



# WEEKLY REPORT

AUGUST 8, 2025

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: TOMMY LUDWIG, CITY MANAGER

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## I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, AUGUST 11

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

##### BUDGET

- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction on the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Budget and related items. *(Staff Contact: Tommy Ludwig, City Manager)*
- Consider and take possible action of a resolution proposing a tax rate for the 2025 tax year with a record vote. *(Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessey, Interim Director of Finance)*
- Consider and take possible action of a minute order setting the date and time of the public hearings on the proposed 2025 tax rate and Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Budget to occur during the regular City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. *(Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessey, Interim Director of Finance)*

### MONDAY, AUGUST 18

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

##### REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 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 regarding the FY 2025-2026 Strategic Plan. *(Staff Contact: Janalea Hembree, Assistant to the City Manager)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction regarding an agreement with Sports Facilities Companies for the management of Chisenhall Sports Complex. *(Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)*

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. CITY GROUND-BASED MOSQUITO SPRAYING IN ZONES 1, 4, 8, & 10

The city of Burleson was notified that mosquitoes in Zones 1, 4, 8 & 10 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 **Friday, August 8**, and **Saturday, August 9**. 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 nine positives during the 2025 season.

- [Mosquito Spraying Zone 1 Map](#)
- [Mosquito Spraying Zone 4 Map](#)
- [Mosquito Spraying Zone 8 Map](#)
- [Mosquito Spraying Zone 10 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.

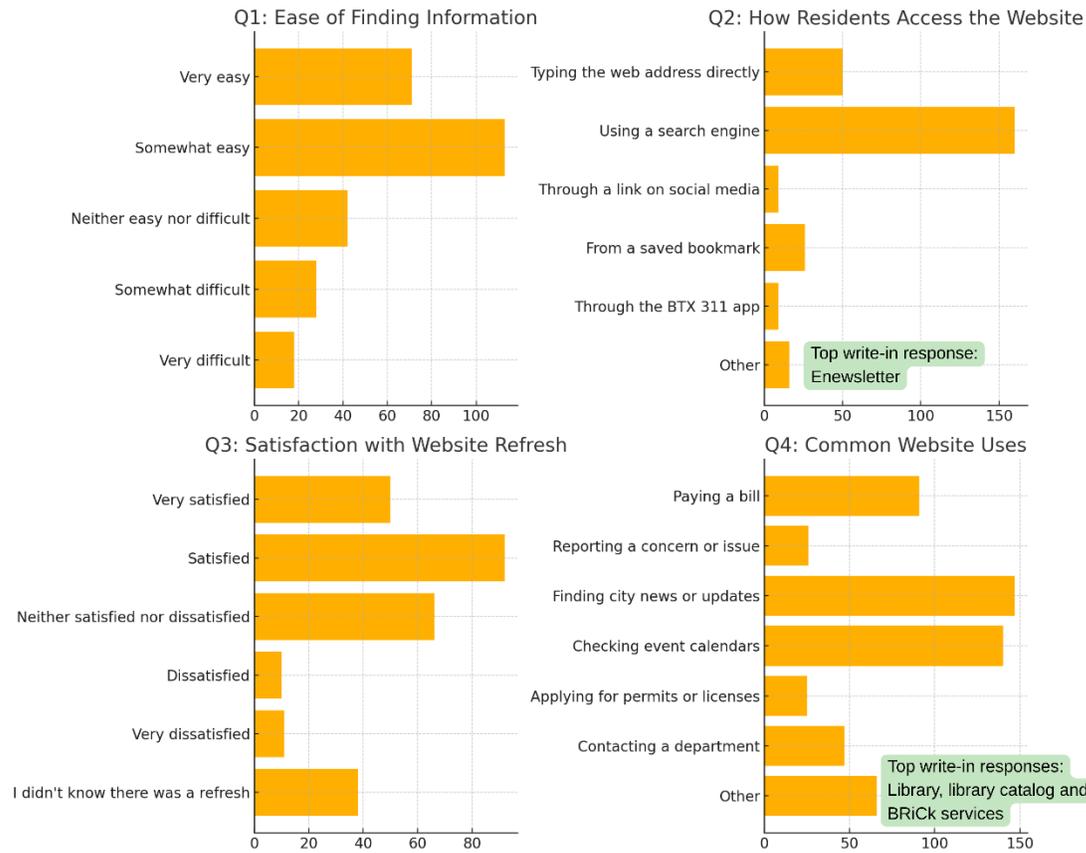
Given these factors, the city opts for more targeted and strategic interventions rather than blanket spraying to manage the risk of West Nile Virus effectively.

