



Friends of the Library Craft Fair - March 8

WEEKLY REPORT

MARCH 7, 2025

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

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I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MARCH 24

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

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction on the Dobson Street Safety Study. *(Staff Contact: Michelle McCullough, Development Services Deputy Director/City Engineer)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction regarding the city's Capital Improvement Program. *(Staff Contact: Randy Morrison, P.E., Director of Capital Engineering)*

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. RUSSELL FARM ART CENTER MAP GOES TO TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION

A historic 1873 Ross' *New Connected County & Railroad Map of Texas and Indian Territory*, originally housed at Burleson's Russell Farm Art Center, has officially joined the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) collection.

The map, part of a larger collection of historical materials preserved at Russell Farm, highlights the rich heritage of the area. Russell Farm Art



Center, a historic homestead founded in 1877 and donated to the city of Burleson in 2012, is a cultural landmark that offers a glimpse into Burleson's past.

Charlsa Bentley, whose family donated the farm to the city and also serves as a member of the Russell Farm oversight committee, facilitated the donation and recently visited TSLAC's digitization lab, where the map will be preserved and made accessible to the public through digital archives.



A link to the digitized map will be shared once it becomes available. In the meantime, residents and visitors are encouraged to visit Russell Farm Art Center, open Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., to explore exhibits and learn more about Burleson's history.

B. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HOSTS TWO-DAY TRAINING

Last week the Office of Emergency Management hosted MGT 346 Emergency Operations Center Operations and Planning for All-Hazards. Delivered by the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, the course provided personnel with essential training on how to effectively operate and manage an emergency operations center during large-scale incidents.

The two-day, 16-hour course is designed for emergency responders and personnel from various disciplines, including law enforcement, fire service, emergency medical services, public safety communications and government administration. The training covers critical topics such as resource management, information coordination, EOC organizational models and developing an EOC action plan.

As the city continues to strengthen its emergency preparedness, hosting this course again in the future and expanding participation to additional staff will be crucial. Increasing the number of trained personnel will enhance the city's ability

to coordinate disaster response effectively and ensure seamless EOC operations during emergencies. Since the course is fully funded by a Department of Homeland Security grant, it remains a cost-effective way to bolster the city's preparedness efforts.

Investing in ongoing training opportunities like this ensures Burleson remains proactive, resilient and well-equipped to handle any emergency situation.



C. PARKS WINTER WORK SEASON UPDATE

The parks and athletics maintenance team is wrapping up the winter work season, with 165 of 228 tasks completed – an increase from last year’s 109 completed tasks. These projects are essential for preserving park infrastructure, enhancing playability, and ensuring facilities are ready for the busy spring season. Final tasks are on track for completion in the coming weeks.



PARK OPERATIONS: WINTER WORK HIGHLIGHTS (165 OF 228 TASK COMPLETED)

D. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS



City Council proclaimed March 12, 2025 as “Procurement Professionals’ Day” during the March 3 City Council Meeting.



City Council recognized the library for receiving the 2024 Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award during the March 3 City Council Meeting.

E. LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

Pi-K: A Sweet Run for Pi Day Friday, March 14, 6 p.m.

The Burleson Public Library will host its annual Pi-Day Pi-K at the BRiCk, 550 NW Summercrest Blvd. Participants will meet behind the BRiCk to run or walk 3.14 kilometers in honor of Pi Day. All participants will get to celebrate with a slice of pie at the finish line. This event is free and open to all ages.



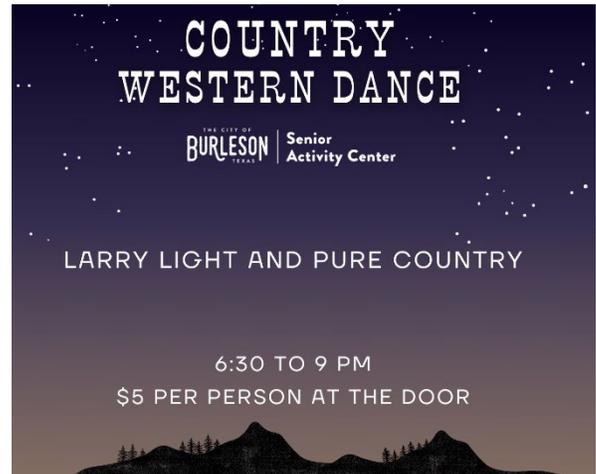
F. SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMMING

March Country Dance

Friday, March 14, 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Burleson Senior Activity Center is bringing back fan favorite Larry Light and Pure Country for an evening of fantastic music, dancing, and meeting friends old and new. Admission is \$5 per participant. A raffle benefitting the senior center will be held and snacks are provided by Angie Templin.

