



WEEKLY REPORT

JULY 26, 2024

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: TOMMY LUDWIG, CITY MANAGER

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I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

MONDAY, AUGUST 5 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>

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Receive a report, hold a discussion, give staff direction on the FY 2024-2025 (tax year 2024) property tax rates, and provide any additional information from the City Council regarding the annual budget for FY 2024-2025. *(Staff Contact: Harlan Jefferson, Deputy City Manager)*

II. GENERAL AND STATUS UPDATES

A. CRISPIN GIPSON NAMED EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Environmental Health Services Supervisors play a vital role in ensuring the health and safety of our community by maintaining high standards of regulatory compliance and public health. Help us congratulate Crispin Gipson for his dedication to keeping our city safe and thriving.

Crispin Gipson, Environmental Health Services Supervisor, was named the Employee of the Quarter for April – June 2024.



Crispin stood out for his contributions during city special events, demonstrating a strong work ethic and calm demeanor that greatly benefit his role in handling health inspections and ensuring citizen safety. He is described as someone with a selfless drive for excellence and a high level of commitment to the city of Burleson.

Crispin's nomination form highlighted his efforts to go above and beyond his job duties. Most notably, he responded on short notice to permit extra food trucks added to the city's Juneteenth celebration, coming up on a Saturday with a professional and courteous attitude. Crispin's approach to service is characterized by his even temperament and collaborative spirit, always seeking to assist and ensure the smooth execution of city services.

Crispin has been with the city for over a year, starting in May 2023. He was honored during the July 22, 2024, city council meeting.

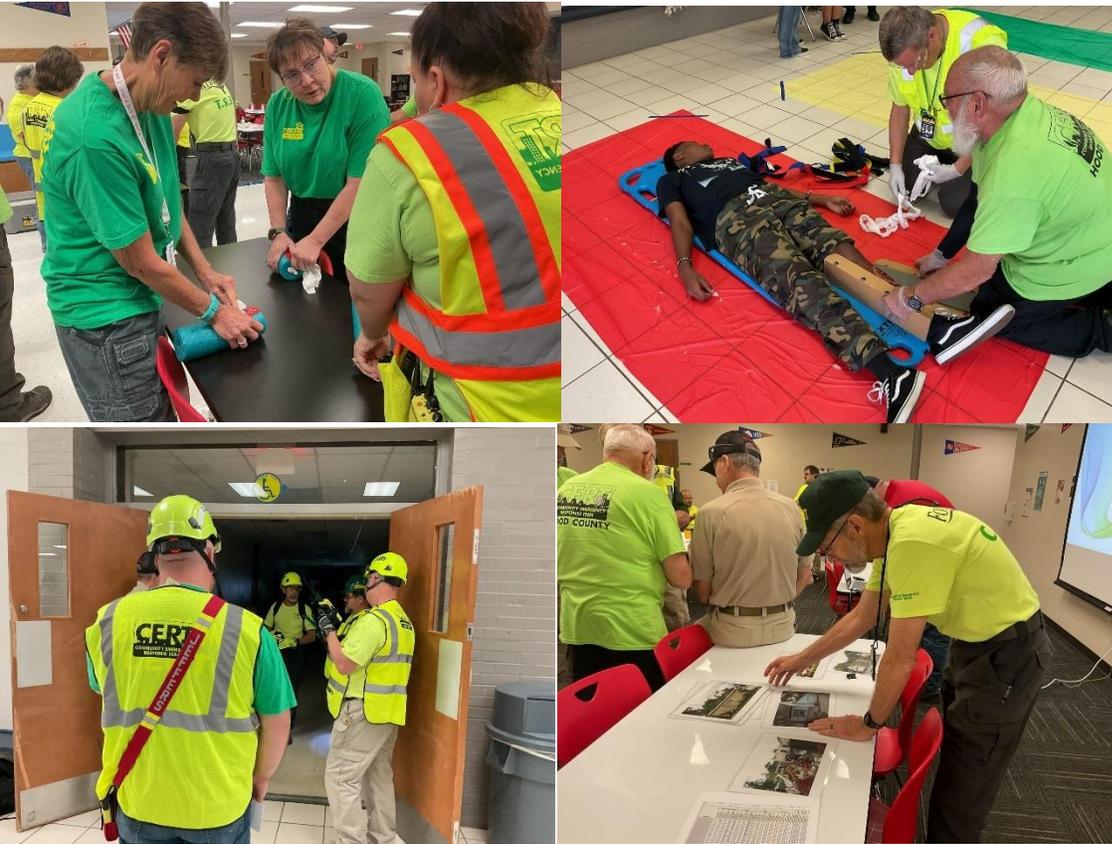
The city's Employee of the Quarter award is based on an employee's efficiency, transparency, honesty, innovation, and customer service, all of which comprise the city's ethics statement.

