

**HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN**



# WEEKLY REPORT

OCTOBER 27, 2023

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: TOMMY LUDWIG, CITY MANAGER

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**BURLESON**  
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## I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, 5:30 P.M.

#### REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction regarding landscaping along Lakewood Drive. *(Staff Presenter: Errick Thompson, Director of Public Works & Engineering)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction regarding a financial overview of the Parks Performance Fund. *(Staff Presenter: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction regarding an update to the city's zoning ordinance. *(Staff Presenter: Tony McIlwain, Director of Development Services)*

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. OCTOBER 2023 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.

October 2022	October 2023	Diff \$	Diff %	FY2022 YTD	FY2023 YTD	Diff \$	Diff %
\$ 2,330,041	\$ 2,455,640	\$125,599	5.39%	\$25,263,651	\$26,726,586	\$1,462,935	5.79%

*Note: October 2023 sales tax amount represents sales incurred in August 2023*

## **B. BTX VINE HOP FESTIVAL**

This year's annual Burleson Vine Hop festival will take place in the Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza on Saturday, November 4, from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. The event is open to the public (no perimeter fencing), but will require tasting tickets for patrons who wish to try the beer and wine at vendor booths. Street closures include portions of Warren St. and Ellison St. as shown below. This event is hosted by Cross Timbers Wine Trail. Tickets and additional event info. Can be found here: [Welcome - VineHopTX](#)



## **C. GROUND-BASED MOSQUITO SPRAYING TO OCCUR THIS WEEKEND**

The City of Burleson was notified that mosquitoes in Zone 22 tested positive for West Nile Virus. In response, the city will be conducting truck-based spraying for two nights this weekend. To allow some flexibility for the inclement weather in the forecast, spraying will occur sometime between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. on two of the three nights between Friday, October 27, and Sunday, October 29.

- Zone 22 is in the area south of Hidden Creek Parkway, including Cardinal Ridge, Destrehan, Monticello, Taylor Bridge, and Silver Falls. [View Map](#).

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

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).

This is the eleventh West Nile positive of the season, the second in Zone 22.

## **D. PUSH-IN CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT STATION 16**

Burleson Fire and EMS invite the public to their "push-in" ceremony for the department's new aerial fire truck and ambulance on Wed., Nov. 1, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at Fire Station 16, 250 E. Hidden Creek Parkway. Refreshments and photo opportunities will be available after the ceremony.

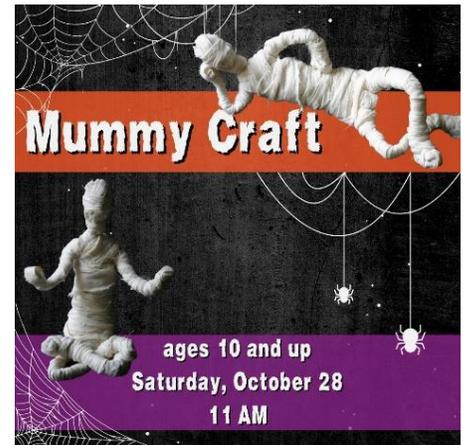
The traditional "push-in" ceremony is a fire service tradition dating back to the 1800s. Fire apparatuses were not easily backed into fire stations with horses alone, so after a call, firefighters would have to disconnect the fire equipment from the horses and push the fire apparatus back into the bays. Continuing the tradition, when a new fire engine is purchased, fire departments will often hold an event to ceremonially push the new truck into the bay.

## **E. LIBRARY PROGRAMMING**

### **MUMMY CRAFT**

**Saturday, October 28 at 11 a.m.**

Who says mummies can't be adorable? Teens (ages 10 and up) will make mummies that are moveable and can be manipulated and posed to be dancers, yogis or just cool little guys.



## **F. TEXAS DOWNTOWN AWARDS RECIPIENT**

Economic Development staff attended an annual conference and awards gala this week hosted by the Texas Downtown Association. Staff accepted an award on behalf of the City of Burleson for BTX Best Fest, winning the People's Choice Award for Best Economic Game Changer in a city of 50,000+. BTX Best Fest is a program hosted each year in our city. Restaurants across the city offer a state fair-inspired dish available for September only. Citizens and visitors of Burleson are encouraged to visit as many participating locations as they are able to be entered into a grand prize drawing at the end of the month. The program positively impacts local businesses by bringing in visitors as part of the promotion.



