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Concert & Juneteenth Celebration

WEEKLY REPORT

JUNE 20, 2025

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: TOMMY LUDWIG, CITY MANAGER

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I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JULY 21

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

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction on amendments to Council Policy #40 and various chapters in the Code of Ordinances concerning boards, commissions, and committees. (Staff Contact: Amanda Campos, City Secretary)

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. BURLESON COUNCILMEMBER VICTORIA JOHNSON ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NCTCOG EXECUTIVE BOARD

The city of Burleson is proud to announce that Councilmember Victoria Johnson has been elected to serve as president of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board for the 2025–2026 term. Johnson was elected during NCTCOG’s 59th annual General Assembly, held Friday, June 13 at the Hurst Conference Center.

As president, Johnson will lead the 17-member board in its mission to strengthen regional collaboration, address shared challenges, and plan for sustainable growth across North Central Texas.



“I am honored to be NCTCOG’s 2025–2026 president,” Johnson said. “I look forward to working with the Executive Board as we build on the strong foundation laid by previous leaders. I’m confident we will continue to meet the opportunities and challenges ahead to ensure North Central Texas remains one of the premier regions in the state and nation.”

Established in 1966, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of local governments that supports coordination and planning across a 16-county region anchored by Dallas and Fort Worth. The organization helps local governments collaborate on infrastructure, transportation, emergency preparedness, workforce development, and more.

B. MERITORIOUS AWARD RECIPIENT

Officer Dunham with the Burleson Police Department was recognized on June 16 with a meritorious award from City Manager Tommy Ludwig for an act of kindness that went above and beyond the call of duty.

Officer Dunham stopped to assist a citizen with a flat tire, stepping in without hesitation and handling the situation with calm professionalism. The grateful resident later shared her appreciation in a social media post, calling him “a true hero.”

Ludwig commended the officer’s actions, noting, “It’s easy to talk about values like service and integrity—but it’s people like you who actually live them and really make the difference in our community.”

Officer Dunham’s quiet act of service had a ripple effect of positivity, reflecting the very best of what it means to serve the Burleson community.



C. GROUND-BASED MOSQUITO SPRAYING TO OCCUR THIS WEEKEND

The City of Burleson was notified that mosquitoes in Zone 6 tested positive for West Nile Virus. In response, the city will conduct two nights of ground-based spraying for mosquitoes in this zone between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. on the nights of Friday, June 20 and Saturday, June 21, wind and weather permitting. The ground spraying will be performed by trucks equipped with sprayers in targeted subdivisions within the designated spray zone. For more information call 817-426-9848. This is the second positive of the 2025 season.

[View the Mosquito Spray Zone 6 Map](#)

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).

D. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIFIED RESPONSE EXERCISE

The Burleson Office of Emergency Management is proud to report the successful completion of Unified Response '25, a multi-agency exercise held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, in partnership with Burleson ISD.

The exercise tested our collective response to an active threat on a school campus, with a focus on initial emergency operations, coordinated communication and reunification processes. The scenario was conducted across Clinkscale Elementary School and Burleson High School, engaging participants in real-time, scenario-based problem-solving.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all participating agencies and departments:

- Burleson Fire/EMS
- Burleson Police Department
- BISD Emergency Management and Administration
- Public Safety Communications
- Public Works

- City of Burleson Public Information Office
- CareFlite
- Texas Division of Emergency Management (Evaluator Support)

As a result of this exercise, all participating entities will be reviewing and updating their emergency plans to reflect lessons learned and identified gaps. An After-Action Review (AAR) will take place in the coming weeks to formally assess performance, identify areas for improvement and develop a collaborative Improvement Plan that outlines how those changes will be implemented.

Exercises like Unified Response '25 are vital to ensuring our readiness and strengthening the interagency partnerships that serve our community when it matters most. We are proud of the commitment demonstrated by everyone involved and remain focused on continuous improvement in public safety and emergency preparedness.



E. BURLESON CERT RECEIVES REGIONAL EXCELLENCE RECOGNITION

The Burleson Office of Emergency Management is proud to share that the Burleson Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has received its second major award of 2025, the Regional Excellence Award from the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Emergency Preparedness Planning Council.

