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WEEKLY REPORT

JUNE 28, 2024

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

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I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JULY 22 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, 5:30 P.M.

All meetings will be held at Burleson 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. GROUND-BASED MOSQUITO SPRAYING TO OCCUR THIS WEEKEND

The city of Burleson was notified that mosquitoes in **Zone 4** tested positive for West Nile Virus. In response, the city will be conducting truck-based spraying for two nights this weekend. Weather permitting, spraying will occur sometime between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. on **Friday, June 28 and Saturday, June 29**.

- Zone 4 is in the area of Hidden Creek Parkway, Burleson Boulevard and Hurst Road. [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 third West Nile positive of the season, the first in Zone 4.

B. CITY 4TH OF JULY HOURS

Trash and curbside recycling will not be affected by the holiday and will run as scheduled. Please make sure trash and recycling are at the curb by 7 a.m. to ensure collection.

Many city facilities will be closed on Thursday, July 4. Exceptions include the BRiCk, which will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the outdoor pool, which will be open from 1 to 8 p.m. The splash pad, which is free, will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. with special operating hours for children 5 and under from 8 to 10 a.m. Hidden Creek Golf Course will be open for regular play from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (last tee time at 2 p.m.). Public safety personnel will be working on July 4 to keep everyone safe, and the parks and recreation staff will be hosting Red, White, and BTX, the city's 4th of July event at Chisenhall Fields, starting at 5 p.m.



C. ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES: PUBLIC WORKS

To better align operations, as of July 1, the Public Works and Engineering Department will undergo various organizational changes. They are as follows:

- The Development Engineering Division will become part of the Development Services Department.
- The Capital Engineering Division will become a stand-alone department.
- The remaining operations will form the new Public Works Department.

Below is a summary of the principal changes:

CAPITAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

The department will consist of the following operations:

- Capital Engineering
- Construction Inspection
- Engineering Coordinator

A new department director will be hired, and a search will be conducted to fill this position. The newly created position will report to Deputy City Manager Eric Oscarson. Until a new director is selected, Eric Oscarson will serve as interim department director.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Department will consist of the following operations:

- Administration
- Facilities
- Fleet
- Regulatory and Environmental
- Safety and Training
- Streets
- Traffic
- Water and Wastewater

Errick Thompson will serve as the public works department director and will report to Deputy City Manager Harlan Jefferson. Justin Scharnhorst has been promoted to deputy director of public works and will oversee administration, facilities, and streets. Janalea Hembree will be promoted to assistant to the city manager and will report to City Manager Tommy Ludwig. She will be responsible for assisting with the day-to-day operations of the city manager's office, managing the city's strategic plan, and assisting with the development of the city's legislative program. There is currently a vacant deputy director position, until the position is filled Errick Thompson will directly oversee fleet, regulatory and environmental, safety and training, water and wastewater, and traffic.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- Building Inspection
- Code Enforcement
- Development Engineering
- Planning

Tony McIlwain will continue to serve as the director of development services and will report to Deputy City Manager Eric Oscarson. Michelle McCullough will report to Tony as deputy director of development services/city engineer.

D. PARKS UPDATE: TEMPORARY PARK CLOSURES

Wakefield Park, Oak Valley North Park, and Elk Ridge Park will be temporarily closed for 24 hours for the annual rebinding of the poured-in-place surfacing. This treatment is essential to increase the life expectancy of the surfaces and maintain their quality despite the wear and tear from everyday use and weather impacts. Below are the schedule dates for each park closure, weather dependent:

- Wakefield Park - July 11
- Oak Valley North Park - July 18
- Elk Ridge Park - July 25



E. LASTER BECOMES CERTIFIED EMERGENCY MANAGER

The city's Emergency Operations Manager, Joe Laster, has earned recognition from the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) by being among this year's group of professionals designated as Certified Emergency Manager® (CEM®). This is the highest honor of professional achievement available from the association, which boasts a membership of more than 6,000 emergency managers dedicated to saving lives, protecting property, and safeguarding the environment during emergencies and disasters.



