

WEEKLY REPORT

APRIL 12, 2024

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

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I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

MONDAY, APRIL 15

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

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff feedback regarding the Hulen Street Widening Project. (*Staff Contact: Tiana Jackson, P.E., CFM, Capital Engineering Manager*)

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>

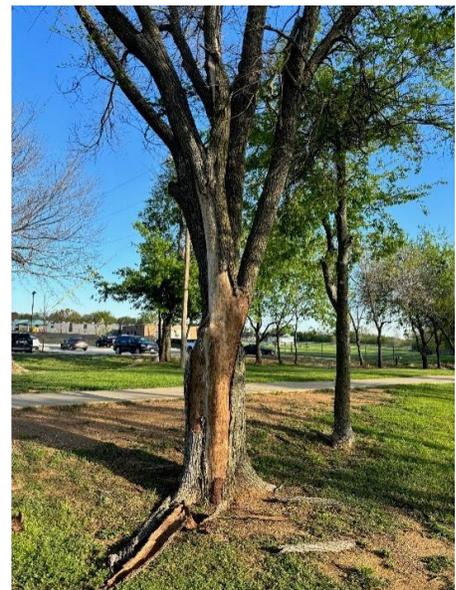
II. GENERAL AND STATUS UPDATES

A. COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT AWARDED TO RUSSELL FARM

Bluebonnet Resource Conservation and Development, Inc. announced Russell Farm Art Center as a recipient of its 2024 Community Improvement Grant. Russell Farm Art Center will be receiving a \$250 grant to establish a comprehensive Urban Garden Education program for community members to learn about gardening, food production, and sustainable living practices.

B. DEAD TREE REMOVAL AT BAILEY LAKE

Parks staff identified a dead tree at Bailey Lake that was removed on April 10, 2024. For safety reasons, this section of the park was temporarily blocked off during the process. The park's staff arborist was present to supervise the operation.



C. DREDGING PSA AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

On April 3, 2024, American Underwater Services hosted a special educational session for youth within our community. In conjunction with the current dredging process at Bailey Lake, they shared the vital role of lake dredging and its impact on maintaining the health and beauty of our



aquatic environments. From understanding the ecological benefits to the practical aspects of dredging operations, it was a fun experience for all involved! To view photos and for additional information, follow this [link](#).

D. SPECIAL NEEDS CLINIC RECAP

The last weekend in March, the Burleson Parks and Recreation hosted its inaugural free community wide special needs soccer clinic with Challenger Sports and BISD Burleson Blaze Special Olympics. There was a great turnout, wonderful connections were made, and everyone had a blast.



E. MARCH COMMUNITY EVENT RECAPS

- Bunny Daze, March 23
 - The Chisenhall Sports Complex was filled with joy and laughter on March 23 during our annual Bunny Daze. View the full photo album [here](#):
 - Estimated event attendance: 3,000 participants
- Donuts with the Easter Bunny, March 23
 - Donuts with the Easter Bunny at Russell Farm Art Center was an absolute blast. It was a morning filled with fun and laughter, but the

excitement didn't stop there. The Easter egg hunts were a hit. Seeing the kids search for eggs was priceless. Check out all the photos. See more photos here: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjBitw4>

- Estimated event attendance: 500 participants
- Aqua Egg Hunt, March 30
 - The Aqua Egg Hunt at the BRiCK's Indoor Pool was an absolute blast. Thanks to everyone who splashed in and made it such a fun-filled Easter adventure. Have a look at the photos here: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjBjGz6>
 - Event attendance: 273 participants registered
- Vietnam Veterans, March 30
 - On Saturday, March 30, the city hosted a memorable and heartfelt Vietnam Veterans Celebration. Vietnam veterans were honored in a manner that reflected the gratitude and respect they deserve. See all photos: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjBjNPz>
 - Estimated event attendance: 150 participants



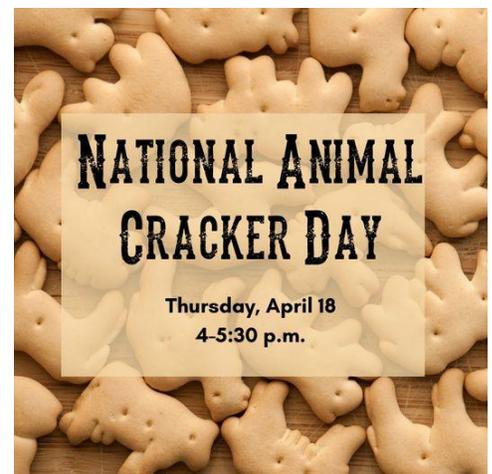
F. LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

National Animal Cracker Day

April 18, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

We will make a craft, do a scavenger hunt, and of course, we will have an animal cracker snack.