B. CERT PARTICIPATES IN DISASTER DAY 2024

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Disaster Day was hosted in Burleson on Saturday, July 20. Burleson Emergency Management facilitated the event with help from the Hood County Office of Emergency Management and leadership from Fort Worth CERT and Northwest Tarrant CERT (Lake Worth/Saginaw). Over forty volunteers gave their Saturday to participate in the event

CERT members attended morning classes that reviewed emergency communications, disaster medical operations, and light search and rescue techniques. The afternoon consisted of two disaster scenarios that put these volunteers' knowledge to the test.

The exercise was a major success, and planning for next year has already begun. The next Burleson CERT Course is scheduled to start on September 10 and will run Tuesday and Thursday evenings for four weeks. If you are interested in learning more about CERT or taking the course this fall email, cert@burlesontx.com.



C. GROUND-BASED MOSQUITO SPRAYING TO OCCUR THIS WEEKEND

The city of Burleson was notified that mosquitoes in **Zones 2, 3, 4, 9 and 23** tested positive for West Nile Virus. In response, the city will be conducting truck-based spraying. Weather permitting, spraying will occur sometime between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. on **Friday, July 26 and Monday, July 29.**

- [Zone 2 Map](#)
- [Zone 3 Map](#)
- [Zone 4 Map](#)
- [Zone 9 Map](#)
- [Zone 23 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 brings the city to 14 positives during the 2024 season. This is the third positive for Zone 3, the second positive for Zones 4 and 23, and the first positive for Zones 2 and 9 this year.

Why doesn't the city spray everywhere?

Preventive spraying is not as effective as targeted spraying in reducing mosquito populations. The city works closely with Tarrant County Public Health to monitor mosquito-borne illnesses that could impact public health and to make evidence-based decisions on how to treat mosquitoes most effectively while also working to reduce the chance of developing pesticide resistance in local mosquito populations.

Preventive spraying everywhere would be incredibly costly to the city, and if pesticide resistance were to develop, the city would lose one of its best tools for managing West Nile Virus, as not all mosquitoes carry the virus. It is also important to note that the city cannot legally spray outside of its jurisdiction.

Given these factors, the city opts for more targeted and strategic interventions rather than blanket spraying to manage the risk of West Nile Virus effectively. For additional information, please contact the city's Environmental Health Specialist, Kristen Tanz, at ktanz@burlesontx.com.

D. DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR TICKETS!

Cleburne Railroaders will host Burleson Animal Services as their charity spotlight for their game on August 21. For every ticket sold through this [link](#) or the QR code in the flyer, \$5 will be donated to the shelter.



E. LIBRARY NEWS & PROGRAMMING

SUMMER READING CLUB HIGHLIGHT:

Teen Star Box Craft

Last Saturday, July 20, the Summer Reading Club craft program for teens featured a creative and fun activity: making lucky star origami boxes. Lucky star origami is a charming paper-folding art that involves creating small, five-pointed stars from strips of paper. These stars are then assembled into a decorative box, perfect for storing small treasures or as a thoughtful handmade gift.



Community Art Challenge & Exhibit: Adventure Begins

Get ready to unleash your creativity with the library's Diorama Challenge. The community is invited to create miniature dioramas inspired by the theme "Adventure Begins." Whether it's a thrilling quest or a magical journey, let your imagination run wild. To help get you started, the library will provide an item to include in the project—just ask at the service desk for your free item. Bring your completed diorama to the library between July 29 and August 3, and your masterpiece will be displayed through the end of August.



Here are the guidelines for the diorama:

- The theme is "Adventure Begins."
- Dioramas must be 6x6 inches or smaller.
- Use any materials you like.
- Ensure the diorama is freestanding and everything is securely attached.
- Include a label on the back or bottom with name and contact information.

Summer Reading Club Sponsors

The Burleson Public Library's Summer Reading Club program has been an incredible success, and it's all thanks to the generous support of our wonderful sponsors. Their contributions have made a significant impact on our community, encouraging a love for reading and learning in our young participants.



