



Wakefield Park

WEEKLY REPORT

FEBRUARY 23, 2024

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: TOMMY LUDWIG, CITY MANAGER

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I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MARCH 4

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, 5:30 P.M.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff feedback regarding easement and right-of-use agreements. (*Staff Contact: Tony D. McIlwain, AICP, CFM, Development Services Director*)
- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide feedback regarding employee engagement initiatives across the City of Burleson. (*Staff Contact: Justin Scharnhorst, Assistant to the City Manager*)
- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff feedback regarding the Wayside Horn project planned for the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) crossing of CR 714. (*Staff Contact: Errick Thompson, Director of Public Works & Engineering*)

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. CERT TO RECEIVE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD FROM THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS (EMAT)

The Burleson Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was nominated and selected to receive the Emergency Management Association of Texas Public Service Award. The North Central Texas Council of Governments Emergency Preparedness Division submitted the nomination. The nomination reads as follows:

"The Burleson Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a united group of trained volunteers committed to enhancing community resilience in emergencies. In the past year, this team has demonstrated exceptional efforts in providing more opportunities for training for the community in emergency preparedness and training new members to become involved in this citywide effort.

The focus on membership growth by the leadership and the team was successful, as they were able to grow the CERT program by 81% in 2023, as well as increase the number of instructors from 1 to 9. This allowed the Burleson CERT team to increase their volunteer hours by over 400% in 2023. A total of 1,148 hours of service time was completed compared to the 286 hours in 2022. This has saved the City of Burleson \$35,517 on labor, training, and more costs.

In a collaboration, Burleson CERT and Fort Worth CERT joined forces for a joint exercise on July 22 at the Bob Bolen Public Safety Building in Fort Worth. This included a comprehensive refresher course covering essential skills such as medical, search and rescue, and communication on radios. The training also included a crucial "Stop the Bleed" class.

Through education, collaboration with first responders, working special events such as Fourth of July and Christmas community events, first aid courses at city events, and rapid response actions, the Burleson CERT leadership and team empower citizens to assist their neighbors and promote a culture of preparedness and support in the community.

In 2023, the leadership and team created the Burleson CERT Association, a 501 (c) 3. As a nonprofit organization, it aims to provide essential support and resources for the CERT program in Burleson. This designation not only facilitates fundraising efforts but also enhances the association's ability to contribute to community safety and preparedness initiatives."

Burleson's Emergency Operations Manager Joe Laster, CERT Program Manager Griselda Finestead, and CERT leadership will travel to San Marcos on March 4 to receive the award.

B. PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR ZONING CHANGE

On Monday, March 4, the Burleson City Council will host a public hearing during a joint session with the Planning and Zoning Commission. The purpose of this meeting is to deliberate the potential inclusion of liquor/package stores as permissible businesses within the city's zoning code. Presently, the city's zoning regulations do not allow liquor/package stores as a designated land use.

It's essential to note that liquor/package stores will not gain authorization to operate after the public hearing. The public hearing on March 4, primarily involves updating the city's zoning code to outline where liquor/package stores could potentially operate, along with the stipulations and requirements governing their establishment.

For liquor/package stores to become operational, a local option election must be conducted, and the voters must vote in favor of this option. Therefore, while the deliberations on March 4 mark a significant step, the ultimate authorization rests upon the outcome of a local option election, where voters would determine if liquor/package stores will operate within the community.

C. LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

Oscar Nominated Movies Matinee

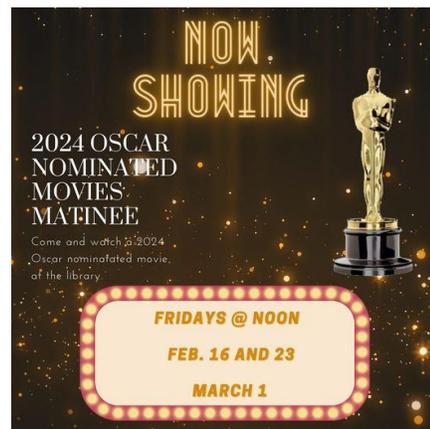
Friday, February 23, 12 p.m.

