



WEEKLY REPORT

MARCH 22, 2024

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: TOMMY LUDWIG, CITY MANAGER

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I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

MONDAY, APRIL 1

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

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Consider approval of an ordinance amending Chapter 70, "Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places". (First Reading) *(Staff Contact: Tony D. McIlwain, AICP, CFM, Development Services Director)*
- Consider approval of a contract with Terracon Consultants, Inc. for a City Facility Master Plan and Condition Assessment through TIPS cooperative purchasing agreement 210602 in the amount of \$247,604. *(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. PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES

Oak Valley South Connector Trail:

Exciting news, BTX! The Oak Valley South trail connector project kicks off this Friday, March 22, 2024. Anticipated completion, weather permitting, will be mid-May 2024. We are excited to continue enhancing trail connectivity and outdoor access for the Burleson community.

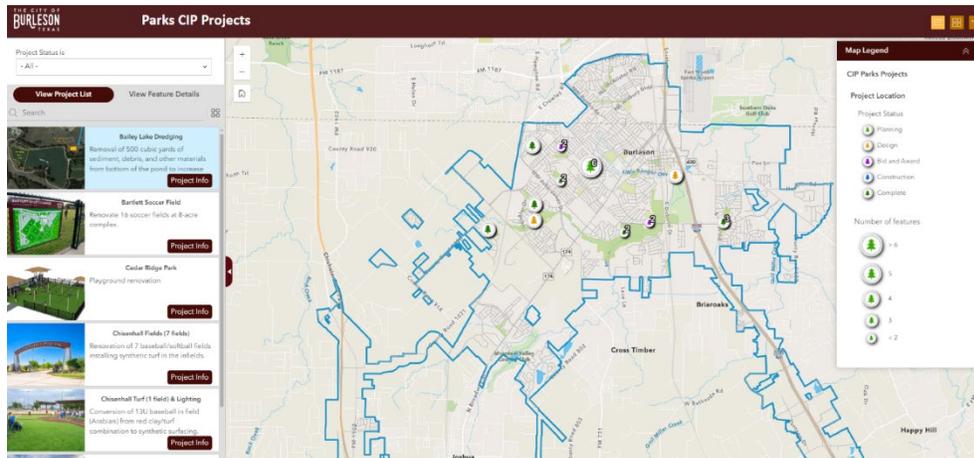
Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Program: Online tool launch

The Parks and Recreation department in collaboration with our GIS division have



launched a new online tool for parks capital improvement project updates. This tool will be available online for real-time project status updates and details. Follow the link below to view:

[Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Program: Online Tool](#)



Trees for Tomorrow Jr. Arborist Program:

On March 20, 2024, TJ Arthur, our Parks department certified Arborist, had the pleasure of presenting to roughly 60 Centennial High School seniors and juniors as part of our Trees for Tomorrow program! This initiative is all about educating and inspiring the next generation and creating junior arborists in our community.





In addition, a select group of these students will also lend a hand at our upcoming Arbor Day event, where they'll mentor elementary students as we plant 20 new trees together! From education to conservation, it was a day packed with tree-themed fun and a scavenger hunt to cap it off.

Professional Development Opportunities:

This week, the Parks and Recreation department delved into several professional development opportunities. On Tuesday, our parks division attended the DFW Playground Safety Academy. This course covered all the essentials of playground safety, ensuring our community's play spaces are as safe as can be.

In addition, Recreation Supervisor, London Pulfer, took part in the Leadership Burleson program. This program hosted through Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce is designed to empower professionals with a passion for community and leadership excellence. This week participants had the chance to explore partnership opportunities and discover the wealth of resources offered by the local non-profit, Wings of Hope.

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**Parks and
Recreation**



2024 Spring / Summer Community Guide

Our 2024 Spring and Summer Community Guide is available! This edition includes community program and service information through August 2024. View the guide online at the link below:

[2024 Spring and Summer Community Guide](#)



Summer Camp Registration Update

Summer Camp registration is off to a strong start. To date, our average enrollment per week is 85 campers with a maximum capacity of 150 campers per week. Spaces are filling up fast for this 11-week program. Summer Camp includes field trip experiences, guest speakers, recreational activities, and more. In addition, we have revamped several elements of our program curriculum for this Summer. To register or for more information, please view, [here](#).

