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# WEEKLY REPORT

SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS  
FROM: TOMMY LUDWIG, CITY MANAGER

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## **I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE**

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION, 5:30 P.M.**

- Budget and Tax Rate Consideration

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, 5:30 P.M.**

#### **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction on the flood warning system. *(Staff Contact: Errick Thompson, Director of Public Works)*

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 ZONE 12**

The city of Burleson was notified that mosquitoes in Zone 12 tested positive for West Nile Virus this week. In response, the city will conduct two nights of ground-based spraying for mosquitoes in the zone between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. on the nights of Friday, September 5, and Saturday, September 6, 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 18 positives during the 2025 season.

- [Mosquito Spray Zone 12 Map](#)

More information: [www.burlesontx.com/mosquitospray](http://www.burlesontx.com/mosquitospray)

## **B. PUBLIC WORKS JOB FAIR OFFERS ON-THE-SPOT INTERVIEWS AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

The city of Burleson is hosting a Public Works Job Fair on Sept. 11 from 4-7 p.m. at the City Service Center, 725 SE John Jones Drive. The event will give job seekers the chance to explore career paths that keep the city running strong — from streets to utilities and beyond.

The event features on-the-spot interviews and same-day contingent job offers for several open positions, including:

- Street Maintenance Worker I, II, III
- Utility Worker I, II, III
- Utility Crew Leader



The graphic features a dark blue background with a white and blue striped pattern at the top. The text 'THE CITY OF BURLESON TEXAS' is in white, followed by 'PUBLIC WORKS JOB FAIR' in large, bold, white letters. Below this, a smaller line of text reads: 'On-the-spot interviews and same-day contingent job offers available. We're hiring for current Public Works positions and actively building a talent pool of candidates for future opportunities. Join us in shaping the community!' The background of the graphic shows a construction site with a yellow backhoe loader and a worker in a safety vest. At the bottom, a dark blue box contains the event details: 'SEPT. 11, 2025', '4 PM - 7 PM', and 'CITY SERVICE CENTER 725 SE JOHN JONES DR BURLESON TX'. To the right, a dark blue button with white text says 'APPLY ONLINE 24/7' and 'BurlesonTX.com/Jobs'.

The city is also building a talent pool for future opportunities, making this a great chance for those considering a career in public service.

Interested applicants can also begin the application process online at [burlesontx.com/jobs](https://burlesontx.com/jobs)

## **C. TACKLE EGRET SEASON TOGETHER: COMMUNITY EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 11**

In the Summer of 2024, the Shady Oaks neighborhood experienced the challenges of an egret rookery. When egrets gather to nest in large numbers, they create significant problems for nearby residents. The noise from their loud calls can be disruptive at all hours, and their droppings not only cause foul odors but also damage cars, roofs, and landscaping. Long-term colonies can even weaken or kill trees.

Because egrets are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, once they have laid eggs, residents and the city cannot disturb them until nesting season is over. That's why **early deterrence is key**—the best way to keep a rookery from forming is to prevent the birds from settling in the first place.

### **LEARN THE PLAYBOOK FOR SUCCESS**

Join Animal Services on **Thursday, Sept. 11 from 6-8 p.m.**, at 116 NE Shady Oaks Drive, for a community event focused on preparing your neighborhood to deter egrets. At this event, you will:

- Learn effective strategies to discourage egrets from nesting in your area.
- Receive deterrents to use at home (while supplies last).
- Get practical tips on working together with neighbors to build a strong “defense” against rookeries.

### **A FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT**

The event will be both informative and enjoyable for the whole family. In addition to educational resources, there will be an ice cream truck, snacks and a bounce house for kids.

### **STAY AHEAD OF THE SEASON**

Now is the perfect time to get ready for next spring. By trimming trees, hanging deterrents, and working as a team with your neighbors, you can help protect your property and community from the noise, mess, and damage of future rookeries.



## **D. BTX BUDGET BASICS WEEK 8 – HOW THE TAX RATE IS SET**

In this week's *BTX Budget Basics series*, BTX Bob is helping break down one of the most important—and sometimes most complicated—parts of the budget process: **how the property tax rate is set.**

The city's tax rate has two pieces:

- **Maintenance & Operations (M&O):** funds daily services like police, fire, parks, and streets.
- **Debt Service (I&S):** repays bonds for long-term projects such as fire stations, roads, and major equipment.

Together, these make up the city of Burleson's total property tax rate.

State law requires cities to follow a process called **Truth-in-Taxation**, which ensures transparency and gives residents opportunities to participate. As part of this process, the city must calculate and publish the **No-New-Revenue Rate** (the rate that would keep revenue flat compared to the prior year, plus new construction) and the **Voter-Approval Rate** (the maximum rate allowed without an election). Public hearings are required if the proposed rate is higher than the No-New-Revenue Rate, and voter approval would be required if it exceeded the Voter-Approval Rate.

Once the budget is adopted, City Council formally votes on the tax rate in a recorded public meeting. The adopted rate is then published along with worksheets and documents so residents can see how their tax dollars fund essential services and debt repayment.

Week 8's focus highlights how the tax rate is carefully calculated, legally required to be transparent, and directly tied to maintaining the services and infrastructure Burleson residents rely on every day.

View Week 8's highlight [here](#).