A heartfelt thank you to:

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| Friends of the Burleson Public Library | Lost Oak Winery |
| Alley Cats | McDonald's |
| Black Bear Diner | Moretti's |
| Buff City Soap | Morgan's Ice Cream |
| Chick-fil-A | Pirate's Cove Waterpark |
| Chipotle | Premiere Cinemas |
| Dairy Queen | Raising Cane's |
| Dough Boy Donuts | Rosa's Cafe |
| Fort Worth Museum of Science and History | Splash Dayz |
| Half Price Books | Texas Rangers |
| Jurassic Zone | Torchy's Tacos |

Their support has provided readers with unforgettable experiences and exciting rewards, making this summer truly special.

F. SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMMING

Be sure to visit the Burleson Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, July 31 at 10 a.m. for trivia, sponsored by Joyce Spikes and MSA. Work your brain and test the limits of your memory with a chance to win prizes.

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.



G. PET OF THE WEEK

Thor, the Mighty Beagle Mix, is searching for his own realm to protect. With his boundless energy this one-year-old pup is ready to bring the thunder (and the cuddles).

Whether you're facing down a mountain of laundry or conquering the great outdoors, Thor is your ultimate sidekick. He's already mastered the art of puppy-dog eyes and is currently in training for world domination (of your heart).

His adoption fee has been waived and includes shots, microchipping, heartworm testing and neuter. The shelter is currently at capacity for dogs. If you are looking to adopt, please make them your first stop.

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.



H. FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

Three local girls set up a lemonade stand for a very special cause and raised \$165! They used the money to buy toys, crafts and fun activities to donate to Cook Children's Hospital Oncology and Hematology department. These donations bring so much joy to the children while they are inpatient. The girls' family has been on the receiving end and knows how important these gifts are. The girls do this yearly, and this marks their third year raising money for toys to donate. A big thank you to them and to those who have also mentioned dropping off new toys to donate. Your kindness makes a big difference. If you have a Feel Good Friday, email newsletter@burlesontx.com



I. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AT JULY 22 COUNCIL MEETING

Several proclamations and presentations were given during the July 22 city council meeting.





Marketing and Communications team honored for receiving eight state-wide awards.



Thor, a one-year-old Beagle mix, honored as adoptable pet of the quarter.



HAPPY JULY Birthday

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| Amanda Cadenhead | Shelby Homan |
| Darin Parle | Andrew Welch |
| DeAnna Phillips | Brock Pair |
| Jamie Harmon | Emma McCall |
| Janalea Hembree | Harlan Jefferson |
| Joe Byrom | Rose Lopez |
| Kim Peckler | Andrew Lester |
| Lisa Kay Edwards | Benjamin Meyer |
| Marah Aqqad | Bethany Smith |
| Marc Whitten | Braylon Hoffman |
| Niccole Crutchfield | Carly Duello |
| Pamela O'Hearn | Cassie Wallace |
| Tiffanie Gregory | Emma Camp |
| Tony Ozuna | Hannah McCurry |
| Travis Alexander | Jermaine Durham |
| Wanda Bullard | Jonathan White |
| Blake Dunham | Kaylee Bishop |
| Bobby Dunn | Kylee Sherber |
| Braxton Galbreath | Luke Birdwell |
| Charlie Deleon | Maddux Mahanay |
| Connor Johnson | Maribel Valladares |
| Dylan Whitehead | Neph Ruiz |
| Hayleigh Pennington | Nick Grace |
| Jaylin Brown | Randy Tucker |
| Kelsey Hutchins | Richard Dodson |
| Madison Marston | Cody Austin |
| Eric Mills | Tommy De La Rosa |
| Journey Curs | Trenton Gibson |
| Pamela Calzada | Trinity Hathaway |
| Ronan Brinkman | TJ Arthur |

HAPPY *Anniversary*

A congratulations to all of the employees who are celebrating work anniversaries in July

22 Years

Don Adams (July 29)

17 Years

Eddie Limon (July 10)

15 Years

Amanda Cadenhead (July 20)

14 Years

Jonathan Gomez (July 19)

11 Years

Carrie Chavez (July 15)

9 Years

Rogann Wood (July 6)

7 Years

Brennan Jones (July 10)

Julian Munoz (July 24)

6 Years

Stephanie Beard (July 31)

5 Years

Kristen Wingard (July 3)

Sean Stone (July 8)

3 Years

Lauren Seay (July 19)

2 Years

Jeremiah Payne (July 6)

Toni Wing-Jenkins (July 14)

Ashley Manning (July 25)

1 Year

Tyler Reynolds (July 3)

Jason Powell (July 24)

Yang Jin (July 24)

Bailey Campbell (July 31)

Jerrah Mabry (July 31)

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
Meadowcrest Park	The project received council approval on Monday, July 22. The playground ordering process is currently underway. Upon order completion, the estimated production time is 12 weeks.	Anticipated completion - December 2024
Cedar Ridge Park	Project approved/awarded at February 20 city council meeting. Construction began on 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

- **NATIONAL PARK AND RECREATION MONTH: BTX BIKE RIDE ALONG**

July 27, 8 a.m.

