



WEEKLY REPORT

MAY 2, 2025

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: TOMMY LUDWIG, CITY MANAGER

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I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MAY 5

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

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction regarding current and upcoming grant opportunities. *(Staff Contact: Janalea Hembree, Assistant to the City Manager)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction regarding the BTX-IT strategic plan and vision for 2022-2028. *(Staff Contact: James Grommersch, Chief Technology Officer)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction regarding the BTX-IT Radio Refit and Resilient Public Safety Communications program. *(Staff Contact: James Grommersch, Chief Technology Officer)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction regarding the Outdoor Warning System (OWS). *(Staff Contact: Joe Laster, Emergency Operations 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. NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL ACTIVATION

Construction of the new traffic signal at the intersection of W. Hidden Creek Boulevard and S.E. Gardens Boulevard is now complete. The signal entered flashing mode on April 28, 2025, to alert drivers of the upcoming change. Full activation with standard signal operation went into effect on May 1, 2025.



The intersection met the criteria for a traffic signal under the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, based on traffic signal warrants study. These studies consider several factors, including traffic volume at the intersection, pedestrian safety and crossing activity, visibility issues and the amount of delay drivers experience. The new signal is expected to enhance traffic flow and improve safety for both drivers and pedestrians. The new signal includes a vehicle detection system, a pan-tilt-zoom (PTZ) camera for monitoring traffic, a battery backup system for power outages, pedestrian signals, equipment that communicates with the Intelligent Transportation System and updated ADA-compliant ramps.

The project was completed by a contractor as a Capital Engineering project and will be maintained by the Public Works Traffic Operations team.

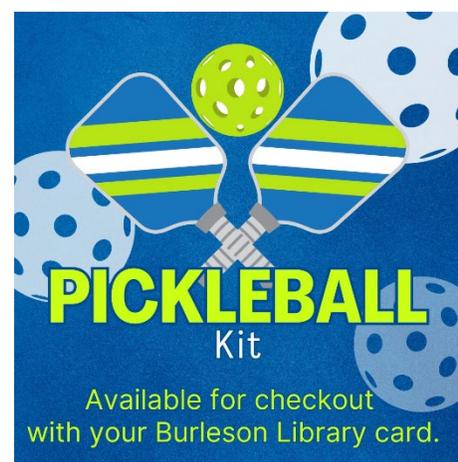
B. BTX-IT RECEIVES TAGITM EXCELLENCE AWARD

BTX-IT has been awarded the 2025 Texas Association of Government IT Managers (TAGITM) Excellence Award for our *Resilient Public Safety Communications* program, a recognition that we're proud to share. This initiative strengthened emergency communication and response capabilities through upgraded radio infrastructure, mobile cellular tower, improved interoperability, and enhanced communications connectivity for our first responders. This statewide recognition celebrates our commitment to technology, public safety and innovation.



C. LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

Residents are encouraged to enjoy the spring weather by checking out a pickleball kit from the Burleson Public Library's Library of Things. The kits can be used just across the street at the pickleball courts in Warren Park.



D. SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMMING

Yoga

Wednesdays 8:45 & Saturdays 10:30 a.m.

In addition to being fun, yoga offers numerous benefits, including improved flexibility, strength, and balance, as well as stress relief and enhanced mental health. It can also help reduce anxiety, improve sleep quality, and promote overall well-being.



Country Dance

Friday, May 9 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Featuring the Montana Band

Join the Burleson Senior Activity Center for a fun evening filled with fantastic music from an amazing local band. Chat with friends old and new as you dance the night away. Snacks provided by Humana.



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.

E. EGRET OUTREACH, EDUCATION AND PREVENTION METHODS

Below is weekly information in regard 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 |
|-------------------------|----------------|---|
| April 24, 2025 | 136 Sandlewood | Egrets spotted in area landing in trees. No egrets were seen roosting or flying |

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| April 24, 2025 | 120 Shady Oaks | Complainant states that the noise isn't deterring them. No egrets were seen. |
| April 28, 2025 | 132 NE Shady Oaks | Placed sound machine at this address. |
| April 29, 2025 | 609 Parkview | Egrets on the roof of the house. |