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BURLESON RECREATION CENTER
SUMMER FUN CAMP

THE CITY OF BURLESON TEXAS Parks and Recreation

SIGN UP TODAY!
Summer 2024 Early Bird Discounts Available!

Discounts:
March 11-17 - 15% off
March 18-24 - 10% off
March 25-31 - 5% off

B. LIBRARY NEWS

MetroShare LOT (Library of Things) Collection

The Burleson Public Library is a member of [MetroShare Libraries](#), a library consortium serving north Texans over approximately 114 square miles in Tarrant, Johnson, Denton and Wise counties. MetroShare was formed in 2021 as a way for libraries to collaborate services--pooling resources, sharing costs, gaining new users, broadening collections, strengthening program initiatives and sharing local expertise.

Introducing...
the LOT
(Library of Things)

The MetroShare Community of Libraries is excited to announce our new collection of kits!

These recreational and educational kits are designed to give you the opportunity to try something new, without the commitment of purchasing your own equipment. LOT items are available to place on hold on all valid adult cards.

METRO SHARE A COMMUNITY OF LIBRARIES | TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION | INSTITUTE of Museum and Library SERVICES

The Library of Things is partially funded by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services and Texas State Library and Archives Commission (Grant #LS-253655-OLS-23). (2024)

Now, thanks to a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services and Texas State Library and Archives Commission (Grant #LS-253655-OLS-23), library cardholders can check out a MetroShare LOT (Library of Things) kit and try something new. Examples of available kits include:

- ClearClick video to digital converter 3.0
- Let's Go Stargazing (astronomy binoculars)
- Let's Churn Butter
- Let's Play Hunt for Treasure (metal detector)
- Kodak slide n scan film and slide scanner
- Let's Learn the Lyre
- Let's Taste Italy (pasta machine)
- Let's Make Ice Cream at Home
- Giantville Tumbling Timber Toy
- Let's Build with Lincoln Logs
- Let's Learn with Robots
- Let's Learn Piano (foldable keyboard)
- Let's Play Cornhole
- Botley the Coding Robot
- Let's Learn Sight Words
- Let's Podcast (microphone/sound console)
- Let's Decorate Cakes
- and MORE!

LOT items are available to place on hold on all valid adult cards.

[Browse the MetroShare LOT collection](#)

C. SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMMING

On Monday, March 25 at 2:00 p.m., the Senior Center will host students from Kerr Middle school as we throw a rock party! We'll enjoy snacks and paint rocks while learning a valuable life lesson. If you'd like to join us, please call 817-295-6611 to register.

The Senior Center is located at 216 SW Johnson Avenue



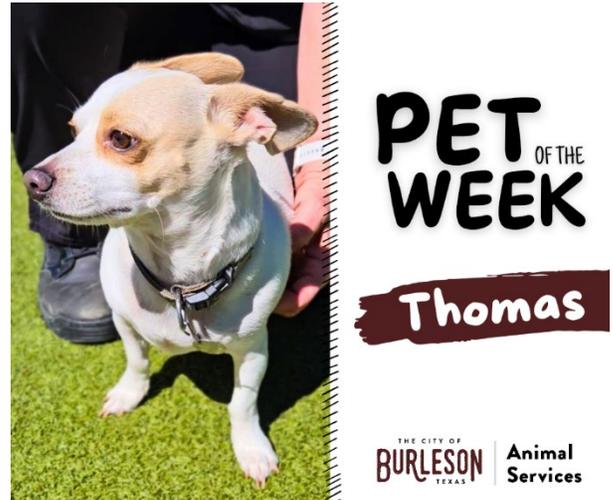
and is open to ages 50 and up.

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

D. **PET OF THE WEEK**

Say hello to our Pet of the Week, a charming Chihuahua-Dachshund mix, who's ready to whirl into your heart and home! With a personality as sunny as his smile, Thomas is the epitome of joy. He's not just sweet; he's a performer too! Give him some love and pets and watch him do his happy spins – a sight that's sure to brighten your every day.