Chisenhall Fields, 500 W Hidden Creek Pkwy

Free event

- **BURLESON FARMERS MARKET**

July 27, 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**

August 3, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza in Old Town, 141 W Renfro St

Free entry, items for purchase

- **K9 SONIC IS TURNING 5**

August 9, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Burleson Animal Shelter, 775 SE John Jones Dr

Free event, donations to Burleson Animal Services welcomed

VI. ATTACHMENTS

- Park Board June 13 Meeting Summary.....page 15-17



Park Board Meeting Summary

Thursday, June 13, 2024
6:00 PM

City Hall 141 W Renfro
Burleson, TX 76028

1. **CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM** Sherry Scott called meeting to order at 6:02 PM
All present, Lindsey Cobb, Matthew Quinn, Michael Massey, and Ashli Logan

2. **GENERAL**

A. Consider approval of the minutes from the February 15, 2024, Park Board meeting. (*Staff Contact: Bailey Campbell, Senior Administrative Specialist*)

- Sherry Scott made a motion to table until next time due to not having a quorum to approve that. Corrections also need to be made to items 2C, D, and E. Shannan Sutter seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 5-0. Absent Lindsey Cobb, Matthew Quinn, Michael Massey, Ashli Logan

B. Consider approval of the minutes from the June 13, 2024 Park Board meeting. (*Staff Contact: Bailey Campbell, Senior Administrative Specialist*)

- Shannan Sutter made a motion to approve the item. Tyler Knox seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 5-0. Absent Lindsey Cobb, Matthew Quinn, Michael Massey, Ashli Logan.

C. Consider recommending approval of a contract with Kimley-Horn for the design of Green Ribbon improvements along Northwest Wilshire Blvd in the amount of \$90,000. (Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)

****The following questions and answers are paraphrased and not direct quotes.***

Q: Do we have a picture of what it currently looks like? Is it going to be bigger?

A: The footprint is not going to change, but it will look different. It is lacking in

aesthetic and also e-carbon.

Q: Did you say the previous one had too much decomposed materials?

A: We weren't being awarded the grant because the grants purpose is "green" and the previous designs were heavy on the hardscape and not green scape. So we asked for additional feedback and this was the feedback they gave.

Tyler Knox motioned to approve the recommendation. Shannan Sutter seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0. Absent Lindsey Cobb, Matthew Quinn, Michael Massey, Ashli Logan.

3. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff feedback regarding the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan (Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)

**The following questions and answers are paraphrased and not direct quotes.*

Q: Where will the softball complex relocation will be?

A: There will be more details on this next month. We will have to determine if we want to invest more money into it or utilize the property in a different manner.

Q: Are there plans for that existing real estate? I'm wondering why we would need to move the softball fields if there is already real estate for the fields.

A: It would not be park land moving forward. It would have a different use.

Q: Can you explain the process of moving the fields?

A: This will be a bigger conversation for a different meeting. Step one would be design and bring the design to the community. If the community is comfortable with it, then we would have to vote on it.

Q: Is it going to be a problem to wait two years to fix the water and well situation? I don't want the situation to get worse and end up costing more money.

A: We are continually replacing irrigation systems and replacing sprinkler heads every year and adding different zones. It's not lack of ability to water, its lack of water there to water those areas.

B. Receive the June 2024 Department Update Presentation (Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)

**The following questions and answers are paraphrased and not direct quotes.*

Jen Basham reviewed department programs, events and revenues for the month of June 2024.

Q: For Oak Valley South, there used to be a “no mow” area there, will that come back?

A: Yes.

Q: Is there an opportunity to put a picnic table or benches back there?

A: We can put that on our work list.

C. Parks and Recreation Programming Calendar.

A paper copy of the programming calendar was given to the board members.

4. BOARD REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OR REPORTS

None.

5. ADJOURN: 6:48 P.M.

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