Proactive Egret Patrol and Education by Animal Control Officers

| Date & Time of Patrol | Location | Observations |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| 04.23.2025 6:40 a.m. | Shady Oaks area, Brushy Mound, Timber Ridge (Browns Mountain) area and Redhaw area. | No egrets observed. |
| 04.23.25 7:45 p.m. | Same areas | No egrets observed. |
| 04.24.25 6:41 a.m. | Same areas | No egrets observed. |
| 04.24.25 7:45 p.m. | Same areas | No egrets observed. |
| 04.25.25 6:45 a.m. | Same areas | No egrets observed. |
| 04.25.25 7:45 p.m. | Same areas | No egrets observed. |
| 04.26.25 12:17 p.m. | Same areas | No egrets observed. |
| 04.26.25 7:30 p.m. | Same areas | No egrets observed. |
| 04.27.25 2:30 p.m. | Same areas | No egrets observed. |
| 04.27.25 7:46 p.m. | Same areas | No egrets observed |
| 04.28.25 6:43 a.m. | Same areas | No egrets observed. |
| 04.28.25 7:45 p.m. | Same areas | No egrets observed. |
| 04.29.25 6:45 a.m. | Same areas | No egrets observed |
| 04.29.25 7:30 p.m. | Same areas | No egrets observed |
| 04.30.25 6:45 a.m. | Same areas | No egrets observed |

F. MAY ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY *Anniversary*

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

24 Years

- Amanda Campos (May 31)

17 Years

- Teri Bridwell (May 27)

11 Years

- Jason Tauch (May 14)

10 Years

- Rachel Ayuso (May 5)
- Dustin Lancaster (May 11)
- Zach Carey (May 19)
- Brooke Herring (May 20)
- Angel Strotman (May 29)

18 Years

- Cameron Pilgrim (May 7)
- Max Johnson (May 23)

15 Years

- Allison Smith (May 3)
- Jessica Martinez (May 3)
- Ken Silvia (May 10)
- Tammy Harrison (May 10)

9 Years

- Jonathan White (May 6)

8 Years

- Vicki Cummings (May 24)

7 Years

- Bobby Dunn (May 11)

4 Years

- Jacob Moss (May 18)

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3 Years

- Phillips Legros (May 2)
- Annacua Durham (May 9)
- Derrick Herrera (May 13)
- Rita Golladay (May 13)
- John Sawyer (May 13)
- Debra Fahrnbruch (May 20)

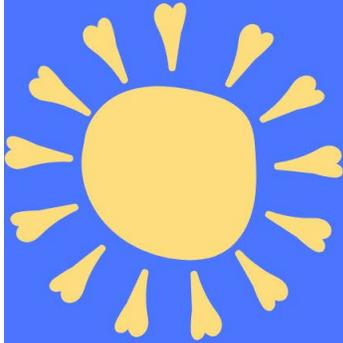
1 Year

- Taylor Cox (May 20)
- Christopher Smith (May 21)
- Brenner Russell (May 21)
- Gio Soto (May 22)
- Gracie Auvenshine (May 22)

2 Years

- Collin Perry (May 1)
- Mason Cashion (May 3)
- Melissa Pearce (May 5)
- Holly Cermak (May 5)
- Gary Wright (May 12)
- Caden Ward (May 12)
- Connor Johnson (May 12)
- Ammon Filina (May 12)
- TJ Guy (May 15)
- Ethan Ford (May 18)
- Chandler Kellett (May 30)

G. MAY EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS



**HAPPY
MAY**



Birthday

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|------------------|---------------------|
| Dusty Arnold | Bruce Lund |
| James Bailey | Presley Lyons |
| Mason Cashion | Sheri Mahanay |
| Jennifer Chesnut | Jessica Martinez |
| Chunxi Chi | Michelle McCullough |
| Lisa Duello | Matt McGuire |
| Elijah Estrada | Tony McIlwain |
| Dave Franco | Eric Oscarson |
| Reeve Gonzalez | Alex Philips |
| Miranda Hanks | Currie Reardon |
| Derrick Herrera | Sabrina Rivera |
| Jake Hopps | Kelly Russell |
| Alexis Houston | Gio Soto |
| David Lowe | Gary Wright |