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



G. PARKS MOWING SEASON TO BEGIN SOON

With warmer weather approaching, parks crews are preparing to begin mowing Burleson's parks, medians and rights-of-way (ROWs) to keep them well-maintained and visually appealing.

Mowing Schedule:

- City Parks, Facilities & High-Traffic ROWs – Mowed every 7 days for optimal appearance and usability
- Lower-Traffic ROWs – Mowed every 14 days to balance maintenance needs and efficiency
- County Roads & Low-Visibility ROWs – Mowed monthly to manage vegetation growth while conserving resources
- Drainage Channels – Mowed every 6-7 weeks to balance vegetation control, drainage efficiency and resource management



These efforts help ensure our public spaces remain clean, safe, and visually appealing throughout the season.

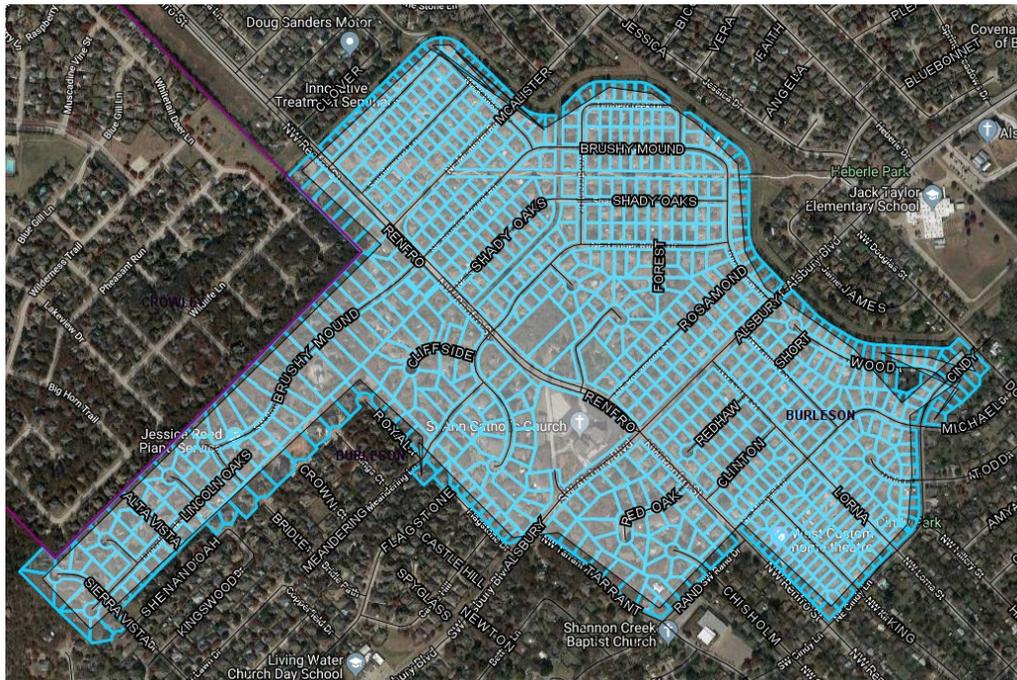
H. EGRET OUTREACH, EDUCATION AND PREVENTION METHODS

Below is weekly information in regards to egret sightings and prevention methods as well as any outreach or education that has occurred.

Date & Time of Sighting	Location	Follow-Up Actions by Animal Control
03.05.2025 6 p.m.	Shady Oaks	<p>Officer patrolled the area at 6:30 p.m. on March 5, no birds were seen.</p> <p>ACO officer followed back up at 8:58 a.m. on March 6, 2025 at 116 Shady Oaks. Officer left a notice for the resident informing them of their visit and that free deterrent kits are available.</p>

Proactive Egret Patrol and Education by Animal Control Officers

- Animal control officers began proactive patrol of the area highlighted in blue on the map starting Feb. 4, 2025.
- Over 700 educational flyers were distributed, with the help of Citizens on Patrol from February 18 – 28 to the homes in the highlighted area of the map below.



