



# WEEKLY REPORT

MAY 23, 2025

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

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## I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

**TUESDAY, MAY 27**

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION, 9 A.M.**

### **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction regarding the CAD Implementation Strategy. *(Staff Contact: James Grommersch, Chief Technology Officer)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction regarding the budget calendar, tax rate, capital improvement program, and 5-year forecast for the General Fund, Water and Wastewater Fund, 4A Fund, 4B Fund (In combination with Golf and Park Performance Funds), and TIF2 Fund (Tax Increment Financing). *(Staff Contact: Gloria Platt, Director of Finance)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide direction regarding a stormwater utility and street maintenance fee. *(Staff Contact: Justin Scharnhorst, Deputy Director of Public Works)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction on the City Manager's recommendation for vehicle and equipment purchases using the Equipment Replacement Fund for FY 2026. *(Staff Contact: Errick Thompson, Director of Public Works)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction regarding the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) and the New Non-Retroactive Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). *(Staff Contact: Cheryl Marthiljohni, Director of Human Resources)*

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. THE HONEY TOUR CARNIVAL RETURNS TO OLD TOWN

The fourth annual BTX Honey Tour Carnival, held in conjunction with the Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce Honey Bike Tour, kicked off Thursday night and runs through Sunday, May 25, in Old Town Burleson.



This four-day festival celebrates the fun, festive, family-friendly spirit of Burleson with free parking and admission for all. Attendees can enjoy live music from a variety of bands, carnival rides, novelty entertainment, arts and crafts vendors, delicious food, and an entertainment stage packed with excitement.

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Don't miss your chance to join the fun — there's something for everyone at the BTX Honey Tour Carnival!

[See the music lineup, parking, shuttle information and more.](#)

### B. MAY SALES AND MIXED BEVERAGE USE TAX

Note: May 2025 taxes represent sales occurred in March 2025.

#### Sales Tax

May-24	May 2025	Diff \$	Diff %	FY2024 YTD	FY2025 YTD	Diff \$	Diff %
\$ 2,643,269	\$ 2,834,924	\$ 191,655	7.25%	\$ 14,704,718	\$ 15,240,120	\$ 535,402	3.64%

#### Mixed Beverage Use Tax

Apr 2024	Apr 2025	Diff \$	Diff %	FY2024 YTD	FY2025 YTD	Diff \$	Diff %
\$ 24,083	\$ 24,388	\$ 306	1.27%	\$ 129,052	\$ 140,806	\$ 11,755	9.11%

### C. BURLESON FIRE FEATURED ON COVER OF FIREHOUSE MAGAZINE

The Burleson and Fort Worth fire departments' daring rescue of a contractor who came into contact with electrical lines 150 feet in the air atop a cell tower is featured on the cover of *Firehouse Magazine's* [May edition](#). Burleson Training Battalion Chief Duane Wines is pictured helping lower the injured contractor after more than four hours atop the tower. Crews developed a rescue plan, climbed the structure amid swaying winds, and constructed a system to safely lower the contractor, who was ultimately able to walk to the ambulance on his own.

Read more about the rescue [here](#).

### D. CITY FACILITIES TO CLOSE FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Most city facilities, including the Burleson Public Library, Burleson Animal Shelter and the Senior Activity Center, will be closed on Memorial Day, May 26. Trash and curbside recycling collection will run as scheduled and will not be affected.

The BRiCk will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To celebrate the opening of the outdoor pool for the season, entry fees for the outdoor pool only will be waived from 1 to 7 p.m. on Memorial Day. The splash pad will also open to the public that day from 2 to 8 p.m. and, as always, admission is free.

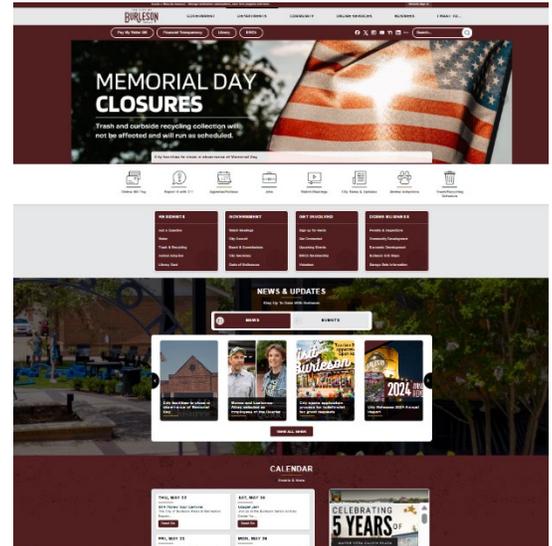
Hidden Creek Golf Course will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Memorial Day.



