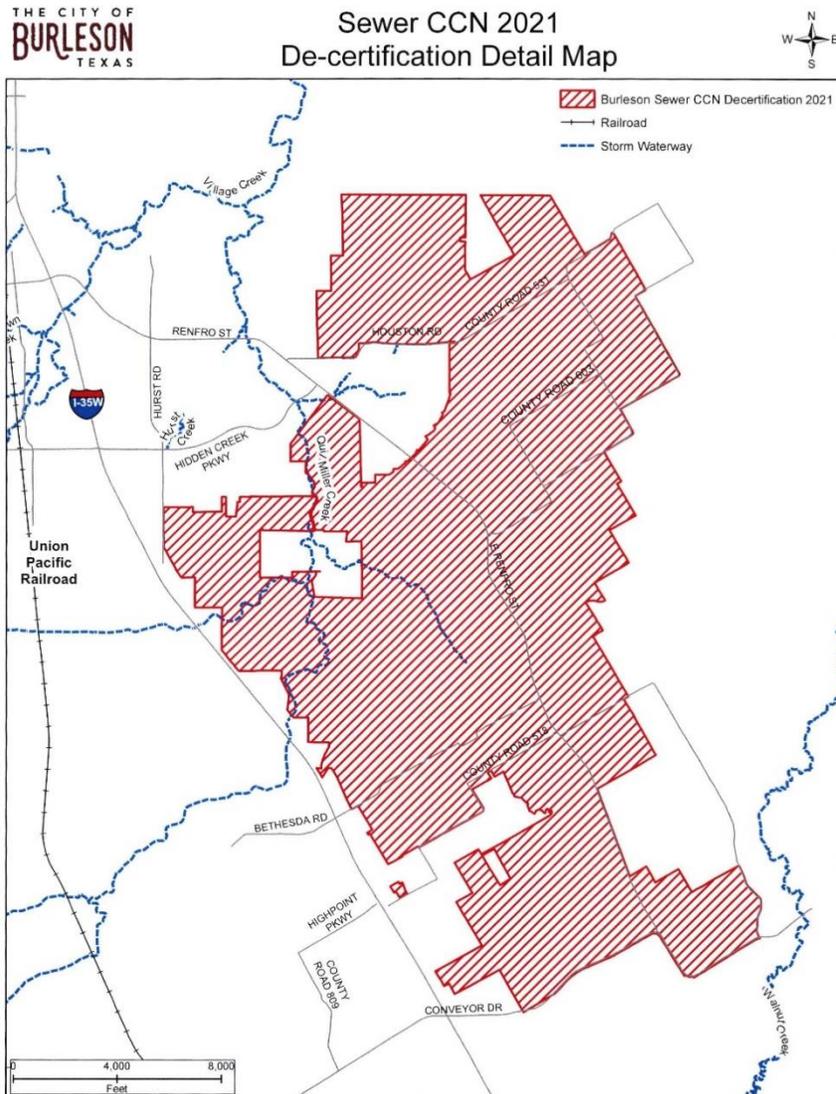
All requirements for park land dedication have been met for Hidden Vistas Park and the deed was recently filed. Hidden Vistas Park is a 23.8-acre site located at 950 Hidden Vistas Blvd. that features:

- 0.44-mile walking trail with neighborhood connectivity
- Large pond with ornamental fountain
- Natural area with small pond



G. SEWER CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (CCN) UPDATE

On June 29, 2023, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) signed an order granting the City's application to remove 7,664 acres from its sewer certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN). A CCN grants an entity the exclusive right to provide retail water or sewer utility service to an identified geographic area. The City sought decertification because, among other reasons, the City had no plans to provide sewer service to certain parts of its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). In April 2021, the City filed an application with the PUC to remove the 7,664 acres from its sewer CCN. The 7,664 acres are in the City's ETJ, in Johnson County, and on the east side of I-35W. Importantly, the decertified area contains no sewer service customers, and no portion of the decertified area is within the city limits. During the course of the application, the City notified 3,962 landowners in the decertified area and 11 local utility providers of the decertification. Below is a map of the 7,664 acres removed from the City's CCN.