## **G. OUTDOOR WARNING TEST**

The monthly outdoor warning siren test is scheduled for noon Wednesday, November 1 (tests are held the first Wednesday of every month, if weather permits).

## **H. PET OF THE WEEK**

Lady is a very sweet girl who already knows a few commands. Her adoption fee is currently waived and she has already been spayed. We think she would do great around kids and you are welcome to bring your dog in to meet her anytime during business hours. Lady is an eight-month-old Retriever mix female and she is available at the Burleson Animal Shelter. Adopt Lady today!



## **I. FEEL GOOD FRIDAY**

Burleson's dedicated code compliance team collaborates closely with residents across the city to ensure the overall well-being of properties. In some cases, they encounter residents who lack the means, either physically or financially, to make necessary property improvements. To support these residents, the code compliance staff leverages a range of programs.

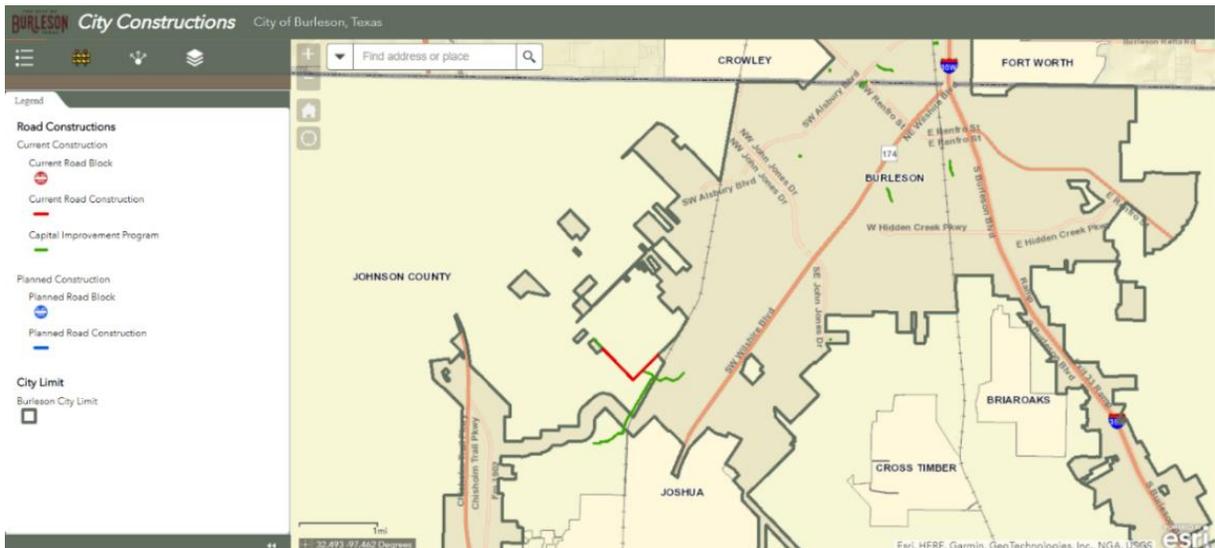
This past weekend, the City Council members and the dedicated staff of Burleson joined forces to lend a helping hand to a resident facing challenges in cleaning up their property. The team sprang into action, mowing lawns, removing debris, applying fresh paint, landscaping, and addressing various exterior issues on the home. In a wonderful show of community support, Waste Connections generously provided a dumpster, while Home Depot supplied the tools and essential materials.

This heartwarming initiative underscores the close-knit community's commitment to assisting homeowners in need, epitomizing the strong spirit of unity and compassion that defines Burleson. [View all the photos](#)



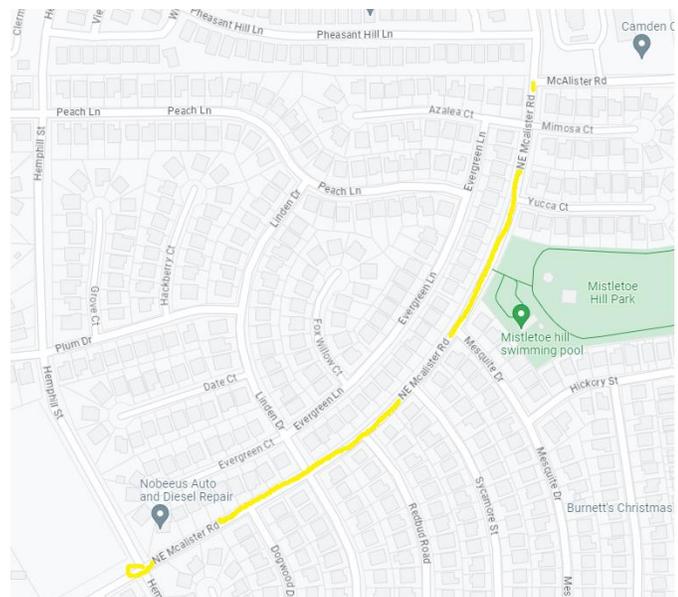
### III. UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION/CLOSURES