This award recognizes Burleson CERT's exceptional work in inclusive community preparedness, specifically highlighting their partnership with the Center for ASD. Through this initiative, autism awareness has been integrated into CERT training,

public outreach efforts and emergency planning practices, strengthening the city’s ability to serve all residents in times of crisis.

The Burleson Fire Department takes great pride in the accomplishments of our CERT volunteers whose passion, service and leadership continue to inspire. This recognition is a testament to the program’s commitment to building a safer, more resilient Burleson.

We thank the City Council for its ongoing support of this vital program.



F. JUNE 16 COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS



Recognized Fire and Police personnel for receiving Unit Citation in recognition of their service above and beyond the call of duty.



Recognized the completed Color Your World Community Quilt, presented on the behalf of the Public Art Committee, designed and created by Barbara and Ernie McCraw

G. LIBRARY NEWS & PROGRAMMING

Summer Reading Club Recap: Week 2

Week 2 of Summer Reading Club was full of creativity, curiosity, and color. On June 10, children and teens participated in open-ended art programs and wowed us with their imagination and artistic skills—Burleson is home to some amazing young artists! That same evening, families got up close and personal with a variety of fascinating creatures during the “All About Animals” show, featuring a chinchilla, hedgehog, sugar gliders and even a scorpion.

Teens returned on Wednesday, June 11 for our colorful “Taste the Rainbow” program, sampling foods in every hue of the spectrum. The week wrapped up on Saturday with a special “Brown Bear, Brown Bear” Storytime, and a jungle-themed Magic Tree House Book Club, where families explored *Afternoon on the Amazon* through fun hands-on activities. What a great week at the library!



Playing Card Upcycled Crafts (Ages 14+)

Join us on Wednesday, June 25, from 6–7:30 p.m. for a fun and creative evening of Playing Card Upcycled Crafts. Whether you have an old deck missing a few cards or want to use one of ours, we'll show you how to turn them into something awesome.

All supplies are provided, and no registration is required. This program is perfect for ages 14 and up and is proudly sponsored by the Friends of the Burleson Public Library. Come craft with us!

[Join the Friends of the Burleson Public Library](#)



H. SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER PROGRAMMING

Lunch N Learn - Burleson 311

Tuesday, June 24 at 11:30 a.m.

Sponsored by our very own City of Burleson Administrative Services Department

On the day of our Lunch N Learn, the first 30 people who would like to eat can get a ticket for lunch at the event from Chick-fil-A. After the ticketholders have been served, Administrative Services will begin their presentation on the city's 311 service and what it can do for you. All seniors are welcome to attend their presentation.



Rock Painting

Friday, June 27 at 1:00 p.m.

Embrace your artistic side! Paint rocks and meet new friends.

Call 817-295-6611 to register.

Sponsored by our friends at Heritage Place.



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

I. JUNE IS NATIONAL ADOPT A CAT MONTH

The Burlleson Animal Shelter is *at capacity*, and we need your help giving a cat or kitten a fresh start. June is Adopt a Cat Month, and there's no better time to welcome a new feline friend into your home.

All adoption fees are currently waived, and each adoption includes spay/neuter, microchipping and vaccinations.

Come meet your new best friend at the Burlleson Animal Shelter, and help us make room for more animals in need.

View all adoptable animals at burllesontx.com/adopt

The Burlleson 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.



J. FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

A little magic and a lot of kindness came together recently thanks to the Burleson community, all sparked by a special find from the Burleson Farmers Market.

After falling in love with a 3D printed slinky dragon bought from a vendor booth, one young visitor carried it everywhere. His mom shared, “He is literally obsessed with this and takes it everywhere with him.” During a visit to the park, the dragon went missing, leaving one very heartbroken kid.

Determined to make it right, his mom posted in a local Facebook group asking if anyone knew the vendor. The community jumped into action, with one person even commenting, “I know that filament anywhere!”

Thanks to the help of those tags, the vendor 3D Minis & More saw the post and quickly responded. They offered to print not one but two new dragons — one to go on adventures and one to stay safe at home. The best part? The proud new owner says the two dragons are now best friends.

Kudos to 3D Minis & More for saving the day and to the Burleson community for stepping in to help connect the dots.