## E. REDESIGNED CITY WEBSITE LAUNCHED MAY 21

The city of Burleson launched its refreshed website on May 21, led by the marketing and communications department. As part of the city's CivicPlus subscription, a website refresh is included every four years to help keep the city at the forefront of digital trends. The last major overhaul was completed in 2020, and the new site builds on that foundation to better meet the evolving needs of residents.

A key insight driving the refresh is the shift in how residents access the site. By comparing Google Analytics data from 2020 with data from the past 12 months, staff identified a significant increase in mobile users, highlighting the need for a more mobile-friendly design. The new website improves overall accessibility and ease of navigation while ensuring alignment with current technology standards.



To ensure the redesign reflects a wide range of needs, the city issued an open call across departments, assembling a diverse team to provide feedback based on specific functions and requirements. This collaborative approach helped ensure the site is responsive to both residents and staff across the organization.

## F. MAY 19 COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS



**Recognized May 18-24 as National Public Works Week**



**Catrina Glover, Zach Carey, Cody Goodman, Neph Ruiz, Colby Stacy & Gabe Bustillos (not pictured) received the Director's Award of Excellence for their commitment in building the public works department culture.**



**Recognized May 18-24 as Emergency Medical Services Week**



**A resolution from State of Texas, State Representatives David L. Cook and Helen Kerwin, honoring Chief Billy Cordell of the Burleson Police Department for receiving the 2025 Mike Gentry Executive Leadership**

## **G. CTO GROMMERSCH RECEIVES CREDENTIAL IN CONFLICT MANAGEMENT**

James Grommersch, Chief Technology Officer, recently completed the Scrum Alliance Micro credential in Conflict Management. This credential reflects his commitment to fostering psychological safety, building trust across departments, and leading with clarity in complex situations. It supports his ongoing focus on creating a work environment where teams communicate openly, collaborate effectively, and stay aligned through change.

## H. LIBRARY NEWS & PROGRAMMING

### Burleson Library receives 2025 Summer at the Library grant

The Burleson Public Library has been awarded the 2025 TLA-HEB Summer at the Library Grant. The \$2,000 grant will support the expansion of the library's Summer Reading Club by funding additional programs and reading incentives.

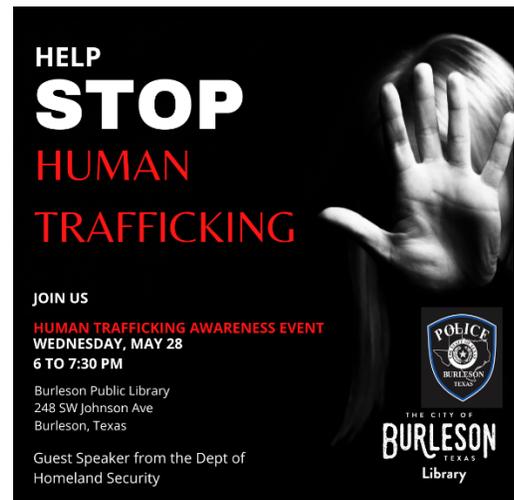
Thanks to this generous support, along with the ongoing sponsorship of the [Friends of the Burleson Library](#)— this year's Summer Reading Club is set to be bigger and better than ever

[Sign up for Summer Reading Club](#)  
[Summer Reading for Children](#)  
[Summer Reading for Teens](#)  
[Summer Reading for Adults](#)



### Human Trafficking Awareness Event Wednesday, May 28, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The Burleson Public Library is teaming up with BPD and a special guest speaker from Homeland Security to raise awareness about the dangers of Human Trafficking. Don't miss this important discussion on how we can all help fight this crisis in our community. Let's come together to make a difference! No registration required.



## I. SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER PROGRAMMING

### Chair Beach Ball Volleyball

Tuesdays & Fridays 1:00 p.m.

Saturdays Noon

Seated volleyball played with a beach ball. Get off the couch and find out for yourself why this is one of the Senior Center's most popular activities!



**Crochet Group****Wednesday, May 28 2:00 p.m.**

Whether you're just interested in learning, or have been crocheting all your life, you're welcome at our table. Have fun, maybe learn a bit, and chat with some of the friendliest folks around.

Those 50 and over are welcomed to visit the Burleson Senior Activity Center. Come by today for a tour and find out what you've been missing!

**J. 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
		No egret calls the week of May 14-21

**Proactive Egret Patrol and Education by Animal Control Officers**

Date & Time of Patrol	Location	Observations
05.14.2025 6:42 a.m.	Shady Oaks area, Brushy Mound, Timber Ridge (Browns Mountain) area and Redhaw area.	No egrets observed.
05.15.25 7:37 p.m.	Same areas	No egrets observed.
05.16.25 6:45 a.m.	Same areas	No egrets observed.
05.16.25 7:00 p.m.	Same areas	No egrets observed.
05.17.25 7:00 a.m.	Same areas	No egrets observed.
05.17.25 7:00 p.m.	Same areas	No egrets observed.
05.18.25 7:00 a.m.	Same areas	No egrets observed.
05.18.25 7:00 p.m.	Same areas	No egrets observed.
05.19.25 6:45 a.m.	Same areas	No egrets observed.
05.19.25 6:40 p.m.	Same areas	No egrets observed.
05.20.25 6:42 a.m.	Same areas	No egrets observed.

