

*Red!*  
*White*  
& BTX

# WEEKLY REPORT

JULY 4, 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)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction on the 2024-2025 street maintenance program. *(Staff Contact: Justin Scharnhorst, Deputy Director of Public Works)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction on proposed amendments to Chapter 26, Courts and Chapter 34, Environment, of the Code of Ordinances regulating noise. *(Staff Contact: Tony D. McIlwain, Development Services Director)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction regarding the Wicker Hill Road and Greenridge Drive Improvements. *(Staff Contact: Randy Morrison, PE, Director of Capital Engineering)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction on updates identified for the 2025-2026 fiscal year employee handbook. *(Staff Contact: Cheryl Marthiljohni, Director of Human Resources)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction on the proposed fee changes for the FY25-26 budget. *(Staff Contact: Dylan Whitehead, Deputy Director of Development Services / Building Official)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction on the FY 2025-2026 budget supplemental requests, proposed rates or fee adjustments, five-year fund forecast, and receive additional direction from City Council regarding the annual budget for fiscal year 2025-2026. *(Staff Contact: Tommy Ludwig, City Manager, and Harlan Jefferson, Deputy City Manager)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide recommendations to the city council on Fire Billing Services. *(Staff Contact: Casey Davis, Fire Chief)*

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. CELEBRATING OUR 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY STAFF

While many city facilities will be closed on the 4th of July, we want to take a moment to recognize the dedicated staff who will be working—keeping our city safe and creating magical memories for our community.

We all know that **police, fire and public safety communications teams** never get a holiday. A big thank-you to them for everything they do. Here's hoping for a calm and safe 4th of July night and weekend!

Both the **Burleson Recreation Center** and **Hidden Creek Golf Course** will be open to allow our residents to enjoy some quality recreation time on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

We also want to give a special shoutout to our **parks and recreation special events and parks teams**, who are hard at work preparing to make Red, White & BTX the best 4th of July celebration around. Events like these take an incredible amount of teamwork across departments.

A few highlights of that teamwork:

- **Streets Department:** Thank you for assisting with barricades and traffic control for both the parade and evening celebration.
- **Marketing and Communications Team:** Thank you for capturing the memories and livestreaming the events for those in our community who can't attend in person.
- **Animal Services:** Your staff continues to care for shelter pets and respond to calls for pets that may escape due to fireworks.
- **Burleson Public Library and the Reading Rover:** Look for them in the Lions Club Parade that morning, reminding everyone that the library is the coolest place to be!

If we've missed anyone, we sincerely apologize. Please reach out and let us know what other departments are doing to keep BTX a great place to live and work—we want to share the credit where it's due!

## **B. PARKS AND RECREATION RECEIVES MULTIPLE GRANTS**

The Burleson Parks and Recreation Department has been awarded a total of \$120,000 through two grants from the Texas A&M Forest Service to support climate resilience and strengthen our urban tree canopy.

- Urban Forestry Grant – \$100,000 over three years to support the addition of an Urban Forester to our team, enhancing our capacity to manage and grow Burleson's tree canopy.
- Tree Maintenance & Planting Grant – \$20,000 to support proactive tree maintenance and new plantings across parks and public spaces, promoting long-term sustainability and community beautification.



The city has also secured Phase II funding through the Green Ribbon Program. Combined with the Governor's Community Achievement Award from the partnership with Keep Burleson Beautiful, this totals \$650,000 to enhance Burleson's major corridors with landscape improvements.



### **C. GROUND-BASED MOSQUITO SPRAYING IN ZONES 4 & 23 TO OCCUR THURSDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS**

The city of Burleson was notified that mosquitoes in Zones 4 & 23 tested positive for West Nile Virus. In response, the city will conduct two nights of ground-based spraying for mosquitoes in these zones between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. on the nights of **Thursday, July 3, and Saturday, July 5**, 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 brings us to a total of four positives during the 2025 season.

- [Mosquito Spraying Zone 4 Map](#)
- [Mosquito Spraying Zone 23 Map](#)

Find out what zone you live in: [www.burlesontx.com/mosquitospray](http://www.burlesontx.com/mosquitospray)

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). Public Works will continue to scout for areas of stagnant water and apply larvicide when appropriate to kill [mosquito larvae](#) before they emerge as adults. To report standing water that has been stagnant for **more than 7 days**, please use the city's [311 reporting system](#).

If you would like to be notified of ground spraying in your area, we encourage residents to sign up for the city's [Emergency Alert system](#).