## **B. CITY WEBSITE 2025 REFRESH SURVEY RESULTS**

Following the launch of the city's website refresh in May 2025, the communications division published a resident survey to evaluate the new site's performance and usability. The survey received 276 responses from residents and provided valuable insight into how the community interacts with the city's online services.

The results show that a majority of residents find the website easy to navigate, with 68 percent rating the experience as "very easy" or "somewhat easy." Most users access the website through search engines, highlighting the importance of maintaining strong online visibility. Over half of respondents reported being satisfied or very satisfied with the website refresh, while feedback also identified opportunities to improve navigation, search functionality and content awareness. The information collected via write-in responses has been used to implement additional updates to the website.

This input will guide ongoing efforts to enhance the city's online services and ensure the website continues to meet the needs of the Burleson community.



**C. COMING UP: WEEK 4 OF BTX BUDGET BASICS – BEYOND PUBLIC SAFETY**

Next week, the communications division will launch the fourth installment of the *BTX Budget Basics* campaign, focusing on how the city funds services beyond public safety and explaining the differences between general and enterprise funds.

While public safety is a major portion of the city’s budget, services like the library, parks, senior center, animal services, and street maintenance are funded by using a variety of sources, including sales tax revenue, property tax, franchise fees, grants, and user-paid service fees.

Week 4’s outreach will also introduce residents to the structure of the city’s funding system, highlighting how different revenue streams are legally required to be used for specific purposes and why not all money can be redirected to

cover unrelated needs. This structure ensures transparency, accountability, and long-term financial stability.

View the fourth week's highlight [here](#).

All of the weekly highlights will be available at [www.burlesontx.com/BTXbudget](http://www.burlesontx.com/BTXbudget)

#### **D. STRATEGIC PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR THE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER**

The community services department has begun work on a five-year strategic plan for the Burleson Senior Activity Center. This internally developed plan will help guide the center's growth and programming by addressing current needs while anticipating the evolving expectations of Burleson's aging population.

To support this effort, two surveys have been launched. The first is a community-wide survey open to all residents, even if they are not 50 and older (the minimum age to attend the senior activity center), to gather insight on what future users of the center may want or need. The second survey is tailored for current Senior Activity Center participants and will be available on-site. The feedback collected will directly inform the department's long-term vision and investment in resources, programming, and facility improvements.

Take the community survey [here](#).

#### **E. AUGUST 4 COUNCIL PROCLAMATIONS**



Council proclaimed August as Gun Safety Awareness Month

## F. SUMMER READING CLUB BREAKS RECORDS IN 2025

The 2025 Summer Reading Club turned the page on previous years with record-breaking participation and enthusiasm from the community.