Community Outreach and Marketing

- March 4: A Facebook post was made in the Shady Oaks Facebook group, informing them of the first egret sighting in their area, encouraging the residents to deter the birds and linking to the city's egret education page:
www.burlesontx.com/egrets
- March 4: [Nextdoor](#) post published.
- March 5: [Facebook](#) and Instagram post made on the city's social media page.
- March 5: BTX Alert message sent to the residents that are signed up for service in Everbridge and live within the blue highlighted area of the map above.
- March 6: [Facebook](#) and Instagram post made on the Burleson Animal Shelter pages.
- March 7: Information about the egret sighting placed in the city's weekly e-newsletter.



I. FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

A huge congratulations to Burleson Fire Chief Casey Davis on receiving the Byron Black Character Award at the Character Council Luncheon.

This award honors individuals who show unwavering commitment to the Burleson community, believe in and support the City of



Burleson's character initiative, and exhibit strong character in both their public and private lives.

Chief Davis embodies all of these qualities, and we can't think of anyone more deserving. Congratulations, Chief!

III. UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION/CLOSURES

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



Street Maintenance Report by Public Works

For the past six weeks, a contractor for the streets division has been addressing areas of critical failure along Hidden Creek Parkway. Work at Hidden Creek Parkway and Lisa Street was completed during the first week of February. Repairs near Kerr Middle School began shortly after and are expected to be completed by mid-March.

During Construction:



Completed:



IV. PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS

PROJECT	STATUS	TIMELINE
Oak Valley South – Scott Street Trailhead Improvement	Primarily completed (95%)	Anticipated completion: end of day on March 7, 2025
Chisenhall Turf Conversion (7 fields)	Construction in progress	Anticipated completion: March 14, 2025 (Ribbon cutting TBA)
Centennial Park	Construction in progress	Anticipated completion: Ribbon cutting scheduled: March 26, 2025 - 6PM
Parks Master Plan	Engagement	Anticipated completion: June 2025
Shannon Creek	Design / Bidding Goal	March 2025
Green Ribbon	Finalizing design in coordination with TxDOT	Anticipated completion: May 2025
Community Park	Design	Ongoing

<p>BRiCk Renovation</p>	<p>Equipment package approved on September 9, 2024.</p> <p>Interior Renovation & Pool Resurface approved on October 21, 2024.</p>	<p>November 2024 – Lobby Renovation construction started</p> <p>August 2025 – Pool Renovation construction start</p> <p>September 2025 - HVAC construction start</p>
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Parks Capital Projects: Progress Photos



CENTENNIAL PARK



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SCOTT STREET TRAILHEAD



CHISENHALL TURF CONVERSION

V. EVENTS

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

- FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY CRAFT FAIR**
 March 8, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 Senior Activity Center, 216 S.W. Johnson Ave.
 Free entry, items for purchase

- **BTX 311 Day**
March 11, 2 - 4 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W. Renfro St.
Free event
- **BURLESON FARMERS MARKET**
Opens Saturday, March 15, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W. Renfro St.
Free entry, items for purchase
- **DATE NIGHT EXPERIENCE**
March 15, 6 - 8 p.m.
Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W. CR 714
\$55 per couple
- **RED CHAIR LECTURE SERIES**
March 22, Noon
Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W. CR 714
Free
- **GOSPEL JAM**
March 22, 5 - 8 p.m.
Senior Activity Center, 216 S.W. Johnson Ave.
Free entry, all ages welcome
- **VIETNAM VETERANS CELEBRATION**
March 29, 10 a.m.
Veterans Memorial Plaza, 298 E. Renfro St.
Free event
- **GRANNYS VS BURLESON FIREFIGHTERS BASKETBALL ANIMAL SHELTER FUNDRAISER**
March 29, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Hughes Middle School, 300 SW Murphy Road
\$5 at the door, ages 6 and up
- **TRASH BASH**
April 5, 8 a.m. - Noon
Warren Park, 301 S.W. Johnson Ave.
Free event, pre-registration required
- **SHOW ME HOW FESTIVAL**
April 5, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W. CR 714

Free event

- **BUNNY DAZE**

April 5, Noon – 3 p.m.

Chisenhall Fields, 500 Chisenhall Park Lane

Free event, pre-registration open now

- **AQUA EGG HUNT**

April 19, 9 a.m. – Noon

Burleson Recreation Center (BRiCk), 550 NW Summercrest Blvd - Indoor Pool

\$2 per participant (Requires purchase of day pass to swim after 1 p.m.)

Parents are free