Oppenheimer (with intermission)

Friday, March 1, 12 p.m.

Mission: Impossible-Dead Reckoning Part One

Come and watch a 2024 Oscar nominated film at the library before the Oscars air. Popcorn and beverages will be provided for free, but participants are encouraged to bring their own snacks if they would like.



D. SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMMING

The Senior Activity Center is proud to present Gospel Jam on Saturday, February 24 at 6 p.m. Bring the whole family. Come listen, sing, and/or play your favorite tunes.

Admission is free and open to the general public.

For normal programming, the Senior Center is open to ages 50+.

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



E. PET OF THE WEEK

Artemis is a two-year-old Great Pyrenees female mix who has already been spayed. She MUST BE AN ONLY ANIMAL. Come in to meet her anytime! Her adoption fee is waived and adoption includes shots, microchipping and heartworm testing.



F. FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

Let's celebrate the incredible victory of two outstanding Burleson Centennial student athletes! Congratulations to Brijatte Garcia and Xavier Rodela for clinching Wrestling State Titles. Your hard work and dedication have truly paid off. Keep shining brightly!

If you have a Feel Good Friday email newsletter@burlesontx.com



III. UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION/CLOSURES

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ELLISON STREET & PARKING IMPROVEMENTS – CONSTRUCTION START AND ROAD CLOSURE

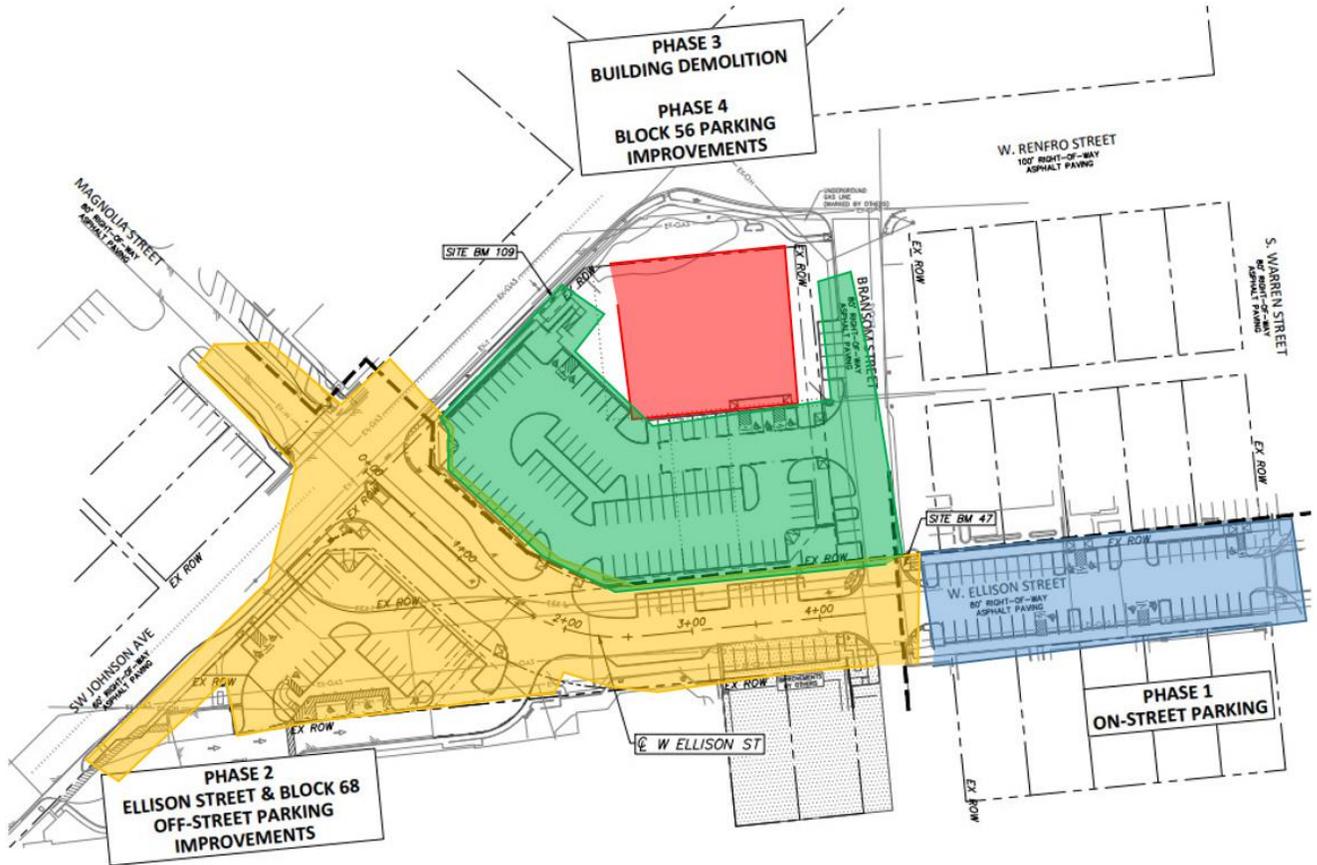
STAFF CONTACT: TRAVIS ROSENBAUM, PE, PROJECT MANAGER
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Construction of the initial phase of the Ellison Street and parking improvement project is scheduled to begin on Monday, February 26, 2024. Phase 1 entails improvements to on-street parking in the single-street block, as shown below. Contractors will temporarily close Ellison Street between Warren Street and Bransom Street to go through traffic until this project phase is complete, which is currently anticipated for May 21, 2024.