Over the course of the summer:

- 52,911 people visited the Burleson Public Library — **AN ALL-TIME RECORD**
- 64,260 items were checked out
- 10,209 people attended library events — **ANOTHER ALL-TIME RECORD**
- 615 new library cards were issued

### SUMMER READING CLUB 2025

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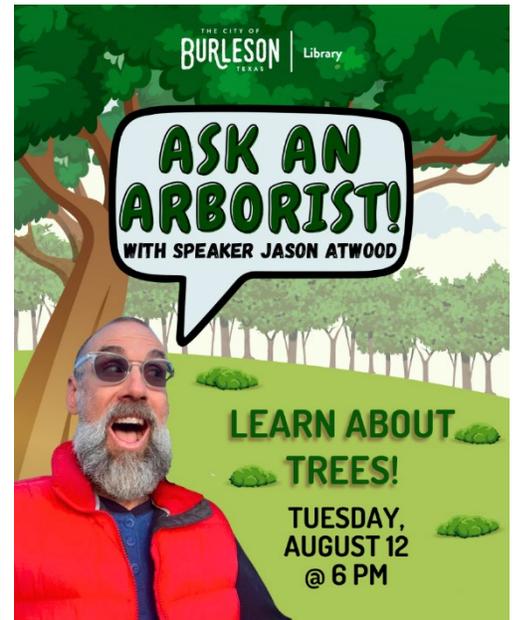


The numbers speak volumes, but it's the stories, smiles and shared moments that truly made this summer unforgettable. Library staff thank everyone who participated, checked out materials, attended programs and supported the library's mission to inspire lifelong learning and connection.

## LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

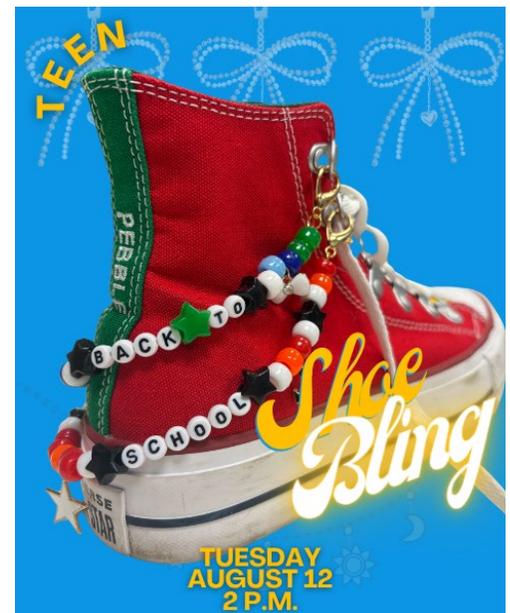
### Ask an Arborist

Have questions about your trees? Curious about the best time to prune or how to keep your trees healthy? Stop by the library on **Tuesday, August 12, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.** and talk with certified Arborist **Jason Atwood**. Jason will be available to answer all your tree-related questions—from planting and pruning to identifying diseases and promoting long-term tree health. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or a curious homeowner, this is a great opportunity to learn from an expert.



### Back to School Shoe Charms

Get ready to head back to school in style. Teens are invited to join the Burleson Public Library on **Tuesday, August 12, from 2 to 3 p.m.** to create their own **DIY custom shoe charms**. Add a fun, personal touch to your favorite kicks and show off your creativity. All materials will be provided—just bring your imagination. This program is best suited for ages 10 and up.



## **G. SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER PROGRAMMING**

### **Ping Pong**

**Mondays 1:45 p.m.**

**Tuesdays 2:15 p.m.**

**Saturdays 1:30 p.m.**

Looking for some exercise, friendly competition and a whole lot of fun? The Burleson Senior Activity Center has just the game for you.

Join in and see why the group has grown so much, they've had to expand to three tables. Come find out what all the excitement is about!



### **Acoustic Jam**

**Thursdays 1:30 p.m.**

Whether you enjoy playing an instrument or simply love good music, this group is for you. Over the past month, it has become one of the fastest-growing activities at the Burleson Senior Activity Center.

Come see — and hear — for yourself what's making it such a hit!

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.



## H. PET OF THE WEEK

Say hello to Banks, a striking 1-year-old Australian Cattle Dog mix with a heart full of love. While he may take a moment to warm up, his affectionate nature quickly shines through. He thrives on companionship and will become a loyal sidekick in no time.

Banks is a dream on the leash, making him a great fit for families who enjoy relaxed walks and time outdoors. He's smart, eager to please and always ready to trade belly rubs for lifelong loyalty.