III. ROAD PROJECTS

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: COMMERCE STREET SPUR AT UPRR CROSSING CLOSURE

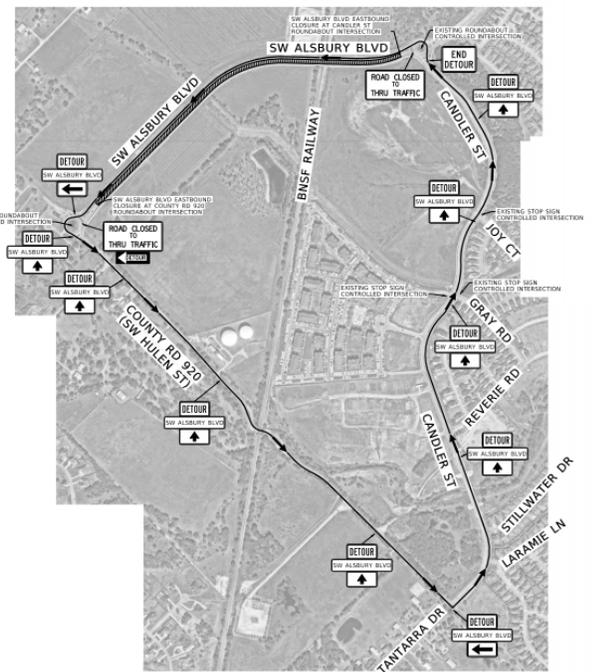
The Commerce Street spur, where Commerce Street connects to the SH 174 service road and crosses the Union Pacific Railroad, closed for construction on Monday, June 16. The closure is expected to last approximately two weeks.



The project includes repaving the existing roadway and widening the pavement on the west side of the tracks. The improvements are designed to make the curve easier for large trucks to navigate.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: ALSBURY BLVD BETWEEN CANDLER DR AND HULEN ST

The westbound lane of Alsbury Boulevard between Candler and Hulen Streets opened to traffic Monday, June 16.



The eastbound lane of Alsbury Boulevard between Candler Drive and Hulen Street closed to traffic on Monday, June 16.

The current detour route shown in the graphic remains in place.

IV. PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS

PROJECT	STATUS	TIMELINE
Parks Master Plan	Draft In-Review	Anticipated completion: July 2025
Shannon Creek	Project is currently in bidding process	Estimated Bid Process Completion: July 2025
Green Ribbon	Project is currently scheduled to begin bidding process: June 24	Estimated Bid Process Completion: July 2025
Community Park	Phase I: Construction Document 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 starts August 2025 - HVAC construction start

V. EVENTS

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

- **BURLESON FARMERS MARKET**
 Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W. Renfro St.
 Free entry, items for purchase
- **HOT SOUNDS OF SUMMER CONCERT & JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION**
FEATURING RANDOM AXIS BAND
 June 20, 7:30 p.m.
 Old Town Burleson, 141 W. Renfro St.
 Free event

- **POPS AT THE POOL**
 June 23, 1-7 p.m.
 BRiCk outdoor pool, 550 NW Summercrest Blvd
 Free entry to outdoor pool
- **HOT SOUNDS OF SUMMER CONCERT FEATURING JOSH WARD**
 June 27, 7:30 p.m.
 Old Town Burleson, 141 W. Renfro St.
 Free event
- **RED, WHITE & BTX**
 July 4
 Lions Club Parade, 9 a.m. Old Town Burleson
 Gates open at 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Concert begins *featuring Dolan*, fireworks begin at approximately 9:20 p.m.
 Chisenhall Sports Complex, 500 Chisenhall Park Ln
 Free event
- **BTX LUCKY DUCK DERBY**
 July 12, 9 a.m. – Noon
 Burleson Recreation Center (BRiCk), 550 NW Summercrest Blvd
 One rubber duck for \$5 or multipacks available with discounted pricing
- **THE BRICK BOAT-NANZA**
 July 19, 9 a.m. - Noon
 Burleson Recreation Center (BRiCk), 550 NW Summercrest Blvd
 Free to spectators, registration fee required for participants