<b>05.20.25 8:00 p.m.</b>	Same areas	No egrets observed.
<b>05.21.25 6:45 a.m.</b>	Same areas	No egrets observed

## K. PET OF THE WEEK

Looking for a little love bug to warm your lap? Meet CoCo, a charming 9-year-old Chihuahua mix. This affectionate pup is a true cuddle enthusiast who loves to snuggle and be your devoted lap companion.

CoCo is a well-mannered gentleman who walks nicely on a leash, making outings enjoyable for both of you. He also appears to get along well with other dogs, though shelter staff always recommend a meet-and-greet to ensure a good match.



CoCo offers a perfect blend of sweet affection and easygoing companionship. His adoption fee is waived and includes vaccinations, microchipping and heartworm testing. He is already neutered and ready to go home today. The shelter is at capacity, so if you are considering adoption, now is a great time to visit. View all adoptable animals at [burlesontx.com/adopt](https://burlesontx.com/adopt)

The Burleson Animal Shelter, located at 775 SE John Jones Drive, is open to the public Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## L. **FEEL GOOD FRIDAY**

A story that was shared recently is a perfect example of the hands-on leadership we celebrated during Celebrate Your Elected Officials Day earlier this week and serves as a timely reminder of the heart our local leaders bring to the community.

A recent muddy mishap turned into a moment of community kindness at Russell Farm Art Center. Teachers from the XCEL program at the Center for ASD, which provides resources for families and children with autism and other special needs, were visiting to build birdhouses with their students when a downpour rolled in, and so did the mud. Their van got stuck just as they were trying to leave.

Luckily, Mayor Chris Fletcher and Mayor Pro Tem Dan McClendon happened to be on-site and didn't hesitate to step in and help. With a little teamwork (and maybe a spilled coffee or two), they got the van unstuck and shared some laughs along the way.

Moments like this are what make Burleson feel like family.

Visit the city of Burleson Facebook [page](#) to watch the video.



### III. PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS

PROJECT	STATUS	TIMELINE
Parks Master Plan	Draft In-Review	<b>Anticipated completion:</b> July 2025
Shannon Creek	Design / Bidding Goal	May 2025
Green Ribbon	Finalizing design in coordination with TxDOT	<b>Anticipated completion:</b> 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](http://www.burlesontx.com/events)

- **BURLESON FARMERS MARKET**  
No farmer's market Saturday, May 24 due to the BTX Honey Tour Carnival  
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W. Renfro St.  
Free entry, items for purchase
- **BTX HONEY TOUR CARNIVAL**  
May 22-25, times vary  
Old Town Burleson, 141 W. Renfro St.  
Free event
- **HOT SOUNDS OF SUMMER CONCERT FEATURING ELEVATION**  
May 23, 7:30 p.m.  
Old Town Burleson, 141 W. Renfro St.  
Free event

- **GOSPEL JAM**  
May 24, 5 - 8 p.m.  
Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Ave.  
Free event, open to all ages
- **POPS AT THE POOL**  
May 26, 1 - 7 p.m.  
BRiCk outdoor pool, 550 NW Summercrest Blvd  
Outdoor pool admission is free this day
- **HOT SOUNDS OF SUMMER CONCERT FEATURING AURORA BLEU**  
May 30, 7:30 p.m.  
Old Town Burleson, 141 W. Renfro St.  
Free event
- **HOT SOUNDS OF SUMMER CONCERT FEATURING LE FREAK**  
June 6, 7:30 p.m.  
Old Town Burleson, 141 W. Renfro St.  
Free event
- **AUTISM RESOURCE FAIR**  
June 7, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714  
Free event
- **HOT SOUNDS OF SUMMER CONCERT FEATURING DREAMING OF YOU – A SELENA EXPERIENCE**  
June 13, 7:30 p.m.  
Old Town Burleson, 141 W. Renfro St.  
Free event
- **FATHER’S DAY FISHING TOURNAMENT**  
June 14, 8 a.m. - Noon  
Bailey Lake, 280 W Hidden Creek Pkwy  
Free event, pre-registration is recommended
- **JUNE CRAFT FAIR**  
June 14, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Ave.  
Free entry
- **HOT SOUNDS OF SUMMER CONCERT FEATURING RANDOM AXIS BAND**  
June 20, 7:30 p.m.  
Old Town Burleson, 141 W. Renfro St.