



WEEKLY REPORT

SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: TOMMY LUDWIG, CITY MANAGER

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I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, 5:30 P.M.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction on updates to the FY 2024-2025 Health Fund and benefit plan changes for 2025. *(Staff Contact: Cheryl Marthiljohni, Director of Human Resources)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide feedback regarding the Johnson County Bond Program. *(Contact: Jennifer VanderLaan, Director, Johnson County Public Works)*

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 BETWEEN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

The city of Burleson was notified that mosquitoes in **Zones 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 22, 23, & 33 tested positive for West Nile Virus**. In response, the city will conduct **two nights** of ground-based spraying for mosquitoes in this zone **between Friday, September 6 through Monday, September 9**, between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., weather permitting. The ground spraying will be performed by trucks equipped with sprayers in targeted subdivisions within the designated spray zones.

- Positive West Nile Virus Zones as of 9/5/2024.
- Mosquito Spray Zone 3 Map (sixth positive this year)
- Mosquito Spray Zone 6 Map (third positive this year)
- Mosquito Spray Zone 7 Map (third positive this year)
- Mosquito Spray Zone 8 Map (sixth positive this year)
- Mosquito Spray Zone 10 Map (fourth positive this year)
- Mosquito Spray Zone 12 Map (third positive this year)
- Mosquito Spray Zone 22 Map (sixth positive this year)

- [Mosquito Spray Zone 23 Map](#) (fifth positive this year)
- [Mosquito Spray Zone 33 Map](#) (fourth positive this year)

[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 64 positives during the 2024 season.

B. MERITORIOUS AWARD RECIPIENT

Please help us congratulate one of our most recent meritorious award recipients, Katie Brown. Read excerpts from Katie's meritorious service letters below.

It is with great honor that I present this letter of meritorious service to you for the outstanding dedication and willingness to step up and assist beyond the requirements of your position. You have consistently gone above and beyond in your service on the Employee Events Committee.

Last year, you willingly took on leading the committee's biggest event while the HR department was short staffed and focused on the new HR and Payroll system implementation. You've continued to actively contribute at a high level with each event following. You were instrumental in the T-Shirt order and distribution for Public Service Appreciation making the event even more special. You were also the champion behind an amazing Summer event by suggesting and finding a snow cone vendor that was within the same budget as the past Summers where we handed out store bought frozen treats. Your voice on the committee and hands on work elevates our events.



Your positive attitude and collaborative spirit have had a significant impact on the HR department, committee and our employees. You keep employees' needs in focus to ensure what we do honors their work and contributions. Likewise, you deserve to be honored for your work and contributions. You example "BTX Belong!"

C. 105.3 THE FAN TO BROADCAST FROM FIRE STATION 1

On Friday, September 13, from 6-10:00 a.m., 105.3 The Fan will be broadcasting their morning show live from Fire Station 1. Come out and enjoy free food, giveaways, and the chance to connect with our community. They'll also be highlighting the fire department's upcoming CPR and Stop the Bleed classes during the show. Be sure to tune in or stop by!

D. LIBRARY NEWS & PROGRAMMING

Library Receives \$2,500 Texas Book Festival Grant

The Burleson Public Library has been awarded a \$2,500 Collections Enhancement Grant from the Texas Book Festival. This generous grant will allow staff to expand the library's collection with a new set of VOX books for children. VOX books are an innovative format that combines a print book with a built-in audio reader, making it easy for young readers to listen to and follow along with the story.



The Texas Book Festival has supported public libraries across the state since 1995, providing grants to help enhance library collections and promote literacy in communities. Their funding comes from book sales during the Texas Book Festival weekend and generous donations from supporters. To date, more than 640 libraries have received grants totaling over \$3.6 million.

Play and Learn Workshop

Tuesdays, September 10 to October 8, 10-11:30 a.m.

Play, learn and grow with your toddler (12-36 months) in an informal setting with other parents and toddlers. Children should be between 12 and 36 months at the time of the program. Siblings under the age of 5 may attend with their sibling and parent(s) or caregiver.



Teen Art Club

Friday, September 13, 2-4 p.m.

Homeschool teens can join the Burleson Public Library for art club. Staff will teach a new technique or medium and work on projects. Teens can also use art materials to work on their own creative endeavors.



E. SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMMING

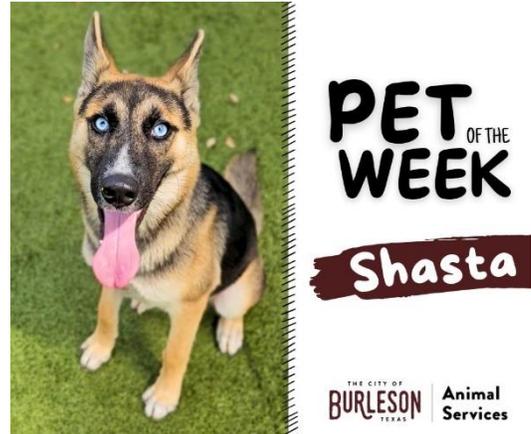
The Burleson Senior Activity Center will host its annual Western Day celebration on Wednesday, September 11. Attendees are encouraged to dress up for a chance to win a prize. The event schedule includes an outfit contest at 11:15 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m., and live music by Ron Wallace at 11:45 a.m.



For those interested in learning more about the center's offerings, tours are available. The Senior Activity Center, located at 216 SW Johnson Avenue, is open to individuals aged 50 and up.

F. PET OF THE WEEK

Take a look at Burleson Animal Shelter's beautiful Pet of the Week. Shasta is an eight-month-old German Shepherd mix with captivating icy blue eyes. This stunning pup is full of energy and loves to play.



Shasta would be a great fit for:

- Active families with children who can provide plenty of exercise and attention.
- Experienced dog owners who are committed to training and socialization.

Her adoption fee has been waived and includes shots, microchipping, heartworm testing, and spay.

Want to check out the adoptable animals at the shelter? 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.

G. FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

Meet Zaylee Boyer, an 11-year-old from Burleson who's making her mark. Zaylee, who is in 6th grade at Hughes Middle School, has spent the past two summers participating in the National American Miss pageant, which focuses on building confidence. Through community involvement, personal introductions, interviews (including creating her own resume), and formal wear, Zaylee has shined brightly.

This past summer, she was crowned the 2024 National American Miss Texas Pre-Teen Cover

Girl. And this Thanksgiving, she's headed to Nationals in Orlando, Florida, where



she will proudly represent Burleson as a city queen for the National All-American Miss title.

Zaylee's journey has not only earned her titles but has also boosted her confidence in incredible ways. We can't wait to see her continue to shine!

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





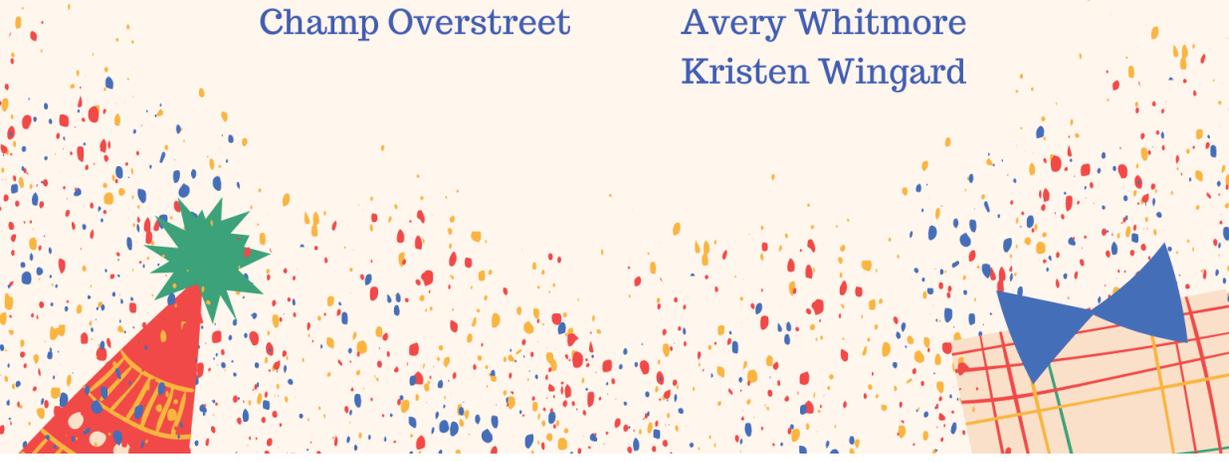
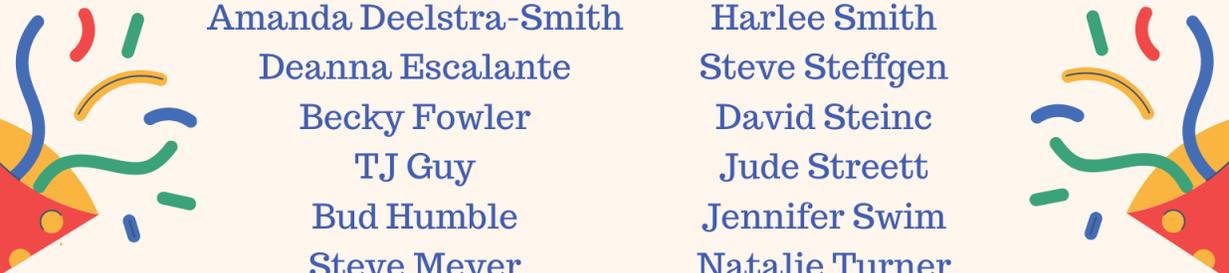
HAPPY SEPTEMBER Birthday