All ages are welcome to attend.



G. SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMMING

Beginning Friday, April 19 at 2:15 p.m., we'll be restarting our Karaoke & Dancing. Have a blast while singing your favorites then encourage others as they step up to the mic. Grab your partner and be ready to cut a rug to whatever comes your way.

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](#)



H. TREE CITY USA: GROWTH AWARD

The parks team received the Tree City USA Growth Award on March 29, 2024. The Growth Award, presented by the Arbor Day Foundation, honors select Tree City USA communities for exceptional tree care and community engagement. Less than 15% of Tree Cities receive this accolade, recognizing their commitment to surpassing program standards. It highlights their dedication to urban forestry, community partnerships, and public education.



I. **PARKS TEAM MEMBER HIGHLIGHT: ANTHONY TUCKER, PARKS CREW LEAD – CERTIFIED PLAYGROUND SAFETY INSPECTOR**

Please join us in congratulating Parks Crew Leader, Anthony Tucker, on becoming a Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI). This National Recreation and Park Association certification requires up-to-date and comprehensive knowledge on playground safety issues, hazard identification, equipment specifications, surface requirements, risk management methods, and best practices for maintenance.



As a CPSI, Anthony will contribute to continued staff development/training and quality control in helping keep Burleson park playgrounds safe for all users.

J. **PET OF THE WEEK**

Meet the Burleson Animal Shelter's Pet of the Week: CoCo, a 1-year-old Labrador Retriever full of charm and love.

CoCo is a bundle of joy who adores getting pets and playing outside. She's a wiggle worm extraordinaire, always ready to wiggle her way into your heart.

CoCo is also a smart cookie; she'll happily follow basic commands, especially if there are treats involved!



If you've been looking for a furry companion who's full of energy, love, and a willingness to learn, CoCo might just be your perfect match! Her adoption fee is waived and includes shots, microchipping, and heartworm testing.

Burleson Animal Shelter is located at 775 SE John Jones Drive, hours are Tuesday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

K. FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

On March 25, the Burleson Senior Center hosted a rock painting activity with the Kerr Middle School Art Club. Everyone had a blast painting two rocks each. One rock symbolized something negative they wanted to let go of, and the other represented something they wanted to embrace and hold onto moving forward. Not only did the students showcase their creativity with paintbrushes, but they also flexed their trivia skills and enjoyed chocolate chip cookies. What a fun and meaningful day it was!



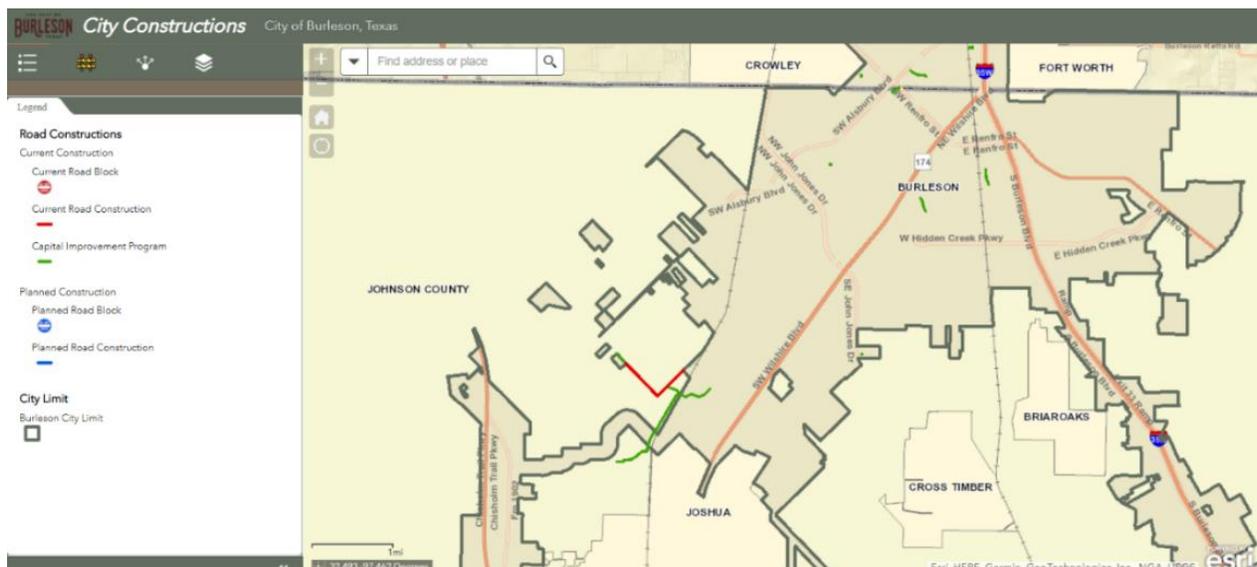
If you have a Feel Good Friday, email newsletter@burlesontx.com