Thomas is a social butterfly, getting along swimmingly with other dogs. He's got a quirky charm too; one of his ears loves to catch the wind, staying open as if it's trying to hear the whispers of adventure. It's his unique signature, adding an extra dose of cuteness to his already adorable demeanor. His adoption fee has been waived and includes shots, microchipping, and heartworm testing.



E. **FEEL GOOD FRIDAY**

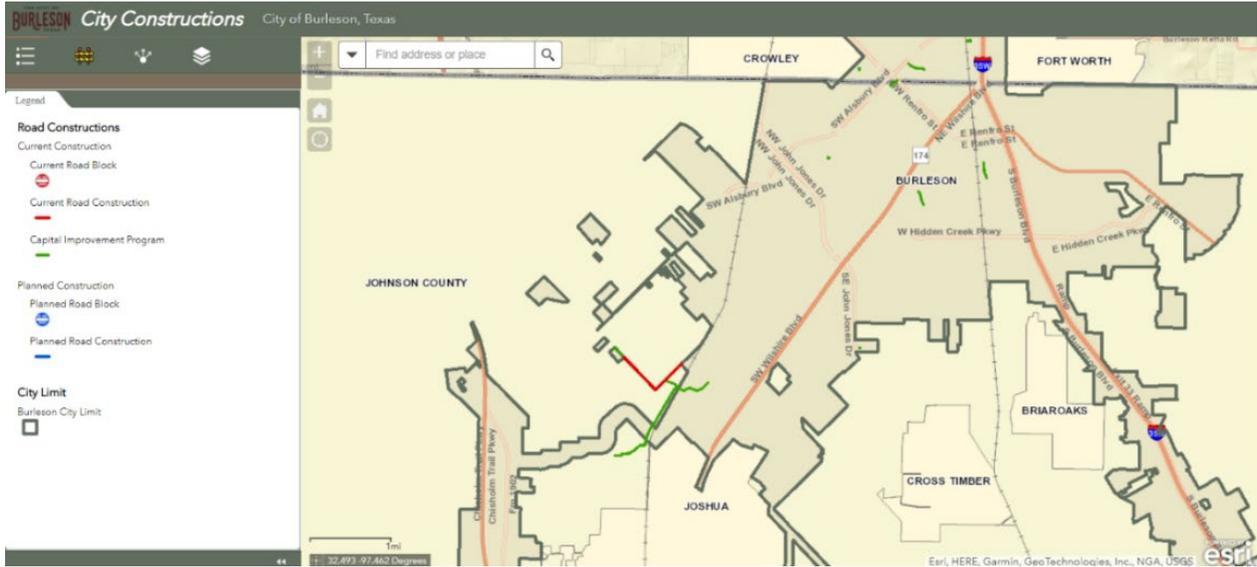
Let's celebrate the remarkable achievement of our very own local hero Tanner Singleton, a proud member of Local 4025! We are incredibly proud of Tanner's prestigious appointment to Texas Task Force 2. It's no small feat to earn a spot on this team, requiring extensive training and hard work. Tanner's dedication and commitment shine as a testament to his exceptional character. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor, Tanner!