Maiya Agyapong
Alexie Arthur
Lezlie Birdwell
Travis Brown
Gabriel Bustillos
Taylor Cox

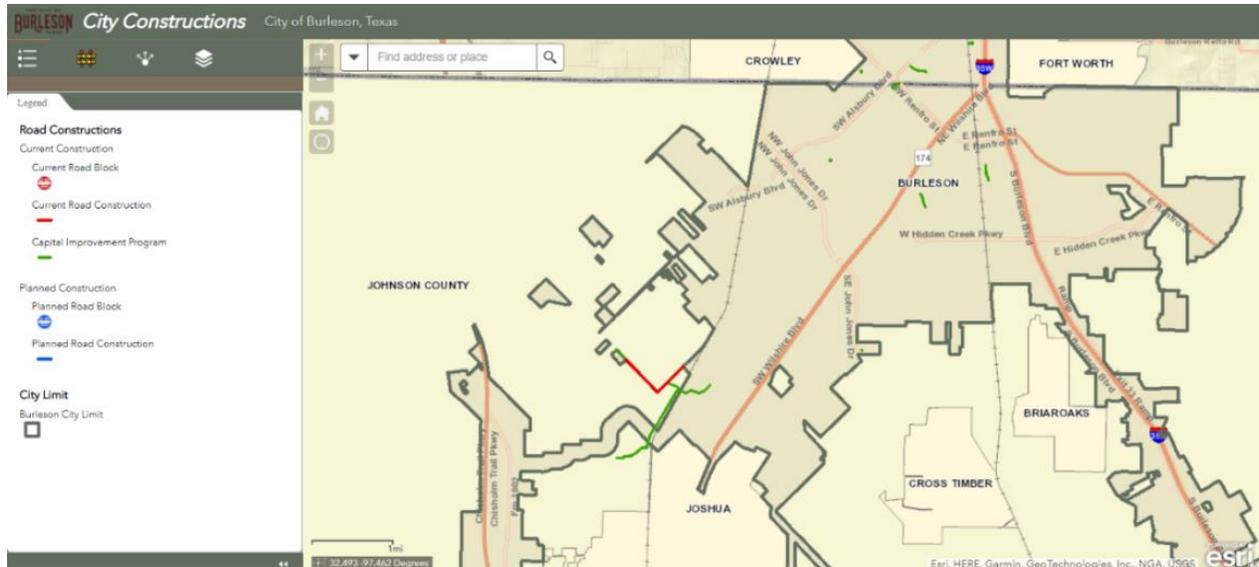
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Deanna Escalante
Becky Fowler
TJ Guy
Bud Humble
Steve Meyer
Champ Overstreet

Madilyn Perry
London Pulfer
Luis Rivera-Lebron
Emilio Sanchez
Daniel Shafer
Chris Smith
Harlee Smith
Steve Steffgen
David Steinc
Jude Streett
Jennifer Swim
Natalie Turner
Avery Whitmore
Kristen Wingard



III. UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION/CLOSURES

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



IV. PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS

| PROJECT | STATUS | TIMELINE |
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| Chisenhall Synthetic Infields Phase 2 (7 fields) | Construction in progress (began May 28, 2024) | Anticipated completion – September 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 |
| 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 early September 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; City Council construction award review is set for September 9. Park board reviewed and recommended project on August 15. |

V. EVENTS

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

- **BTX BEST FEST**
September 1 – 30
Participating restaurants in town
Vote for your favorite state-fair inspired dish
- **BURLESON FARMERS MARKET**
September 7, 14, & 28, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro Street
Free entry, items for purchase
- **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR 2024**
September 7, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Burleson Recreation Center (Brick), 550 SW Summercrest Blvd
Free event
- **SILVER MEDALIST CONNER PRINCE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**
September 7, 4 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza in Old Town, 141 W Renfro St
Free event
- **BTX BEATS**
September 7, first band starts at 4:30 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza in Old Town, 141 W Renfro St
Free event
- **TRASH BASH**
September 14, 8 a.m. - noon
Warren Park, 301 SW Johnson Ave
Free event, registration required
- **BURLESON FARMERS MARKET: DATE NIGHT**
September 20, 5-9 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro Street
Free entry, items for purchase

- **BE HEALTHY BURLESON ANNUAL RUN**
September 21, 8 a.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza in Old Town, 141 W Renfro St
Registration fees vary depending on race
- **ZUMBA LATIN NIGHTS IN THE PLAZA**
September 25, 7-8 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza in Old Town, 141 W Renfro St
Free event
- **HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL**
September 28, 5-9 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza in Old Town, 141 W Renfro St
Free event
- **BURLESON FARMERS MARKET: DATE NIGHT**
October 4, 5-9 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro Street
Free entry, items for purchase
- **DOGS AND DONUTS: HALLOWEEN EDITION**
October 5, 9:30-11 a.m.
Burleson Bark Park, 616 Memorial Plaza
Free event
- **FALL FEST AT THE FARM**
October 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714
Free event
- **ZUMBA LATIN NIGHTS IN THE PLAZA**
October 9, 7-8 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza in Old Town, 141 W Renfro St
Free event
- **FOUNDER'S DAY**
October 12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza in Old Town, 141 W Renfro St
Free entry

- **BOO BASH FESTIVAL**
October 19, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Chisenhall Sports Complex, 500 W Hidden Creek Pkwy
Free entry

VI. ATTACHMENTS

- Citizens Public Art Committee August 28 Meeting Summary.....page 12-13

Citizens Public Art Committee
Meeting Summary
August 28, 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting began at 6:03 PM. All members were present.

2. **CITIZEN APPEARANCES**

None.

3. **GENERAL**

None.

4. **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff feedback regarding a public art master plan. (Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)

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

Q: Do the candidates have to be from Burleson?

A: Preferably Burleson, but we can expand the radius if we need to.

Q: Who is our target?

A: Everyone. Kids, adults, grandparents. Whatever the masterplan is needs to be representative of the whole.

Q: What would be the deadline for getting the list of artists for a direct selection?

A: We would need to have an artist selected by the final week of September so the artist can have a full four weeks to plan their concept.

Q: Will the artist we select be at the events presenting their idea to the public?

A: The goal is for them to engage with the art at the event. There needs to be an interactive component.

Q: Does the committee think short listing artists for Design Local to review is the route you would like to go?

A: Yes. I think this would give us more options compared to doing an open call.

Q: Is a week an appropriate amount of time for you all to feel comfortable contacting people and providing a list?

A: Yes we can aim to have the list done by September 9.

Q: What are key locations for public art placement in Burleson?

A: Roundabouts, utility boxes at stop lights, and places where people wait (restaurants, patios, libraries, Russell Farm, school districts, entrances to neighborhoods, walking spaces, etc.)

COMMITTEE REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OR REPORTS

Next meeting—Monday September 16, 2024. This meeting will be a meeting to review the list of candidates for the art project.

6. **ADJOURN:** 7:24 PM

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