This sweet boy is simply waiting to meet his forever family.

His adoption fee is waived and includes vaccinations, microchipping, heartworm testing and neutering.

The shelter is **at capacity**, so if you are thinking about adopting, make us your first stop. The Burleson Animal Shelter is at capacity, view all adoptable animals at [burllesontx.com/adopt](https://burllesontx.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.



**PET OF THE WEEK**

**BANKS**

-  Australian Cattle Dog Mix
-  1 year old
-  at the shelter since: 6/27/2025

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## I. FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

You don't have to travel far to find a tropical escape - sometimes, it's right here in Burleson!

The Burleson Senior Activity Center recently brought the island vibes to life at their Luau Party. The room was packed with bright Hawaiian shirts, music and plenty of laughter as everyone soaked up the spirit of aloha.

Moments like these are what make the Burleson Senior Activity Center so special. From festive gatherings to creative classes and new friendships, there's always a reason to smile and connect with others.

If you're 50 years and over and are looking for fun, friendship and a little adventure, come see what's happening at the Burleson Senior Center—you might just find your own moment to celebrate.



## III. ROAD PROJECTS

### UNDER CONSTRUCTION: ALSBURY BLVD BETWEEN CANDLER DR AND HULEN ST

Work on the BNSF Railway crossing on S.W. Alsbury Boulevard began on July 17. To accommodate the improvements, S.W. Alsbury Boulevard will be closed to **all traffic** between S.W. Hulen Street and Candler Drive.

This closure will remain in place until construction is completed by BNSF Railway.

Traffic Impacts:

- No through traffic will be permitted on S.W. Alsbury Boulevard between S.W. Hulen Street and Candler Drive.

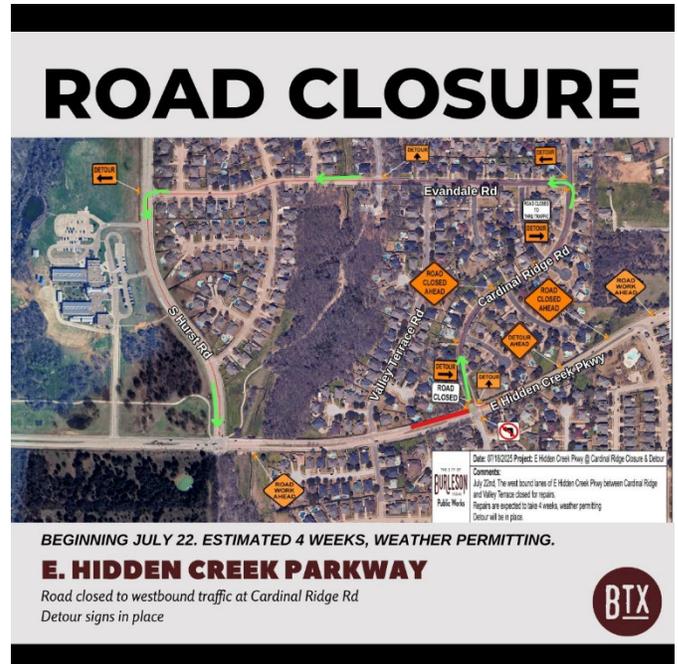


- Detour routes will be clearly marked to assist drivers in navigating around the closure.

### **UNDER CONSTRUCTION: WESTBOUND HIDDEN CREEK PARKWAY AT CARDINAL RIDGE**

Work began Tuesday, July 22, on westbound Hidden Creek Parkway, which is closed at Cardinal Ridge to allow for necessary repairs to failed sections of the roadway.

- All westbound traffic from E. Renfro will need to detour Cardinal Ridge to Evandale Rd.
- Eastbound lanes that are currently under construction will be reopened prior to closing westbound.
- Advance warning signs and digital message boards will be placed well ahead of the work zone to help drivers plan alternate routes.
- Repairs are expected to take approximately four weeks, weather permitting.