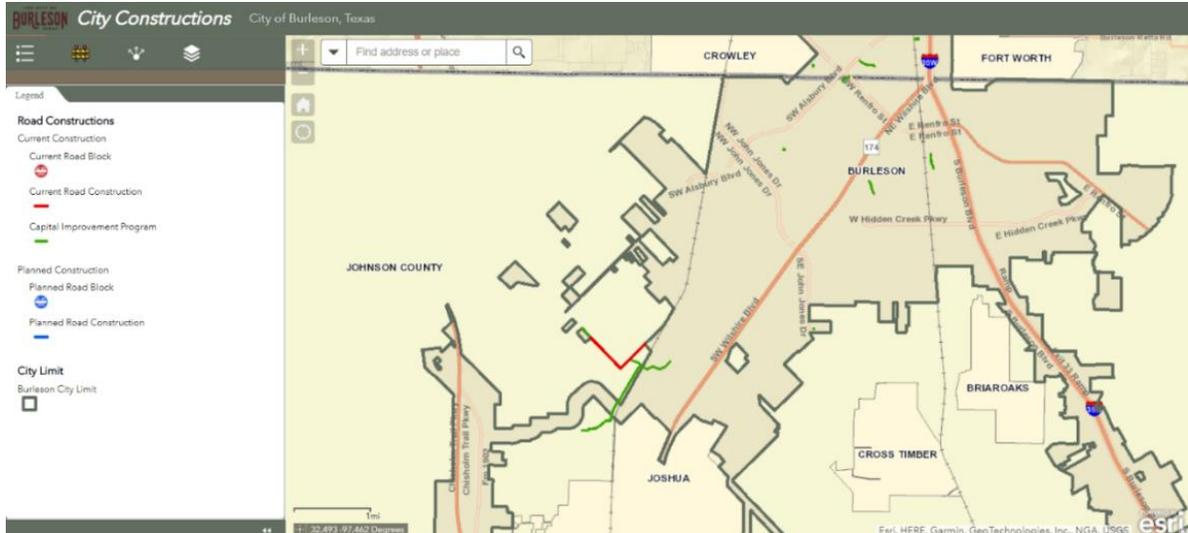
H. FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

Benjamin and Johnny Hansard made sure workers from Waste Collections had some nice cold water on the 4th of July! We know they appreciated the kind gesture.



III. UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION/CLOSURES

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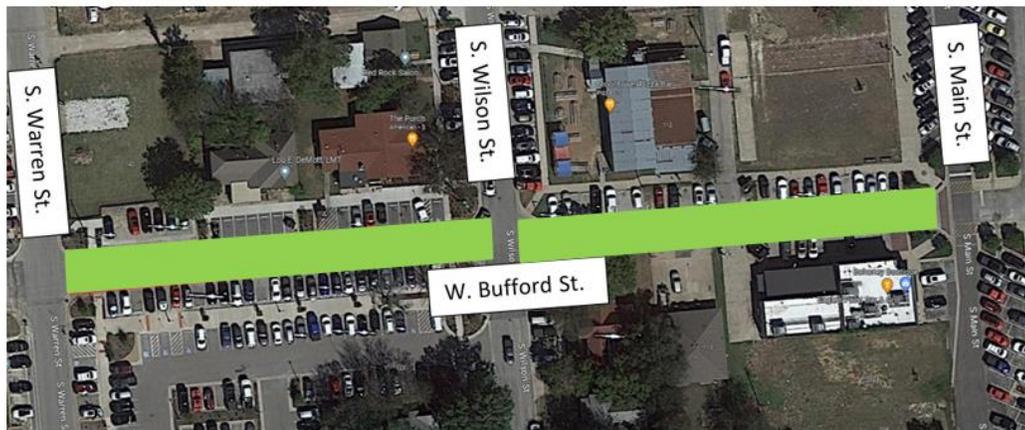
- **BUFFORD STREET – CONSTRUCTION CONTINUATION**

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WILSON ST. TO MAIN STREET: Driving lanes paving **completed** on June 16.

WARREN ST. TO WILSON STREET: Driving lanes paving **completed** on July 3.

Currently all Bufford St. parking spaces and travel lanes are open. Future Bufford St. parking spaces fog seal and striping work notification to follow. Anticipate full completion of Bufford St. improvements by August 1.



- **CINDY COURT PAVING & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS – CONSTRUCTION CONTINUATION**

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Reliable Paving is continuing with the demolition, grading, and subgrade preparation of Cindy Court. Work is taking place in 3 phases as detailed in the image below.



