

# OLD TOWN *Picture Show*



## WEEKLY REPORT

NOVEMBER 15, 2024

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: TOMMY LUDWIG, CITY MANAGER

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## **I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE**

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, 5:30 P.M.**

#### **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction on the purchase of two ambulances. *(Staff Contact: Casey Davis, Fire Chief)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff feedback on a proposed egret deterrent program. *(Staff contact: DeAnna Phillips, Director of Community Services)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction regarding the impact of the Tarrant Appraisal District (TAD) and Central Appraisal District of Johnson County's Reappraisal Plans for 2025-2026. *(Staff Contact: Harlan Jefferson, Deputy City Manager)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide direction regarding Stormwater and Street Maintenance Fees. *(Staff Contact: Harlan Jefferson, Deputy City Manager)*

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. SUBMIT PHOTOS FOR ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

The employee event committee is creating a slideshow for the annual holiday luncheon and would like employees to submit photos of themselves and their coworkers in action throughout 2024. Photos can be emailed to [snichols@burlesontx.com](mailto:snichols@burlesontx.com).

The annual holiday luncheon will be held on December 11, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at First Baptist Burleson, 317 W Ellison St.

## **B. BPD ANNOUNCES PROMOTIONS**

The Burleson Police Department announced the promotions of four dedicated and hardworking officers this week. These outstanding officers have gone above and beyond in their service to our community, and we are excited to celebrate their achievements and dedication as they step into their new roles.



*Pictured L to R: Sgt. Jonathan White, Sgt. Colby Smith, Lt. Brandon Glass & Lt. Brian O'Heren*

- Lieutenant Brian O'Heren: With a remarkable 30-year career, Lt. O'Heren has served in various capacities, including Traffic Unit Supervisor and Crash Investigation Program Coordinator. His dedication to keeping our roads safe and mentoring future leaders has been invaluable.
- Lieutenant Brandon Glass: With over a decade of service, Lt. Glass has managed our fleet and special projects with precision. A recent graduate of TCU's Executive Leadership Development program, he's ready to lead and innovate for the future.
- Sergeant Jonathan White: Joining BPD in 2016 from Washington, D.C., Sgt. White has served as a Mental Health Liaison and earned the Medal of Valor for his courage and commitment to the community. His compassion and leadership continue to inspire us all.
- Sergeant Colby Smith: A lifelong part of BPD, Sgt. Smith's journey started as an Explorer at 15 years old. Now, with years of patrol and detective experience, he brings his passion and expertise to his new role as a sergeant.

## **C. ROAD IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED BY PUBLIC WORKS**

Parts of Hidden Vistas Blvd, between Hidden Creek Pkwy and Big Horn Dr, were in a failing state, leading to rough travel conditions.

In an effort to reduce costs and stretch limited street repair funding, Public Works Streets Division staff performed saw-cutting, demolition of the old pavement and traffic control, while a contractor completed the new pavement.

The section of roadway was closed to traffic on October 25. Once the paving was completed and the new concrete cured sufficiently, the roadway was reopened on November 8, as scheduled. Public Works Traffic Maintenance staff followed with temporary centerline striping tabs until more permanent centerline buttons were installed on November 13. We are thankful for the staff and their daily contributions to core services and to the neighborhoods served by this roadway for their patience and cooperation with the detour put in place during the project to shorten the overall project length.

The next planned locations for street repairs are along Alsbury Blvd and Newton St.

Below are in-progress pictures of the roadway.



## D. LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

### Government Assistance Enrollment Help

Wednesday, November 20, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Wednesday, December 4, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

If you or someone you know needs help applying for government assistance, join us at the library for Government Assistance Enrollment Help. Knowledgeable staff will be on hand to help with applications for SNAP, Medicaid, CHIP, Healthy Texas Women and TANF benefits. No registration is required—just stop by. We're here to support you and make the enrollment process easier.

## GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE ENROLLMENT HELP

3rd Wednesday in November  
and  
1st and 3rd Wednesdays in December

\*\*\*ID required to sign up for benefits\*\*\*

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance applying for **SNAP, MEDICAID, CHIP, HEALTHY TEXAS WOMAN, or TANF** benefits, someone will be available to help:

Wednesdays, November 20  
and  
Wednesdays, December 4 and 18  
@ 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
at the Burleson Library




## E. SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMMING

On Friday, November 8, the Senior Center held its first annual Veterans Day Tribute. Coordinator Kitty Green gave a speech about what Veterans Day meant to her, everyone sang the national anthem, then took pictures and ate snacks. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to thank our veterans for their service.



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

This week, the Burleson Animal Shelter is shining a spotlight on Tank, a sweet and loving nine-year-old Labrador Retriever and Pit Bull mix.

Senior dogs are often overlooked, but they make amazing companions. They're typically calm, already housetrained and just looking for a cozy lap to cuddle on.

If you're looking for a loyal and loving friend, consider adopting a senior pet like Tank. His adoption fee is waived and includes shots, microchipping and heartworm testing.

Want to check out the adoptable animals at the shelter? See all available pets here: [burlesontx.com/adopt](https://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

Matthew, a participant from the Center for ASD, had a dream come true when he got to set off the test siren at Fire Station 16. With help from Emergency Operations Manager Joe Laster and CERT Manager Griselda Finestead, Matthew enjoyed a special tour, explored the fire engines, and chatted with firefighters. It was an unforgettable day for Matthew and his family.

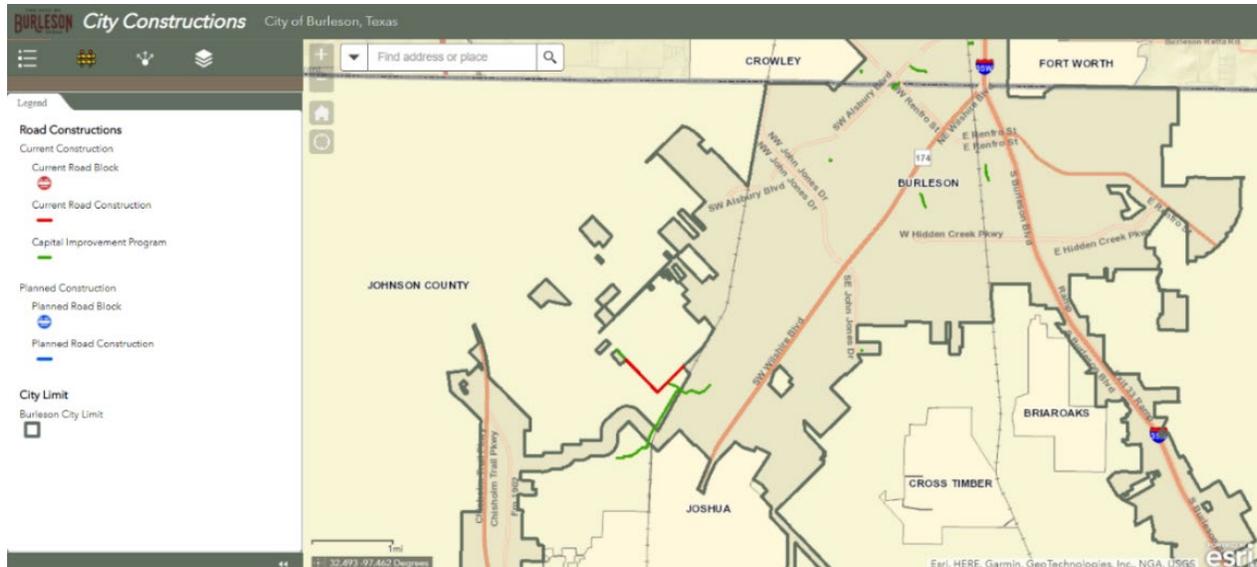


### H. BURLESON HERITAGE FOUNDATION

The Burleson Heritage Museum and Visitors Center hosted **342** visitors from seven states during the month of October. 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.