[\(click to view map\)](#)



### ROADWAY TRAFFIC STRIPING

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 682-312-2790 or [csumerall@burllesontx.com](mailto:csumerall@burllesontx.com)  
 Stripe-a-zone has been contracted with the city to perform roadway striping work on NE McAlister from McAlister to Hemphill. Work will begin on November 1 and will finish November 8, depending on weather.



### County Road 518 Culvert Replacement

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City crews performing drainage inspections following the Wednesday night rainstorm found significant erosion under CR518 at a drainage culvert. As a precaution, Public Works has closed the road between 6867 County Road 518 and 6868 County Road 518, and detour routes have been marked. Crews will begin replacing the damaged section of road and culvert starting Monday, October 30, and is scheduled to be completed by Friday, November 3.



## IV. PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS

PROJECT	STATUS	TIMELINE
<b>Bailey Lake/ Chisenhall Parking Expansions</b>	All concrete pours completed for both sites. Landscaping and lighting underway. Temporary parking available for Bailey Lake.	Scheduled completion second week of November 2023. Chisenhall parking lot open for use during league games.
<b>Village Creek Trail</b>	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.
<b>Bailey Lake Dredging</b>	Drafting construction specifications and scope for contract draft.	Parks Board recommendation for November 2023 and Council consideration scheduled for

		December 2023. Projected to begin construction in January 2024.
<b>Chisenhall Synthetic Infields Phase 2 (4 fields)</b>	Drafting construction RFP specifications.	Advertise RFP in December with Parks Board and Council dates for early 2024. Target construction start date in May 2024 after spring baseball season to be completed before Fall 2024 season start.
<b>Oak Valley South Trail Connector</b>	Finalizing scope for construction RFP to advertise in late October 2023.	Parks Board recommendation for December 2023 and Council consideration scheduled for January 2024. Projected to begin construction in January 2024.
<b>Meadowcrest Park</b>	First round of Public Engagement scheduled for October 30-Nov 19	Parks Board recommendation for February 2024 and Council consideration scheduled for March 2024. Projected to begin construction in June 2024.
<b>Cedar Ridge Park</b>	First round of Public Engagement scheduled for October 30-Nov 19	Parks Board recommendation for February 2024 and Council consideration scheduled for March 2024. Projected to begin construction in June 2024.
<b>Oak Valley North-Restroom</b>	Meeting with Development Services for permitting requirements October 12. Requesting quotes from vendors for restroom building design and install.	Parks Board recommendation for January 2024 and Council consideration scheduled for February 2024.

## V. EVENTS

Event Information can be found at [www.burlesontx.com/events](http://www.burlesontx.com/events)

- **DRUG TAKE-BACK PROGRAM**

October 28, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Walmart parking lot, 951 SW Wilshire Blvd

Free event

- **DOGS AND DONUTS: HALLOWEEN EDITION – CANCELED DUE TO WEATHER**

October 28, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Burleson Bark Park, 616 Memorial Plaza

Free event

- **RECYCLING EVENT**

November 4, 9 – 11 a.m.

Municipal Service Center, 725 SE John Jones Dr

Free event, must be a Burleson resident

- **MILITARY VETERANS TRIBUTE**

November 11, 10 a.m. Ruck March and Car Show; 2 p.m. ceremony

Veterans Memorial Plaza, 298 E Renfro St.

Free event

- **RED CHAIR LECTURE SERIES**

November 11, 11 a.m.

Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714

Free event

- **FAR OUT FAMILY CAMPOUT – RESCHEDULED FROM OCT 28-29**

November 11-12, 1 p.m. - 8 a.m.

Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714

- **FALL FEST AT THE FARM**

November 17, 5 - 8 p.m.

Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714

Free event