Problematic subgrade soils encountered while excavating Phase 1 of the court have continued to be present entering Phase 2. The City is working with a geotechnical engineer to resolve the subgrade soil issue. Updated schedule to be determined.

- **DOBSON STREET – CONSTRUCTION CONTINUATION**

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Contractors began the Demolition, Grading, and Subgrade Preparation of S. Dobson St. on May 30. The following phase schedule is anticipated for the picture below:

PHASE 1 (MAY 30- JUNE 16)

Dobson St. between Renfro St. and the Town Creek Bridge (south of Miller St.) Paving Complete; Striping and seal coat to follow

PHASE 2 (JUNE 19- JULY 26)

Reconstruction of Dobson St. from south of the Town Creek bridge to

Hidden Creek Pkwy will last approximately five weeks. This section will also be closed to through traffic but local access to residences and/or businesses will be maintained.

Traffic control plan with signage, message boards, and detour routes will be implemented during these phases.

Residents and/or Business Owners were distributed flyers of this notification the week of May 22, as well as social media posts from the City on May 27.

Future notification for Dobson St. fog seal and striping work from E. Renfro St. to Bufford St. to follow.



- **KING ST, WARREN ST, JOHNSON AVE – CONSTRUCTION CONTINUATION**

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JR West Texas Concrete began the Demolition, Grading, and Subgrade Preparation of NE Johnson Ave, N Warren St, and W King St on June 28.

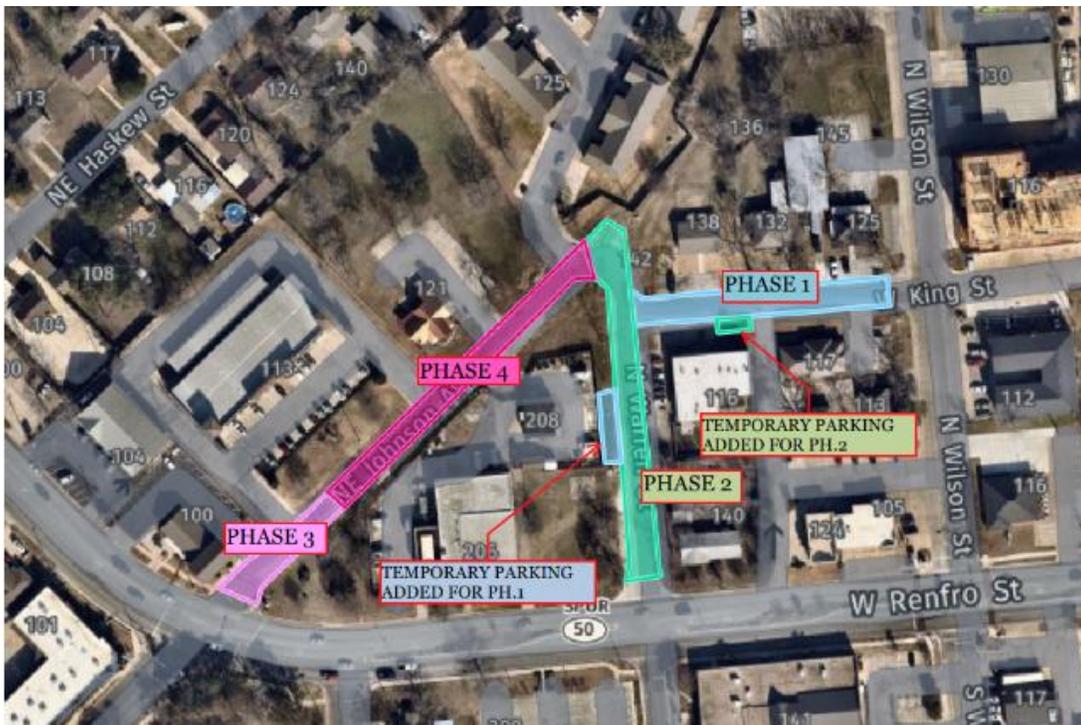
The contractor will start work on W King St first, then N Warren St, before transitioning to NE Johnson Ave.

PHASE 1 (KING): 6/28 – 7/5

PHASE 2 (WARREN): 7/6 – 7/13

PHASE 3 (JOHNSON, PT.1): 7/14 – 7/19

PHASE 4 (JOHNSON, PT.2): 7/20 – 7/27



Citizens should anticipate access delays during this work. During this time, the contractor will work to provide access around equipment whenever possible. However, some wait may be required due to the large equipment involved.