City staff has been and will continue to be in contact with businesses directly affected by construction.

Additional notifications to follow for the below overall phasing plan.



IV. PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS

PROJECT	STATUS	TIMELINE
Village Creek Trail	90% plans underway - acquiring easements and TXDOT LOSA	Construction scheduled to begin Spring 2025.
Bailey Lake Dredging	City Council awarded contract on Feb. 5.	Project kick off meeting held on Feb. 12.

Chisenhall Synthetic Infields Phase 2 (4 fields)	Award consideration for City Council March 4.	Contract award scheduled for Council consideration on March 4. Target construction start date in May 2024 after spring baseball season to be completed before Fall 2024 season start.
Oak Valley South Trail Connector	Approved by Council January 8, 2024.	Notice to proceed issued on Feb. 21, 2024.
Meadowcrest Park	Design in review by staff based on feedback/direction received by Park board at Feb. 15 meeting.	Park Board has provided feedback and the project is currently being reviewed – Estimated Spring/Summer 2024.
Cedar Ridge Park	Project approved/awarded at City Council February 20. Playground equipment is currently in the ordering process.	Projected to begin construction in June 2024.
Oak Valley North-Restroom	Presented to Parks board on January 11, 2024. Awarded at city council meeting on January 22.	Restroom is in production and is anticipated to be installed in June or July 2024.
Oak Valley South – Scott Street Trailhead Improvement	Design contract presented/approved at Park board on February 15 and City Council on February 20.	Design process – Estimated completion, April 2024.

V. EVENTS

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

- **DOGS AND DONUTS EGG-STRAVAGANZA**
March 2, 9:30 - 11 a.m.
Bailey Lake, 280 W. Hidden Creek Pkwy
Free event
- **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY CRAFT FAIR**
March 9, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Ave.
Free entry

- **DONUTS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY**
March 23, 8 a.m.
Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W. CR 714
\$5 per person and open to all ages, but the free egg hunts are for 4 and under only
- **BUNNY DAZE**
March 23, Noon - 3 p.m.
Chisenhall Fields, 500 Chisenhall Park Ln
Free event
- **AQUA EGG HUNT**
March 30, 9 a.m. - Noon
Burleson Recreation Center (BRiCk), 550 NW Summercrest Blvd
\$2 per participant
- **SHOW ME HOW FESTIVAL**
April 6, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W. CR 714
Free event
- **TRASH BASH**
April 13, 8 a.m. – Noon
Warren Park, 301 SW Johnson Ave
Free event, but registration is required
- **EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**
April 22, 6 – 8 p.m.
Bailey Lake Park, 280 W. Hidden Creek Pkwy
Free event
- **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT**
April 27, 9– 11 a.m.
Municipal Service Center, 725 SE John Jones Dr.
Free event, open to Burleson residents only