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

III. UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION/CLOSURES

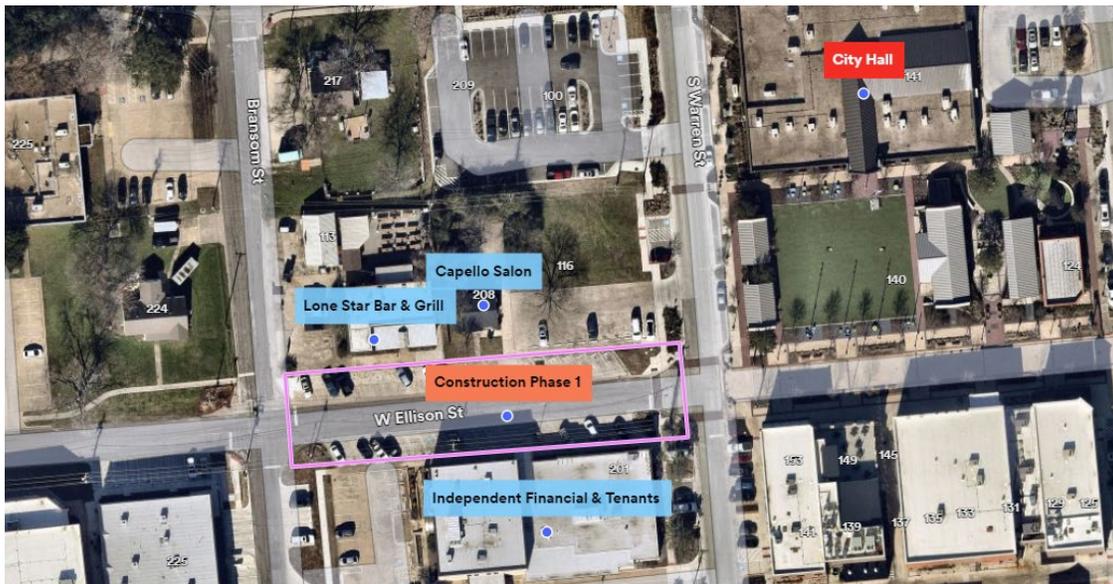
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ELLISON STREET & PARKING IMPROVEMENTS – CONSTRUCTION START AND ROAD CLOSURE

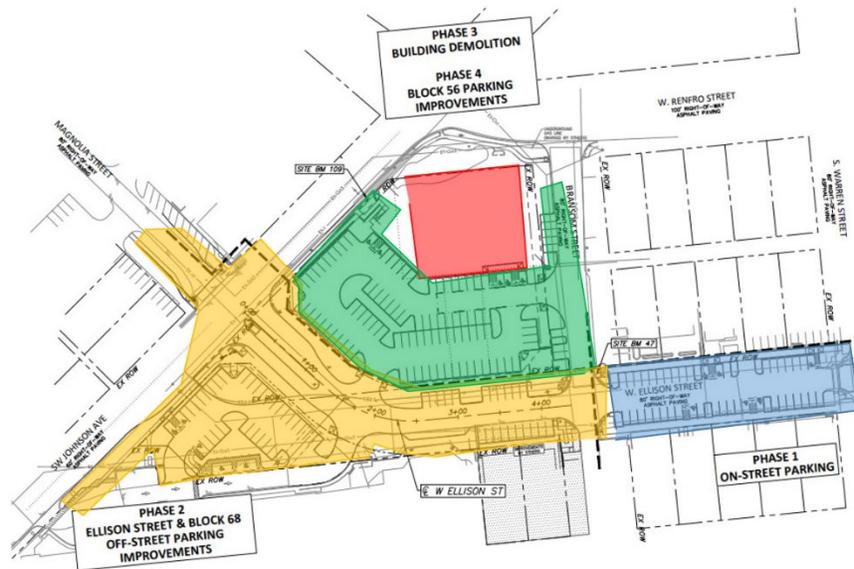
STAFF CONTACT: TRAVIS ROSENBAUM, PE, PROJECT MANAGER
817-426-9620 or trosenbaum@burlesontx.com

Construction of the initial phase of the Ellison Street & Parking Improvement project is currently underway. Phase 1 entails improvements to on-street parking in the single street block as shown below. Contractors have temporarily closed Ellison Street between Warren Street and Bransom Street to through traffic until this phase of the project is complete, 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 to start early April 2024.
Chisenhall Synthetic Infields Phase 2 (4 fields)	City council awarded contract 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.	Project expected to start construction Friday, March 22, 2024

Meadowcrest Park	Design in review by staff based on feedback/direction received by Park board at Feb. 15 meeting.	Parks Board has provided feedback and the project is currently being reviewed – Estimated to start construction 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 Parks 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

- **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
- **VIETNAM VETERANS CELEBRATION**

March 30, 1 p.m.

Veterans Memorial Plaza, 298 E Renfro St.

Free event

- **SHOW ME HOW FESTIVAL**

April 6, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W. CR 714

Free event

- **SOLAR ECLIPSE WATCH PARTY**

April 8, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St

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 S.E. John Jones Dr.