If you would like to **opt out** of ground-based spraying, we are happy to accommodate you. Please contact our Environmental Health Specialist for more information: [ktanz@burlesontx.com](mailto:ktanz@burlesontx.com)

#### **Why doesn't the city spray everywhere?**

Preventive spraying is not as effective as targeted spraying in reducing mosquito populations. The city works closely with Tarrant County Public Health to monitor mosquito-borne illnesses that could impact public health and to make evidence-based decisions on how to treat mosquitoes most effectively while also working

to reduce the chance of developing pesticide resistance in local mosquito populations.

Preventive spraying everywhere would be incredibly costly to the city, and if pesticide resistance were to develop, the city would lose one of its best tools for managing West Nile Virus, as not all mosquitoes carry the virus. It is also important to note that the city cannot legally spray outside of its jurisdiction.

Given these factors, the city opts for more targeted and strategic interventions rather than blanket spraying to manage the risk of West Nile Virus effectively.

#### **D. PARKS LAUNCHES NEW INITIATIVE TO CONNECT WITH THE COMMUNITY**

Parks and recreation's *Park Bench Project* officially launched last week, offering a platform for community conversations and open dialogue in Burleson's park spaces.

The first session was held at Warren Park and hosted by Parks and Recreation Director Jen Basham. The second took place July 3 at Bailey Lake, led by Deputy Director of Parks Jessica Martinez.

The initiative aims to foster connections with residents, answer questions and build relationships with users of the city's parks and recreation services.

#### **Park Bench Project Recap 6/27: Warren Park**



**Carson & Rylee**

Carson and Rylee were here visiting family and using our parks for basketball, cross country, and fun in between. From Warren Park to Bailey Lake and Chisenhall Fields—they love the whole system.



**Olivia**

This is Olivia. Olivia has claimed her favorite swing at Warren Park—it's officially her swing now.



**Emily & Grandad**

Emily and her granddad meet monthly at Warren Park—he’s played there since 1970, and it’s still one of the few open public courts.



**Nick & Dominique**

Nick and Dominique just played basketball together for the first time at Warren Park. Nick used to visit the library frequently and always noticed the courts. Now he’s making sure they don’t go to waste.

## **E. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN**

The city of Burlleson is currently accepting applications for several boards and commissions, including the positions below, and several youth positions. The last day to apply is July 9, 2025. [Apply or learn more](#)

- Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities
- Animal Shelter Place 5 – Animal Welfare Representative
- Building Code & Standards Board - Place 1 – Electrician
- Building Code & Standards Board - Place 2 - Master Electrician
- Building Code & Standards Board - Place 3 - Licensed Plumber
- Building Code & Standards Board - Place 7 - Licensed HVAC



## F. LIBRARY NEWS & PROGRAMMING

### Summer Reading Club Recap: Week 4

Week four of the Summer Reading Club blended creativity, critters and calm.

On Tuesday, children and teens showcased their talents during **Children's Art Day** and **Teen Art Hour**, crafting colorful and imaginative creations. Wednesday featured an exciting animal encounter at Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, where **The Creature Teacher** amazed families with a blue-tongued skink, chameleon, snake, skunk, toucan and even a kangaroo. That evening, participants repurposed old playing cards during **Upcycled Crafts Night**, transforming decks into earrings, collages and more.

Friday morning began with **Mommy and Me Yoga** with Ms. Toni, as families imagined a forest adventure through movement and stretches. Mothers also enjoyed quiet stretching time with their babies. The week wrapped up Saturday with a **Teen DIY Sunglasses program**, where teens designed custom shades just in time for summer.

Another memorable week is in the books.

### Special Guest Storytime

Burleson Public Library had a blazing good time at Monday night's storytime with **Special Guest Fire Marshal Rob Moore**. He stopped by to share a story (and some smiles) with our families, and the kids loved it.



Big thanks to Fire Marshal Moore and to all of the amazing city of Burleson coworkers who are helping out this summer. It is the library's busiest season, and sometimes even librarians need a little backup. Stay tuned—more surprise guests may pop in soon!

## G. CELEBRATING JULY: PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

July is Parks and Recreation Month, and this year's theme is *Build Together, Play Together*.

Parks and recreation is celebrating everything that brings the community closer—peaceful mornings on the golf course, joyful summer camp days, art at Russell Farm, team wins on the field, and cannonballs at the pool.

They will also be highlighting the amazing staff who work tirelessly to build inclusive, vibrant spaces for all.

*Check out the featured events:*

July 4: [Red, White, & BTX Celebration](#)

July 19: [The BRiCk Boat-Nanza](#)

July 25: [Watermelon Day](#)

July 26: [BTX Bike Ride Along](#)



### Parks and Recreation Staff Highlights

**Jen Basham**, Parks and Recreation Director Jen Basham has been selected as Chair-Elect for the DFW Director's Association—a professional network made up of Parks and Recreation Directors across the Dallas-Fort Worth region.