Joe Laster qualified as a CEM® by submitting an extensive credentials package, detailing personal and professional background achievements, and passing a written examination. To maintain this certification, he must continue a program of professional development over successive five-year periods. Thus, this honor is neither easily earned nor maintained.

The CEM® designation is presently held by 2,747 individuals in the emergency management profession. As a CEM®, Joe Laster has demonstrated a high level of competence and ethical fitness for emergency management.

F. LIBRARY NEWS & PROGRAMMING

Summer Reading Club highlight: Ramblin' Rita's Texas Tales

Last week families enjoyed tales about Texas from Ramblin' Rita, Wild West Storyteller.



Coming up: International Mud Day
Saturday, June 29, 9 to 10:30 a.m. at
Russell Farm Art Center

Celebrate International Mud Day by getting muddy and messy at Russell Farm. Participants are encouraged to wear clothes and bring towels that they don't mind getting dirty. It's also recommended to bring a change of clothes. This program is being held offsite at Russell Farm because the library garden is not large enough to accommodate the expected crowds. Russell Farm Art Center is located at 405 W County Rd 714, Burleson, TX 76028.



Community Art Challenge

The Burleson Public Library is challenging the community to make miniature dioramas for the library's display. The theme is "Adventure Begins." Starting July 1, you can come by the front desk and pick up a tiny item to add to your diorama (while supplies last). Submit your mini masterpiece July 29 - August 3 to have it displayed during the month of August.



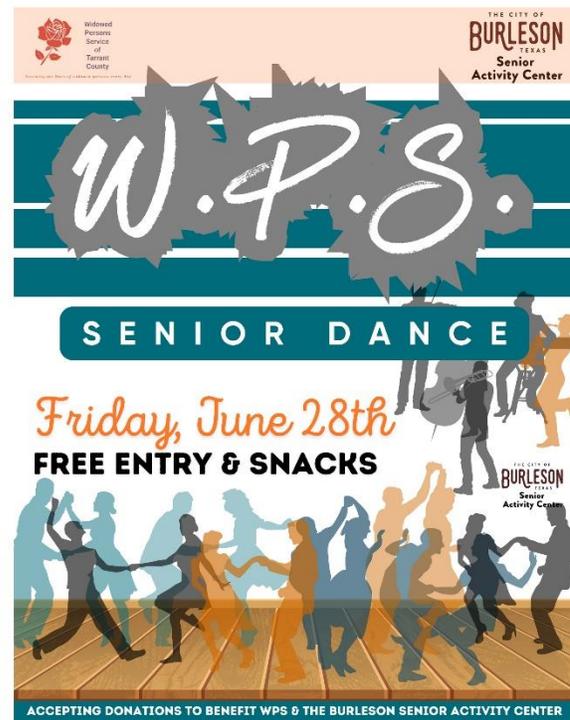
G. SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMMING

Join the Senior Activity Center tonight from 6:30 -9 p.m. for a DJ Dance, sponsored by Widowed Persons Services. DJ Travis Moncrief will spin out favorites while participants dance, chat with friends, and have an amazing evening. Entry is free, though donations are appreciated. There will also be a raffle benefitting the Senior Center and WPS. Don't miss out on the fun.

Curious about what activities the Burleson Senior Activity Center offers? Come by for a tour and see for yourself

The Senior Activity Center is located at 216 SW Johnson Avenue and is open to ages 50 and up.

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



H. PD COMMUNITY OUTREACH

On Tuesday June 25, the Burleson Police Department spent some time with the REACH Across Johnson County Youth Coalition at Pathway Church, engaging in meaningful discussions on various important topics. These teens had the opportunity to ask poignant questions to School Resource Officer (SRO) Henken, focusing on drug and alcohol abuse as well as the dangers of drinking and driving.



I. PET OF THE WEEK

Lacy is the Burleson Animal Shelter's featured pet this week. She's a very sweet female "House Hippo" who is about three years old. Lacy seems to get along with other dogs and you can bring yours in to meet her anytime. Her adoption fee has been waived, and adoption includes shots, microchipping, heartworm testing and spay.

See all available pets here:
burlesontx.com/adopt

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.