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Keep Burleson Beautiful

Wednesday June 11, 2025
4:45 PM

City Service Center - 725 SE John Jones Drive
Burleson, TX 76028

Meeting start: 4:45 PM

Board Members Present: Heidi Garbe, Dagmar Higgins, Donna Confessore, MaryAnn Matthews, Kristen Tanz

Staff Present: Jessica Martinez, Bailey Campbell

Guests Present: None

*SPECIAL **MEETING**: with Sarah Kennedy, KTB Community Services Manager meet and greet (virtual). Items below will be addressed pending time, or will be shifted to future meeting(s)

Administrative Items:

- Vision meeting plans – pick a date for next sessions (summer and end of year)
 - June 21, can we just do it at our normal location?
 - New dates discussed: July 26, 9 AM—12 PM, or August 2 as a back-up date
 - July 26—This date works well for all in attendance – will poll board again
- New calendar spreadsheet created to account for tasks and events – review monthly.
 - Heidi reviewed the spreadsheet with the committee. We will continue to review this monthly.
 - Jessica will submit litter data to Keep Texas Beautiful related to Trash Bash. Kristen will submit litter data to Keep Texas Beautiful related to the Adopt a Spot program.
 - Regroup on status of litter index next month—Do we need to book this ourselves or can we leverage the city? Action item for Jessica.
- KTB conference review (Jessica)
 - We will discuss this at the brainstorming meeting in July.
- Meeting with Keep Grapevine Beautiful recap We will discuss this at the brainstorming meeting in July. Governor's award: TXDOT progress – To be included in Green Ribbon – Phase 2 (currently awaiting Green Ribbon 2 grant approval; application was submitted in March)
 - We have been awarded a grant for the second phase of the Green Ribbon Award.
- Approval to join North Texas Communities Foundation - \$50
<https://www.northtexasgivingday.org/p/registration>
 - To accept electronic payment
 - To participate in NTGD
 - Donna Confessore made motion to approve the purchase of registration. Dagmar Higgins seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- Gift card opportunity: <https://newsroom.heb.com/support/>
 - We will discuss this at the brainstorming meeting in July.
- KTB youth ambassador program
 - Jessica shared the program with Mayor's Youth Council.
 - KTB reported this is a standalone program and ambassadors may or may not work with local affiliates
- Committee/sub Suggestions:
 - Youth Engagement Committee
 - Master Naturalist Liaison
 - Scholarships

- We will discuss this at the brainstorming meeting in July.

Ongoing/New Business

Committee Chair Reports – responsible for specific areas, projects, and report outs

- Adopt a Spot - **Kristen**
 - 2 new applicants (NCL & McGuire Family) & one church group looking for a location.
 - 8 Adopt-A-Spot Cleanups (Turner Family, Why Not We, Erica B, Acevedo Family, and Willis Hustlers x4!)
- Ann Heberle Committee – **Pat/Donna**

Action item / goal for next month – Scout for next Quarterly winner (find options)

 - Pat suggested presenting the award three times a year instead of four, and all committee members were in agreement. Heidi will update the calendar to reflect this change.
 - Website Update — Bailey will coordinate with the Communications team to update the awards page, displaying only the month and year each award was presented.
 - ~~Quarterly winning schedule~~
 - ~~Next to be awarded in July~~
 - Idea from H: how can we expand this if we're struggling to nominate?
 - Revisit private houses, churches?
 - Idea from J: What if we did a fundraising model that individuals could enter to win yard of the month? Crowley does this (minus fund part)
 - We will discuss this at the brainstorming meeting in July.
- Communications Committee - **Heidi**
 - Concepts: Quarterly newsletter content, Event metrics, Program wrap ups, Facebook, Volunteers
 - Action Item: request Bailey to pull some metrics on growth this time last year to this time.
 - Jessica will discuss with DeAnna about getting Heidi access.
 - **Note:** Heidi was granted access to Facebook page and can pull metrics.
- Finance Committee – Financials and sponsorship opportunities – **Mary/Donna**
 - Treasurer's report: May - \$2,557.50
 - Scholarship winners have not cashed their checks. (above amount accounts for them having already drawn it)
 - Donna will speak with Mary on following up with the winners to cash checks.
 - Heidi purchased certificate holders and gave them to Donna.
 - Assign target date: Donna – update on bank - can we get the service fees refunded? Ask about digital payment options (Mary/Donna/Carlos visit bank)
 - The committee decided to drop pursuing the removal of service fees.
 - Digital payment options: Donna will schedule an appointment with someone, and Heidi will support as needed
 - Review digital budget sheet:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1buoHHkmA0v6X_Te8jXwS_OJMBkVX5lbt/edit?rtf_of=true