L. BURLESON HERITAGE FOUNDATION

The Burleson Heritage Museum and Visitors Center hosted 322 visitors from eight states during the month of March. The Burleson Heritage Foundation volunteers proudly give free trolley and museum tours to guests visiting our city Wednesday through Saturday each week. As a reminder, they are always looking for volunteers. If you know someone that may be interested, please refer them to the museum to register.

III. UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION/CLOSURES

([click to view map](#))



ELLISON STREET & PARKING IMPROVEMENTS – CONSTRUCTION START AND ROAD CLOSURE

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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.



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 started the week of April 1-5
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 started construction Friday, March 22, 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 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 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

- **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
- **FAR OUT FAMILY CAMPOUT**
April 27-28, 1 p.m. - 8 a.m.
Bailey Lake Park, 280 W Hidden Creek Pkwy
Tickets available now
- **RESOURCE AND HEALTH FAIR**
May 3, Noon - 2 p.m.
Burleson Senior Center, 216 SW Johnson
Free event
- **CINCO DE MAYO**
May 4, 7 - 9 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro
Free event
- **PET SUPPLY DRIVE + FUNDRAISER**
May 11, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Ave.
This event is free. Pet supply or monetary donations encouraged.
- **MOTHER'S DAY OUTING**
May 11, 6 - 8 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro
Free event

VI. ATTACHMENTS

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Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Summary

Tuesday, April 9, 2024
6:00 PM

City Hall - 141 W Renfro
Burleson, TX 76028

On Tuesday April 9, 2024, the Planning and Zoning Commission met for its regularly scheduled meeting at 6 p.m. The Commission had seven members in attendance and the following items were discussed and acted on:

- Consent Agenda items:
 - Approval of the minutes from the March 26, 2024, meeting.
 - Approval of a Replat of Garza Addition Block 1.
 - Approval of a Final Plat of Holy Cross Christian Academy Block 1.
 - A motion and a second were made to approve all consent items and there was no discussion; the motion to approve passed by a unanimous vote of 7-0.
- Public Hearings:
 - Consider a recommendation of approval of an ordinance for a zoning change request from "A" Agriculture and "PD" Planned Development to "PD" Planned Development for the Chisholm Summit master planned community, (Case 23-229).
 - Staff presented the request and entertained questions from the Commission.
 - There was a motion and a second made to approve the zoning change request and there was no discussion; motion passed with a unanimous vote of 7-0.
 - Consider a recommendation of approval of a resolution for a Commercial Site Plan Amendment with a waiver to Section 132-115; Accessory building and structure yard regulations, (Case 24-041).
 - Staff presented the request and entertained questions from the Commission.
 - Commissioner Kurmes inquired about how the sound from the stage may affect the neighboring property owners. Staff informed him that the applicant would be held to the requirements of the noise ordinance as well as the periods of enforcement.
 - There was a motion and a second made to approve the Commercial Site Plan amendment with waiver request and there was no discussion; motion passed with a unanimous vote of 7-0.
- Reports and Presentations:
 - None
- Community Interest Items:
 - None
- Adjournment

With no further business items, Chairman Tune adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.