The association promotes regional collaboration, shares best practices, and helps guide policy and planning efforts that strengthen the impact of local park systems across North Texas. Jen’s selection reflects her leadership in the field and her commitment to elevating both Burleson’s parks and the profession as a whole.



**Isaiah Smith**, Athletic Field Maintenance Worker  
Isaiah Smith successfully passed his Licensed Irrigator exam. This certification will greatly enhance the parks and recreation department’s in-house irrigation maintenance capabilities.

**H. SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER PROGRAMMING**

**Beginning Country Dance Class**

**Tuesdays 11:30 a.m.**

Come dance at the Burleson Senior Activity Center. Enjoy country tunes as you learn classic country dance moves. Get healthier and have a great time while making new friends and staying active in a supportive, encouraging environment.



**Burleson Does: I.T.**

**Friday, July 11 - 11:05 a.m.**

Find out what goes on behind the scenes that makes the city of Burleson run so smoothly. This month, the center is featuring the Information Technology department. Learn what it takes to keep the city up to date on all thing’s technology related.

For those interested in learning more about the center's offerings, tours are



available. The Burleson Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Avenue, is open to individuals aged 50 and up.

## I. **PET OF THE WEEK**

Get ready to draft your next MVP. Luka, a 4-year-old Siberian Husky and Labrador Retriever mix, has the moves and charisma to rival his namesake, Luka Dončić.

This athletic pup dribbles balls with impressive agility, weaving and maneuvering like a seasoned player. His talent on the "court" might make you wonder if the name is more than just a coincidence.



Luka is friendly and enjoys meeting new people. When it's game time, he gets serious, often letting out vocalizations that might seem intense. But don't be fooled — it's all part of the act. Playing ball is his favorite way to bond, and he's always eager for a match.

His adoption fee is waived and includes vaccinations, microchipping and heartworm testing. Luka is already neutered and ready to head home today. One request: please don't trade him to the Lakers — some of us are still recovering.

The Burleson Animal Shelter is at capacity, 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.

## J. **INDOOR POOL RENOVATION - CLOSURE UPDATE**

The Burleson Recreation Center has announced an upcoming indoor pool renovation that will introduce several major improvements aimed at enhancing the experience for members and guests. The project will include the replacement of the play structure, stair tower and slide, as well as updates to the

dehumidification system, sand filters, plaster and doors. An evacuator system will also be added.

Originally scheduled for closure from August through October, the indoor pool's timeline has been adjusted based on the anticipated delivery of materials. The updated closure period will run from September through November.

### Key Dates:

#### Outdoor Pool

- Closes Aug. 11 due to staffing limitations as the school year begins Aug. 13
- Reopens Sept. 2
- Will remain open during the indoor pool closure as long as weather permits

#### Indoor Pool

- Remains open through August
- Closes Sept. 1 for renovation
- Expected to reopen in December upon completion of the project

The Burleson Recreation Center appreciates the community's patience and understanding during this period of improvement.

## **K. RUSSELL FARM – ART GALLERY PROGRESS UPDATE**

The new art gallery space at Russell Farm is moving along with construction. Interior work is underway, with a projected opening scheduled within the coming months.



## L. HIDDEN CREEK GOLF COURSE – VISION PRESENTATION

Parks and recreation staff recently presented a long-range vision plan for Hidden Creek Golf Course. The plan outlines long-term strategies to continue elevating both the player experience and community value of the course. To learn more, you can view the presentation [here](#).



## M. FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

There's something timeless about summer afternoons spent outside with friends. A moment shared recently in a local Burleson Facebook group captured exactly that.

Three boys, golf bags slung over their shoulders, making their way down the fairway — not a phone in sight. Just laughter, sunshine and the kind of memories that will last far longer than any text thread.

In an age where screens often compete for attention, seeing these kids fully present and simply enjoying the game and each



other’s company is a breath of fresh air. It's a quiet reminder of the value of being outdoors, staying active and living in the moment.

Here’s to these young golfers for showing us how it’s done. Unplugged, unbothered and completely in the moment.