Completion of this work will leave a drivable surface for access until asphalt

paving begins.

Future asphalt paving notification to follow.

Adjacent residents and business owners were distributed flyers notifying them of the upcoming construction impact.

- **HILL COLLEGE – DEMOLITION CONTINUATION**

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The contractor will continue the demolition of all the structures and the parking lot areas of the Hill College Site (130 E. Renfro). During demolition dust suppression efforts will continue. No street closures are planned with this demolition. Anticipate full completion of the demolition by July 14.



IV. PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS

PROJECT	STATUS	TIMELINE
Oak Valley Playground and Parking Lot	COMPLETE and in service.	Scheduled ribbon-cutting ceremony: July 7, 2023, 11 a.m.
Wakefield Playground	COMPLETE and in service.	Scheduled ribbon-cutting ceremony: July 7, 2023, 10 a.m.
Park Monument Signs	Installations to begin August 2023 for the following parks: Centennial, Elk Ridge, Mistletoe Hill, Prairie Timber, Oak Valley, and Wakefield Heights.	Project completion: Summer 2023
Bailey Lake/ Chisenhall Parking Expansions	Chisenhall parking lot under construction. Bailey Lake in mobilization phase.	Scheduled completion October 2023
Village Creek Trail	90% plans underway - acquiring easements and TXDOT LOSA	Staff has submitted the plans for consideration for grant approval. Grant award will be announced late Fall 2023.
Parks Building	Exterior paneling complete. Storefront and interior finishes underway.	Project Completion: late-July 2023
Shannon Creek Nature Park	Sharing Parks Board and Council feedback on schematic design with design consultant.	Schematic design revisions to be presented to Council and Parks Board in August 2023
City Gateway Signage	Conceptual renderings approved	Council will be presented final options in August 2023 to consider.
Bartlett Soccer Complex Field Renovation	Turf grow-in currently in process	Scheduled to open for use late-August 2023 to correlate with opening day for BISA fall season.

V. EVENTS

Event Information can be found at www.burlesontx.com/events

- **OLD TOWN ART WALK**
 July 7, 6 p.m. in conjunction with Burleson Farmer’s Market Date Night
 Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St
 Free event
- **PARKS MAINTENANCE RODEO**
 July 20, 6 p.m.
 Chisenhall Sports Complex, 500 Chisenhall Park Ln
 Free event

- **THE BRiCK BOAT-NANZA**
 July 22, 9 a.m. - noon
 BRiCk indoor and outdoor pools
 \$5 pre-register, \$10 day of registration
- **BTX BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**
 August 12, 4 p.m.
 Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St
 Free event
- **SUMMER LUAU DANCE**
 August 18, 6-8 p.m.
 Center for ASD, 640 NW Tarrant Ave
 Free event
- **SPLISH SPLASH DOGGIE BASH**
 August 19, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 BRiCk, 550 NW Summercrest Blvd
 \$5 per dog, limit 2 dogs per person. Humans are free.
- **BE HEALTHY BURLESON 5K/10K/FUN RUN**
 September 16, 8 a.m.
 Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St
 Entry fees apply

VI. ATTACHMENTS

- Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Report.....page 14

Q3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SURVEY REPORT

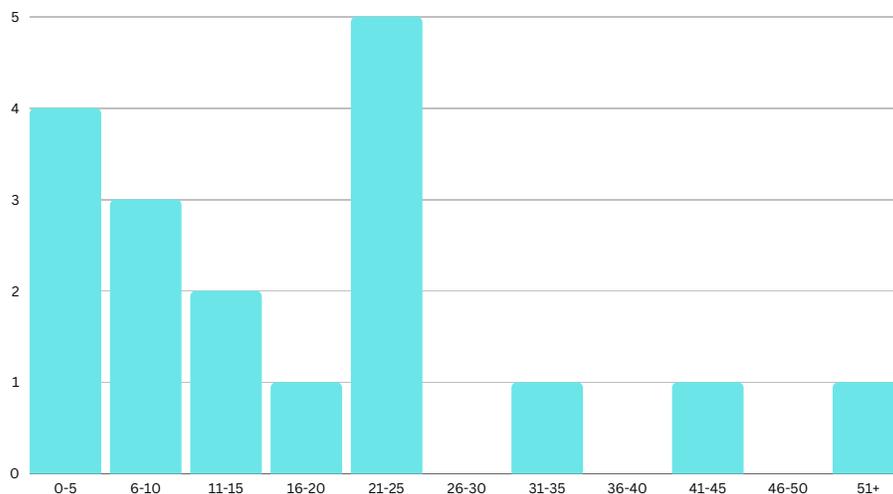
**A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN
THE CITY OF BURLESON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT +
BURLESON AREA CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE**