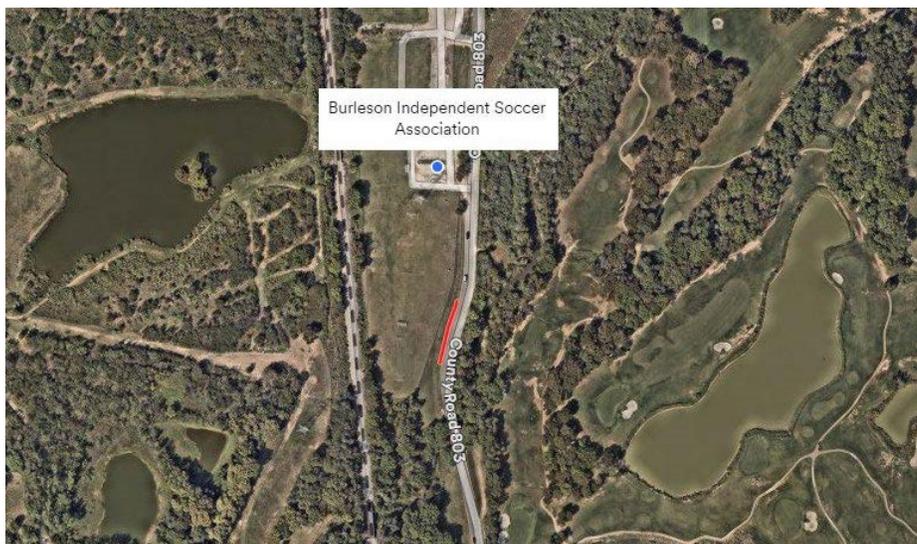
### III. UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION/CLOSURES

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



#### **GUARDRAIL REPAIR AND EXTENSION ON S DOBSON ST**

A contractor for Public Works, Vann Elli, Inc., will be performing work to repair and extend the guardrail along S. Dobson St, north of Hidden Creek on Saturday, November 16. The southbound lane will be closed during this time, with flaggers positioned at both ends to assist with traffic flow. The work is expected to take most of the day and be completed by Saturday evening.



#### IV. PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS

PROJECT	STATUS	TIMELINE
<b>Meadowcrest Park</b>	Construction in progress	Anticipated completion - December 2024
<b>Oak Valley South – Scott Street Trailhead Improvement</b>	Construction in progress	Anticipated completion – December 2024
<b>BRiCk Renovation</b>	Equipment package approved on September 9, 2024. Interior Renovation & Pool Resurface approved on October 21, 2024.	November 2024 – Lobby Renovation construction start August 2025 – Pool Renovation construction start September 2025 - HVAC construction start

#### V. EVENTS

Event information can be found at [www.burlesontx.com/events](http://www.burlesontx.com/events)

- **RUSSELL FARM COOKING SOCIAL**  
November 16, 5-8 p.m.  
Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714  
\$55 per person
- **OLD TOWN PICTURE SHOW**  
November 16, 6-8 p.m.  
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza in Old Town, 141 W Renfro St  
Free entry
- **SANTA’S BREAKFAST**  
December 7, 7-11 a.m.  
Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714  
Children (Ages 3-12): \$5  
Adults (13 & up): \$7  
Children under 2 years are free

- **CHRISTMAS AT THE LIBRARY**  
December 7, 9 a.m. - Noon  
Burleson Public Library, 248 SW Johnson Ave.  
Free event
- **BTX-MAS: CHRISTMAS IN BURLESON**  
December 7, 6-9 p.m.  
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza in Old Town, 141 W Renfro St  
Free entry
- **NIGHTS OF LIGHTS**  
December 11-14, 6-8 p.m.  
Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714  
Free event
- **CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR**  
December 14, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Burleson Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Ave.  
Free entry, items for purchase
- **CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM**  
December 14, 3-6 p.m.  
Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714  
Free event