H. APRIL NEW HIRES



WELCOME TO THE **BIX** TEAM

Meet our new hires for April

- Emma Anderson – Camp Counselor
- Mason DeTommaso – Camp Counselor
- Mallory Browder – Camp Counselor
- Elaura Sanders – Camp Counselor
- Maria Graham – Camp Counselor
- Jessica Lowe – Senior Center Coordinator
- James Bailey – City Traffic Engineer
- Paul Ford – Police Officer
- Preston Hamilton – Lifeguard
- Ella Williams – Lifeguard
- Landen Decoopman – Lifeguard
- Nicholas Spires – Camp Counselor
- Brendan Spires – Camp Counselor
- Bryan Becan – Customer Service Attendant
- Amanda Wright – Public Safety Communications Specialist
- Tanner Layton – Camp Counselor
- Avery Farrell – Lifeguard
- Oriana Tela – Camp Counselor
- Herman Harris – Athletic Attendant
- Julia Clifford – Recreation Instructor
- Kynli Miller – Lifeguard
- Lucas Liles - Lifeguard

I. PET OF THE WEEK

Steph is a three-year-old German shepherd mix with a loyal nature and affectionate personality. She is available for adoption at the Burleson Animal Shelter.

One shelter volunteer said, “Steph is a sweet dog. When you see her in her kennel, she is jumping all around and you're thinking she is too active, but you take her out and she is lovable and sweet and such a great dog. A beautiful dog. I enjoy being able to spend time with her.”

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Steph

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Steph enjoys ear scratches and leans in for affection once she gets to know you. Her adoption fee is waived and includes vaccinations, microchipping, heartworm testing and spay.

The shelter is currently at capacity for dogs. View all adoptable animals at burlesontx.com/adopt

J. FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

We love when kind words about the city's programming pop up on their own, like this thoughtful praise shared in a local Facebook group post.

A resident shared how much they enjoyed a free gardening class offered recently at Russell Farm Art Center, led by Pam O'Hearn. The class covered prepping soil, square foot gardening and introduced them to the wonders of mushroom compost.

They wrapped up their post by thanking Pam and the Russell Farm Art



Center team, sharing how grateful they are for the engaging events and classes, and for the dedicated staff and volunteers who make it all possible.

We couldn't agree more! Thank you to everyone who helps make Russell Farm Art Center such a special place to learn and grow.

III. PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS

| PROJECT | STATUS | TIMELINE |
|-------------------|--|---|
| Parks Master Plan | Draft In-Review | Anticipated completion: July 2025 |
| Shannon Creek | Design / Bidding Goal | May 2025 |
| Green Ribbon | Finalizing design in coordination with TxDOT | Anticipated completion: May 2025 |
| Community Park | Design | Ongoing |
| BRiCk Renovation | Equipment package approved on September 9, 2024. Interior Renovation & Pool Resurface approved on October 21, 2024. | November 2024 – Lobby Renovation construction started August 2025 – Pool Renovation construction start September 2025 - HVAC construction start |

IV. EVENTS

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

- **BURLESON FARMERS MARKET**
Every Saturday, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W. Renfro St.
Free entry, items for purchase
- **RESOURCE AND HEALTH FAIR**
May 2, Noon – 1:30 p.m.
Burleson Senior Center, 216 SW Johnson Ave
Free event, open to all ages

- **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT**
May 3, 9 – 11 a.m.
Municipal Service Center, 725 S.E. John Jones Dr.
Free event, open to only Burleson residents
- **CINCO DE MAYO**
May 3, 6 – 8 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St
Free event
- **BURLESON ANIMAL SHELTER NIGHT AT CLEBURNE RAILROADERS**
May 9, Gates open - 6 p.m., First pitch - 7:06 p.m.
La Moderna Field, 1906 Brazzle Blvd, Cleburne, TX 76033
Tickets on sale now
- **MOTHER'S DAY OUTING**
May 10, 5 – 7 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St
Free event, but preregistration is needed to guarantee food (while supplies last)
- **SHOW ME HOW FESTIVAL**
May 16, 5 – 8 p.m.
Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714
Free event
- **SUPER SAFETY SATURDAY**
May 17, 9 a.m. – Noon
Texas Health Neighborhood Care & Wellness, 2750 SW Wilshire Blvd
Free event