VI. ATTACHMENTS

- Keep Burleson Beautiful Feb. 14 Meeting Summary.....page 9



Keep Burleson Beautiful Meeting City Summary

Wednesday, February 14, 2024
4:45 PM

City Service Center - 725 SE John Jones Drive
Burleson, TX 76028

➤ Welcome

➤ Administrative Items:

- Treasurer's report: December \$4,840.15 January \$4,840.15 February \$4,702.52
- Keep Texas Beautiful annual report submitted and annual dues paid
 - KBB achieved Silver Star status for 2024
- Submitted 990-N form for 501(c)(3) to IRS

➤ Ongoing/New Business

- 2024 Scholarships – Will use same essay prompt/application as previous years
- TXDOT GCAA Grant updates
 - GCAA Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, February 26
- 2024 T-Shirt Design Competition
 - Winning submission – Nicholas Washington from BHS!!
 - Coordinate with teacher Amye Wake to award cash prize (\$250)
 - Post on FB with some of the great entries we received



- Great Give-Back at Burleson Public Library on 2/3/2024
 - Wrap-Up report from Heidi
- 2024 Spring Trash Bash Planning
 - Request supply kits from KTB (\$45 for 4)
 - Update sponsor list to include Half-Price Books & Burleson Honda
 - Raffle Prizes will be selected by Heidi & Donna this year
- Earth Day: Monday, April 22, 2024, at Bailey Lake (6:00 PM – 8:00 PM)
 - Seeking volunteers for KBB table
- Ann Heberle Business Beautification Award
 - Presented to Torchy's Tacos on February 5 (first use of the new sign!)
 - American National Bank of Texas nominated (301 SW Wilshire)
 - Please continue to submit nominations! Next vote is at April meeting
- Adopt-a-Spot updates:
 - BIG thank you to Amanda Cadenhead for developing an online reporting form for Adopt-A-Spot clean-ups! See [website](#) for updates

- Kerr Middle School Make A Difference Club conducted a clean-up with 12 volunteers at Bailey Lake on Saturday, January 27th
- Pocket Prairie transition to No-Mow Area – just needs updated signage
- KBB Committees – General Discussion
- Russell Farm Update (see Upcoming Events)
- Bluebonnet RC&D will be opening Community Improvement Grants in 2024
- Kroger Community Rewards:
 - Support KBB when you shop! Sign in to your Kroger account and under the “Community Rewards” tab, search for “Keep Burleson Beautiful, Inc” or “FW206” to select KBB as your non-profit of choice.

➤ **Upcoming events**

- Build Your Own Bee Hotel – [Show Me How Festival: Saturday, April 6, 2024](#)
Location: Russell Farm, 405 W CR 714
Event Time: 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM (*Show Me How Festival runs 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM*)
- Spring Trash Bash: [Saturday, April 13, 2024](#)
Location: Meet at Warren Park, 301 SW Johnson Ave
Event Time: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Earth Day Event: [Monday, April 22, 2024](#)
Location: Bailey Lake, 280 W Hidden Creek Pkwy
Event Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- Far Out Family Camp Out: [Saturday, April 27, 2024](#)
Location: Bailey Lake; 280 W Hidden Creek Pkwy
Event Time: 1:00 PM Saturday – 8:00 AM Sunday, April 28, 2024
- Gardening Around the Year/Backyard Composting: [Saturday, May 11, 2024](#)
Location: Russell Farm, 405 W CR 714
Event Time: *[TBD]* 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
- Texas Heritage Festival: [Friday & Saturday, May 17-18, 2024](#)
Location: Russell Farm, 405 W CR 714
Event Time: Friday: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM; Saturday 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- Father’s Day Fishing Tournament: [Saturday, June 15, 2024](#)
Location: Bailey Lake; 280 W Hidden Creek Pkwy
Time: Fishing Tournament 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM, Lunch 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

➤ **Upcoming Meetings**

- March 13, 2024
- April 10, 2024

➤ **Open the floor to Board/members/Close Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.