 - Any updates/restrictions/opinions from city legal team on inputting city dollars into really recap and future planning?
 - New budget reporting option
 - We will discuss this at the brainstorming meeting in July.
 - Sponsorships
 - Action item / goal for next month –
 - Review sponsorship list and status
 - Trifold and website updated? Review and agree to website:

<https://www.burlesontx.com/568/Sponsors>

- Jessica will circle back with Communications for the sponsorship tri-fold committee requested updates.
 - Trophies/plaques/window decals for top level sponsor
 - Local vendor
 - Local artists – HG contact from senior center craft fair - UPDATE
 - Bill 817-542-2152
 - Ways to add years mention, vs providing new award each year
 - Heidi reached out to the vendor but has not received a response. If he is at the Senior Craft Fair, Heidi will touch base with him there.
- City Chair – Jessica Martinez
 - Action item: Assist with sponsorship program
- Planting Committee – Mary Ann Matthews
 - Action item –
 - BISSD Partnerships (Potential Pollinator Gardens) – updates?
 - Elk Ridge Park monarch waystation is buzzing with pollinators! (We spotted: sweat bees, leafcutter bees, furrow bees, honeybees, skipper butterflies, and Queen butterflies).
 - Library Pollinator Garden: KT & DS removed prickly lettuce to prep for a library event on 6/11. We would love to schedule another workday to remove hedge parsley.
 - Tree grant opportunity – **closes May 30**. Yearly opportunity: <https://texanbynature.org/projects/heb-trees-for-texans/> - it appears this did not get completed. A file was set up in the Drive.
- Event Committee (Trash Bash, etc.) – Heidi/all
 - Honey Tour festival recap – 10 people, 1.5 hours
 - Seed ordered

Upcoming Events / Opportunities:

- Repeating: attend alternate local KTB affiliate meetings for ideas and collaboration
- Keep Texas Beautiful training in Arlington on Wednesday, September 10 (9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
 - <https://ktb.org/events/dfw-regional-training-2025> (other training opportunities shared by KTB at meeting end: <https://ktb.org/education/>)
- General Parks update
- No Mow Areas — The City is exploring options to expand designated no mow areas. Kristen suggested an area behind Elk Ridge Drive.

Open the floor to Board/members/visitors

- Prairie Dog Update — Our current count remains at five prairie dogs. So far, no new juveniles have been identified.
- Agenda discussion ended and meeting adjourned at 5:25pm. A voluntary special informational meeting was held with Keep Texas Beautiful to learn about available benefits, resources, and upcoming initiatives, followed by a Q&A session. All board members stayed to listen and actively participate.
- GoDaddy renewal for the keepburlesonbeautiful.com domain is coming up 8/20/2025. Do we want to continue paying for the domain?
 - Update: Kristen went ahead and paid to renew through 8/2026.

Upcoming Meetings: July 9, 2025

Meeting Adjourn: 5:25 PM



Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Summary

Tuesday, June 10, 2025
6:00 PM

City Hall - 141 W Renfro
Burleson, TX 76028

On Tuesday June 10, 2025, the Planning and Zoning Commission met for its regularly scheduled meeting at 6 p.m. The Commission had seven members in attendance and the following items were discussed and acted on:

- Consent Agenda items:
 - Approval of the minutes from the May 27, 2025, meeting.
 - 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 7-0.
- Public Hearings:
 - 1679 SW Wilshire (Case 25-128): Hold a public hearing and consider and take possible action on a zoning ordinance change request from “GR, General Retail”, to “GR, General Retail” with a Specific Use Permit for a Liquor Store”.
 - 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 7-0.
- Reports and Presentations:
 - None
- General:
 - None
- Community Interest Items:
 - None
- Adjournment
 - With no further business items, Chairman Tune adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.