Free event, open to Burleson residents only

V. ATTACHMENTS

- Keep Burleson Beautiful City Summary.....page 11-13



Keep Burleson Beautiful City Summary

Wednesday, March 13, 2024
4:45 PM

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

➤ Welcome

➤ Administrative Items:

- Treasurer's report: January \$4,840.15 February \$4,702.52 March \$1,475.74
- Received \$2,000 donation from Mary G./Kamps Pallets for 2024 scholarships

➤ Ongoing/New Business

- 2024 Scholarships – Received a total of **190 applications** this year
 - Discussion of applications received and selection criteria.
 - Members agreed to narrow applications to top 10; those 10 will be emailed to the KBB Board to read before the April 10 meeting, when we'll vote on the two winners. Scholarships will be presented at the end of April or beginning of May (based on school's awards ceremony).
- TXDOT GCAA Landscape Grant meeting took place on 2/26/2024
 - Discussed John Jones median at S. Towne vs. Greenridge, as well as other considerations (safety, water connections, and access fees)
- 2024 T-Shirt Design Competition
 - T-shirts arrived – total cost was \$6,489.55
 - Will coordinate with teacher Amye Wake to award cash prize (\$250) and t-shirts to the 2024 winner, Nicholas Washington. Donna C., Pat D. and Amanda C. volunteered to help present the award.
 - *Q: Is it also possible to recognize the winner during the Trash Bash?*
Kristen T. will present this option to the winner and allow them to decide.
- Discuss 2024 North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge
 - KBB's role: Enter Adopt-a-Spot and Trash Bash data into the TX Litter Database with appropriate tag.
 - Mayor's Proclamation – Opportunity to bring awareness about the community involvement in litter pick-up. Jessica volunteered to take the lead on this; Kristen will follow up with her on the details.
- 2024 Spring Trash Bash Planning
 - Supply kits ordered & received from KTB (contains supplies for ~400 participants), cost was \$45.
 - Supply assembly party planned for April 10 meeting?
 - Members agreed to help; Kristen will have everything set out.
 - Pre-affle activities
 - Provide activities for participants that return early. Will bring seed ball kit again; Jessica volunteered to brainstorm ideas. Parks has an assortment of outdoor games and Amanda will check availability of the library's lawn games and Reading Rover.

- Recycling education
 - Will include onion skin bags in group supplies as well as printed instructions so people have the option to separate out recyclables as they collect litter
 - Need insect repellent and sunscreen for participant use at the KBB table. HEB gift card can be used to purchase these.
 - Set up a 2nd KBB table to help bring awareness of other programs and activities that KBB is involved in.
 - Old tires – will coordinate with Parks, Code, & Public Works to see if we can collect abandoned tires during Trash Bash.
 - Volunteer Sign-Up for specific tasks – Heidi G. will create a Google Docs spreadsheet for sign-ups.
 - Sign-in table (distribute supplies, assign areas)
 - Pre-affle activity leaders
 - Raffle presenters
 - Pizza logistics (taken care of by Donna C. and Pat D.)
 - Earth Day: Monday, April 22, 2024 at Bailey Lake (6:00 PM – 8:00 PM)
 - Jackie and Heidi volunteered to work the KBB table
 - Ann Heberle Business Beautification Award
 - American National Bank of Texas nominated for May (301 SW Wilshire)
 - Please continue to submit nominations! Next vote is at April meeting
 - Adopt-A-Spot updates:
 - McAlister gabions Adopt-A-Spot sign has been printed & posted; Erica B. also conducted another clean-up of this area on 3/10/2024.
 - STEAM Middle School NJHS interested in adopting Elk Ridge Park
 - Library pollinator garden:
 - New signs printed and posted; lots of asters up and will bloom soon!
 - Kristen will follow up with Maryann M. regarding maintenance to remove vetch
 - Russell Farm Update (*see Upcoming Events*)
 - Bluebonnet RC&D Community Improvement Grant applications are due 3/22/24.
 - Up to \$500 in matching funds for beautification, education, etc.
- **Open the floor to Board/members/Close Meeting**
- Google Drive discussion & domain issues – still a work in progress
 - Roundtable introductions
- **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

- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event: Saturday, April 27, 2024
Location: City Service Center, 725 SE John Jones Dr
Event Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
- 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: 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**

- April 10, 2024
- May 8, 2024