J. TOURISM FAM TOUR 2024

EDC hosted a “Tourism Fam Tour” On June 19. Local stakeholders, chamber members and venue operators were chauffeured on a tour bus to the different tourist attractions/venues located within Burleson. The event was organized to encourage collaboration and networking amongst local stakeholders in the community. The group visited Russell

Farm Art Center, Mainstay Farm, Whistlejacket Farm, North TX Jellystone Park, and Lost Oak Winery. Additional photos from the day can be viewed here:

<https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjBvZoj>



K. FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

This week, we have an amazing Feel Good Friday story to share. A Home Depot customer recently found an envelope containing money and did the right thing by turning it in to the store. Home Depot employee Wendell and manager Juan went above and beyond to track down the owner after they had already left the store and returned home.



As it turns out, the money belonged to Seth and Matthew, twin autistic brothers who are getting ready to open their own snow cone business, Spectrum Treats. They were planning to use the money to finish out their official mobile snow cone stand and without the kind stranger turning in the envelope, Wendell's detective skills and a conversation about the project they would not have been able to. This act of honesty and kindness is a beautiful reminder of the good in our community.

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

III. UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION/CLOSURES

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



NEIGHBORHOOD STREET REPLACEMENT WITH WATER AND SEWER REPLACEMENT

Starting Monday July 1, Reliable Paving and their sub-consultant, Tejas Commercial Construction, will begin work on SW Hillside Drive from Linda Drive to NW McNairn Road.

The scope of this project is to replace the water line and sanitary sewer line under the street, then to repave and restripe the street. This work is expected to last until approximately August 14, 2024.

Temporary road closures and interruptions in water service will occur during this time, all residents will be notified at least 72 hours in advance. Every evening after construction work has ceased for the day the roadway will be fully accessible.



IV. PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS

PROJECT	STATUS	TIMELINE
Village Creek Trail	90% plans underway - acquiring easements and TXDOT LOSA	Construction scheduled to begin Spring 2025.
Chisenhall Synthetic Infields Phase 2 (7 fields)	Construction in progress (began May 28, 2024)	Anticipated completion – Fall 2024
Oak Valley South Trail Connector	Construction in progress (began March 22, 2024)	Trail connector is substantially complete (95%) pending final inspection on July 10.
Meadowcrest Park	Revised design set for Council review and approval at July 22 meeting.	Revised design set for Council review and approval at July 22 meeting.

Cedar Ridge Park	Project approved/awarded at February 20 city council meeting. Construction scheduled to begin June 3, 2024.	Anticipated completion – August 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 August 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 complete; Project to proceed to bidding process with the goal of seeking park board and council construction approval in August 2024.

V. EVENTS

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

- **HOT SOUNDS OF SUMMER CONCERT *featuring Sunny Sweeney – (Texas Country)***
 June 28, 7:30 p.m.
 Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza in Old Town, 141 W Renfro St
 Free event
- **BURLESON FARMERS MARKET**
 June 29, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza in Old Town, 141 W Renfro St
 Free entry, items for purchase
- **HOT SOUNDS OF SUMMER CONCERT *featuring Queen Legacy – Queen Tribute)***
 June 29, 7:30 p.m.
 Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza in Old Town, 141 W Renfro St
 Free event

- **LIONS CLUB 4TH OF JULY PARADE**
July 4, 9 a.m.
Old Town area
Free event
- **RED, WHITE & BTX**
July 4, Gates open at 5 p.m.
Chisenhall Sports Complex, 500 Chisenhall Park Ln
Free entry, items for purchase
- **BURLESON FARMERS MARKET**
July 6, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza in Old Town, 141 W Renfro St
Free entry, items for purchase
- **BURLESON FARMERS MARKET**
July 13, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza in Old Town, 141 W Renfro St
Free entry, items for purchase
- **BURLESON FARMERS MARKET**
July 20, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza in Old Town, 141 W Renfro St
Free entry, items for purchase
- **THE BRICK BOAT-NANZA**
July 20, 9 - Noon
BRiCk indoor and outdoor pools, 550 NW Summercrest
\$5 pre-register, \$10 day of registration