### III. ROAD PROJECTS

#### UNDER CONSTRUCTION: COMMERCE STREET SPUR AT UPRR CROSSING CLOSURE

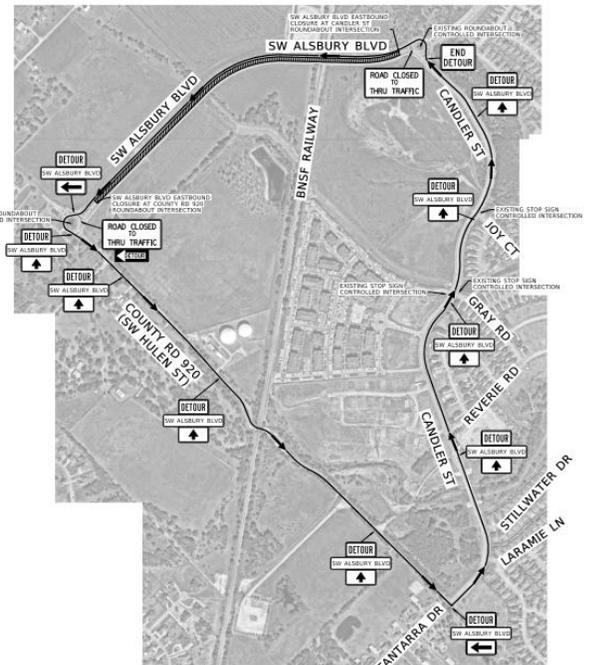
The Commerce Street spur, where Commerce Street connects to the SH 174 service road and crosses the Union Pacific Railroad, closed for construction on Monday, June 16. The project is projected to wrap up on Thursday, July 3.



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   |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Parks Master Plan</b> | Draft In-Review  | <b>Anticipated completion:</b><br>July 2025  |
| <b>Shannon Creek</b>     | Project is currently in bidding process  | <b>Estimated Bid Process Completion:</b><br>July 2025  |
| <b>Green Ribbon</b>      | Project is currently scheduled to begin bidding process: June 24   | <b>Estimated Bid Process Completion:</b><br>July 2025  |
| <b>Community Park</b>    | Phase I: Construction Document Design  | Ongoing  |
| <b>BRiCk Renovation</b>  | Equipment package approved on September 9, 2024.<br><br>Interior Renovation & Pool Resurface approved on October 21, 2024. | November 2024 – Lobby Renovation construction started<br><br>September 2025 – Pool Renovation construction starts<br><br>August 2025 - HVAC construction start |

## **V. EVENTS**

Event information can be found at [www.burlesontx.com/events](http://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
- **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 - CANCELED**
- **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
- **GOSPEL JAM**  
 July 26, 5 – 8 p.m.  
 Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Ave.  
 Free event
- **BTX BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**  
 August 9, 4 – 7 p.m.  
 Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St  
 Free event
- **FRIENDLY FEST DISCO DANCE**  
 August 15, 6 – 8 p.m.  
 Center for ASD, 640 NW Tarrant Ave  
 Free event for individuals with special needs and disabilities of all ages
- **SPLISH SPLASH DOGGIE BASH**  
 August 23, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (time slots depend on dog’s size)  
 BRiCk, 550 NW Summercrest Blvd  
 \$5 per dog, limit 2 dogs per person. Humans are free.

## **VI. ATTACHMENTS**

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# HAPPY *Anniversary*

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

## 18 Years

- Eddie Limon  
(July 10)

## 16 Years

- Amanda Cadenhead  
(July 20)

## 15 Years

- Jonathan Gomez  
(July 19)

## 12 Years

- Carrie Chavez  
(July 15)

## 10 Years

- Rogann Wood  
(July 6)

## 8 Years

- Brennan Jones  
(July 10)

## 6 Years

- Kristen Wingard  
(July 3)
- Stephanie Beard  
(July 8)
- Sean Stone  
(July 8)

## 4 Years

- Lauren Seay  
(July 19)

## 3 Years

- Taylor Payne  
(July 6)
- Toni Wing-Jenkins  
(July 14)

## 2 Years

- Yang Jin  
(July 24)
- Bailey Campbell  
(July 31)
- Jerrah Mabry  
(July 31)

## 1 Year

- Merna Zakhary  
(July 1)
- Carmen Valdez  
(July 8)
- Colby Stacy  
(July 15)
- Deanna Escalante  
(July 16)
- Olivia Hernandez  
(July 22)



# Happy July Birthday



Travis Alexander  
Johnny Barton  
Matt Barton  
Ronan Brinkman  
Jaylin Brown  
Wanda Bullard  
Joe Byrom  
Amanda Cadenhead  
Mark Davidson  
Tommy De La Rosa  
Charlie Deleon  
Blake Dunham  
Bobby Dunn  
Logan Fetty  
Jose Gonzalez  
Nick Grace  
Tiffanie Gregory  
Jaime Harmon  
Janalea Hembree  
Kevin Hennessey  
Jan Hodge  
Braylon Hoffman  
Shelby Homan

Javontae Hopkins  
Kelsey Huthcins  
Harlan Jefferson  
Connor Johnson  
Rose Lopez  
Jeremy Lopez  
Madison Marston  
Emma McCall  
Eric Mills  
Pam O'Hearn  
Niccole Ovieda  
Tony Ozuna  
Brock Pair  
Darin Parle  
Kim Peckler  
Hayleigh Pennington  
DeAnna Phillips  
Elias Rojo  
Neph Ruiz  
Jonathan White  
Dylan Whitehead  
Marc Whitten  
Maribel Valladares