### **UNDER CONSTRUCTION: NW RENFRO STREET FROM NE MURPHY ROAD TO NE MOODY STREET**

Construction began Aug. 5 on NW Renfro Street, resulting in the closure of the center turn lane between NE Murphy Road and NE Moody Street. The Public Works Department is performing necessary repairs to a water main in the 400 block of NW Renfro.



Immediately following the water main work, a contractor will begin roadway repairs in the same area. All repairs are expected to be completed, and the roadway reopened, by Aug. 15. Public Works staff will oversee the project and monitor traffic flow throughout its duration.

#### **IV. PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS**



[Click here to stay up to date on current park projects](#)

#### **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
- **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
- **CLEAR THE SHELTERS**  
August 16, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Burleson Animal Shelter, 775 SE John Jones Dr  
Adoption fees waived

- **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.
- **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR 2025**  
September 13, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
BRiCk, 550 NW Summercrest Blvd  
Free event
- **WOODCARVERS SHOWCASE**  
September 13, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714  
Free event
- **SWIFT NIGHT OUT**  
September 13, 7 p.m.  
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St  
General Admission Tickets \$20 each
- **BE HEALTHY BURLESON 5K/10K/FUN RUN**  
September 20, starts at 7:45 a.m.  
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St  
Cost associated with each race
- **ZUMBA NIGHTS IN THE PLAZA**  
September 24, October 8 & 29, 7 – 8 p.m.  
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St  
Free event
- **HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL**  
September 27, 5 – 8 p.m.  
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St  
Free event, food available for purchase

## **VI. ATTACHMENTS**

- Surviving the Texas Heat TIPS.....page 14

Heat-related illnesses are common occurrences in our brutally hot, humid Texas summers and come in various forms, including minor inconveniences, such as a sunburn or rash, but can progress into something much more significant, such as a heat stroke. Severe heat illnesses occur when the body cannot get rid of excess heat, causing core temperatures to rise and the heart rate to increase. Heat and dehydration can also affect concentration, making employees more prone to accidents. With proper education and preparation, heat-related illnesses and deaths are preventable.

**1**

**Signs and Symptoms of Heat Illness:** May include dizziness, headaches, fatigue, and muscle cramping. Affected individuals may appear weak, confused, or nauseated, and their skin may feel damp, pale, or clammy. Vomiting or disorientation are signs the condition is becoming more serious and requires immediate attention.



**2**

**Personal Risk Factors:** These include lifestyle habits such as frequent caffeine or alcohol consumption, and low fitness levels. Body size also plays a role, as excess weight can make it harder for the body to regulate temperature. Age and health conditions like heart disease, diabetes, or history of heat-related illness can increase the risk of heat stress.

**3**

**Hydration and Nutrition Tips:** Staying hydrated is one of the most effective ways to prevent heat illnesses. Drink water frequently. Avoid energy drinks or sugary sodas, and fuel your body with light, balanced meals that support energy and hydration. Adding electrolyte-rich drinks can also help replace minerals lost through sweat during prolonged work in the heat.



**4**

**Training Employees for the Texas Heat:** Preparing employees for extreme heat starts with training on recognizing symptoms, understanding personal risk factors, and knowing how to respond to heat-related emergencies. Regular refreshers and tailgate talks help reinforce safety practices as temperatures rise throughout the Texas summer.



**5**

**Emergency Response and First Aid:** If someone shows signs of heat illness, quick action can prevent heat exhaustion from progressing into life-threatening heat stroke. Call 911, move them to a cool, shaded area and provide water if they are conscious and able to drink.

#### LEARN MORE WITH THESE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- CDC [Heat and Your Health](#).
- Department of Health Services [Heat Stress Resources](#)
- Texas Department of Insurance: [Heat Stress Safety Training Program](#)
- National Weather Service [Heat Cramps, Exhaustion, Stroke](#)