## **VI. ATTACHMENTS**

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## Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Summary

Tuesday, November 12, 2024  
6:00 PM

City Hall - 141 W Renfro  
Burleson, TX 76028

On Tuesday November 12, 2024, the Planning and Zoning Commission met for its regularly scheduled meeting at 6 p.m. The Commission had eight members in attendance and the following items were discussed and acted on:

- Consent Agenda items:
  - Approval of the minutes from the October 15, 2024, meeting.
  - Approval of a Final Plat for Mountain Valley Lake, Tract B.
  - Approval of a Final Plat for Davenport Mitchell Addition.
  - Approval of a Final Plat for Gene Harris Addition.
  - 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 8-0.
- Public Hearings:
  - Hold a public hearing and consider a recommendation of approval of an ordinance for a zoning change request from “A” Agriculture to “GR” General Retail, (Case 24-297).
    - Staff presented the request and entertained questions from the Commission.
    - Commissioner Hadley inquired about the proposed QT and if it was going to be a standard store or a truck stop store. Staff informed him that it will be a typical size QT and not a QT truck stop size.
    - There was a motion and a second made to approve the zoning change request and there was no discussion; motion passed with a vote of 8-0.
  - Hold a public hearing and consider a recommendation of approval of an ordinance for a zoning change request from “A” Agriculture to “PD” Planned Development, (Case 23-370).
    - Staff presented the request and entertained questions from the Commission.
    - Mr. Rob Orr from the audience, spoke on behalf of the ownership group on the recent history on the property and the current proposal and the current state of the real estate market.
    - Mr. Larry Miller from the audience, spoke on behalf of the developer in support of the proposal and the requested zoning change.
    - Commissioner Taylor inquired about the timing of the commercial sites and the landscaping prior to the commercial development. Mr. Miller informed him that landscaping will be put in and maintained by the property owner's association.
    - Commissioner Hadley inquired about the density, open space and the two entryways. Mr. Miller informed him that density is in the 11 units per acre and that the entrances are being designed by the transportation engineers to meet the TXDOT requirements.

- Mr. Bruce Butler from the audience, spoke in opposition to the proposed zoning change. Mr. Miller responded to the opposition, speaking to the allowed commercial would allow over 400k square feet of retail and the traffic that would come with that amount of construction.
    - Commissioner Kurmes inquired about the desire of the Comprehensive Plan and how the proposal would meet the requirements of the plan. Staff informed the Commission that the Comprehensive Plan is the guide that staff uses to make a recommendation to approve or deny a proposal.
    - Commissioner Taylor inquired about the partial compliance with the Comprehensive Plan and how staff has determined its compliance or non-compliance. Staff informed him that the retail component of the proposal meets the plans requirements, and that staff had recommended a phasing approach to the residential component of the proposal that is not in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.
    - Commissioner Janusch stated he wanted to see more detail and a phasing plan for the proposal.
    - Commissioner Hadley stated that he would like the report to City Council reflect that his is opposed to the proposal due to density, the alignment of the entrances and the lack of open space.
    - Commissioner Kurmes inquired about tabling the item and allowing the applicant to adjust the proposal from the feedback they heard from the Commission. Staff informed the Commission that it would be up to the applicant if they would like to request a continuance.
    - Mrs. Mary Lou Butler from the audience, spoke in opposition to the proposal due to the amount of traffic.
    - There was a motion and a second made to deny the zoning change request and there was no discussion; motion passed with a vote of 5-3.
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  - Hold a public hearing and consider a recommendation of approval of an ordinance for a zoning change request from “A” Agriculture to “GR” General Retail, (Case 24-316).
    - 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 vote of 8-0.
- Reports and Presentations:
    - None
  - Community Interest Items:
    - None
  - Adjournment
    - With no further business items, Chairman Tune adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.