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

BUSINESSES INTERVIEWED THIS QUARTER

- ALLIANCE MATERIALS INC.
- ALPHA AND OMEGA PEST CONTROL INC.
- AN COUNTY LINE FORD INC.
- BURLESON PREMIERE CINEMA LLC
- Burly Bird/Pandan
- COTTON PATCH CAFE LLC
- Elizabeth Scott
- ELLIOTT ELECTRIC SUPPLY INC.
- Extremely Refined
- FASTACO INC.
- FIVE BELOW INC.
- FREEDOM POWERSPORTS LLC
- HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS USA INC.
- HOBBY LOBBY STORES INC.
- HOMEGOODS INC.
- KIN INC.
- LESLIE'S POOLMART INC.
- LOGAN'S ROADHOUSE OF TEXAS II LLC
- MARMAXX OPERATING CORP.
- McDonald's (two locations)
- Mecca Fox
- Mens Garage Babershop
- MICHAELS STORES INC.
- Mojo's
- MRB ENTERPRISES INC.
- Murry Bakery
- NATHAN MAYFIELD CO. INC.
- O'REILLY AUTO ENTERPRISES LLC
- OUR PLACE KITCHENS OF TEXAS LLC
- PANDA EXPRESS INC.
- PENNEY OPCO LLC
- PETCO ANIMAL SUPPLIES STORES INC.
- PETSMART
- QT SOUTH LLC
- RAISING CANES RESTAURANTS LLC
- ROSS DRESS FOR LESS INC.
- SONIC DRIVE-IN BURLESON TX RENFRO L.P.
- Spice Rack Bar & Grill
- Spokes Bicycles
- Stone Soup
- THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY
- TRACTOR SUPPLY CO. OF TEXAS LP
- TURBO RESTAURANTS LLC
- Versus Car Audio
- WAL-MART STORES TEXAS LLC

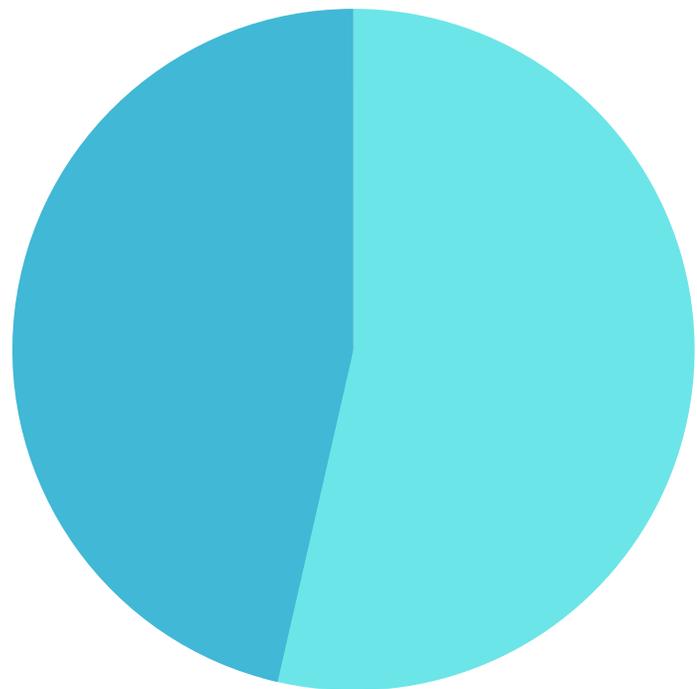
YEARS IN BUSINESS



BUSINESS IN BURLESON

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

Good
46.4%



Excellent
53.6%

54.5% OF EMPLOYEES LIVE IN BURLESON

8 BUSINESSES ARE FACING RECRUITMENT ISSUES



TOP CHALLENGES

- 1. INFLATION/COST OF SUPPLIES
- 2. EMPLOYEE RETENTION
- 3. LACK OF FOOT TRAFFIC
- 4. LOSS PREVENTION

4 BUSINESSES PLAN TO EXPAND