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

**E. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE SURVEY**

The city is currently gathering public input to help strengthen and refine emergency preparedness plans. This survey is a valuable opportunity for residents to share feedback on how we can better protect our community, including individuals, families and neighborhoods, during emergencies.

[Take the survey today.](#)

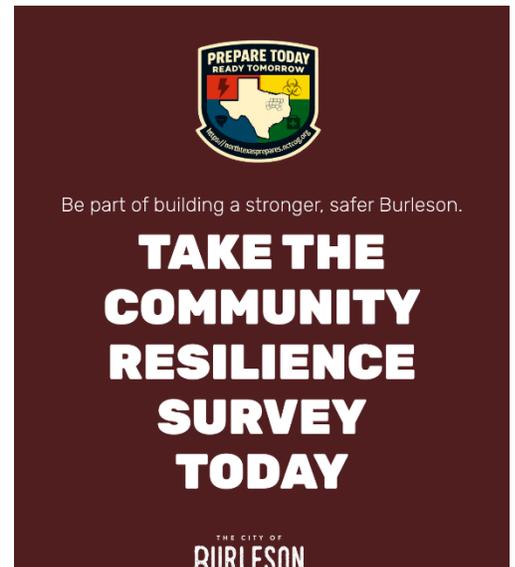
**F. LIBRARY PROGRAMMING**

**Skins & Skulls with Cleburne State Park**

Discover the wild side of nature! Join the Burleson Public Library on **Tuesday, September 9, from 4–5 p.m.** for a fascinating presentation from a **Cleburne State Park Ranger**. Families will get the chance to see and learn about different animal skins and skulls up close while exploring the amazing wildlife found in our area. This hands-on program is both fun and educational—perfect for curious kids and nature-loving families.

**Left On Read...An Introvert’s Book Club**

Calling all book-loving teens who want a low-pressure, laid-back reading space! Join the Burleson Public Library on **Tuesday, September 9, from 6–7 p.m.** for Left On Read... An Introvert’s Book Club. Each month a different genre will be highlighted, with a selection of books available for you to choose from—or bring your own. September’s focus is **Fantasy**, with plenty of middle grade and YA options ready to explore. Whether you want to chat about your book, keep it to yourself, or just enjoy some quiet reading time, this club is for you.



## G. SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER PROGRAMMING

### Grief Support Group

**Monday, September 8 & 22 from 10-11 a.m.**

Learn about grief, the different ways it affects you, and pick up some tools for how to manage it.

Snacks sponsored by Freedom Palliative

### Mexican Loteria Celebration

**Tuesday, September 9 from 10-11 a.m.**

Join the Burleson Senior Activity Center for a special loteria game to celebrate Mexican Independence Day. There will be bonus prizes and lots of fun.

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

Meet Theodore, a sweet 2-year-old American Pit Bull Terrier mix who loves being around people and exploring his surroundings.

Smart and eager to please, Theodore knows how to sit politely for a treat and does great on a leash, making walks and adventures a joy for both him and his companion. He is ready to find a loving home where he can continue his explorations with 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 [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.

## I. **FEEL GOOD FRIDAY**

In this Feel Good Friday we are honored to share the story of a local boy with the heart of a true fighter. Stetson was born with a rare disease and has faced challenges most of us will never know. Through it all, he's met each one with incredible strength and a bright spirit.

This week, that strength was met with something extraordinary: the gift of a new liver.

Doctors expected a long recovery with days of sedation and support but less than 24 hours after surgery, Stetson was off oxygen, smiling and reminding everyone just how strong he really is.

We're cheering for you, Stetson. Your strength is inspiring, your courage is contagious, and your story is a powerful reminder of hope.



### 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.



### 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
- **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
- **TRASH BASH**  
September 27, 8 a.m. – Noon  
Warren Park, 301 SW Johnson Ave  
Free event, pre-registration required by September 19
- **HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL**  
September 27, 5 – 8 p.m.  
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St  
Free event, food available for purchase

- **GOSPEL JAM**  
 September 27, 6 – 9 p.m.  
 Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Ave.  
 Free event, open to all ages
- **RED CHAIR LECTURE**  
 October 4, Noon  
 Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714  
 Free event
- **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**  
 October 7, 5 – 9 p.m.  
 Community-wide  
 Free event, register your neighborhood by September 16
- **FOUNDERS DAY**  
 October 11, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
 Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St  
 Free event
- **SADDLE UP & S'MORES**  
 October 11, 6 – 8 p.m.  
 Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714  
 \$40 per couple

**VI. ATTACHMENTS**

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# Housekeeping for a Safe Work Environment

Employees are injured every day because of poor housekeeping in and around work areas. Poor housekeeping increases the risk of many perils, including trip-and-fall accidents and fire danger. A shop, yard, vehicle, office area, or storage facility that is kept clean throughout the day reduces that risk. The following tips should help keep workplaces clean and safe:



## Preventing Slips and Falls:

- Clean up all spills and leaks, including oil, grease, and water.
- Replace worn or damaged flooring.
- Use mats, anti-slip flooring, or drip pans in appropriate areas.
- Keep aisles, stairways, and exits free from obstructions and clutter.
- Keep extension cords and cables out of walkways and organized under desks.
  - Shut file cabinet drawers when not in use.
  - Don't use workplace areas for storage.



## Reduce Fire Hazards:

- Store combustible materials, such as oil-soaked rags, waste, and shavings in approved containers with lids.
- Store fuel and other flammable liquids only approved containers and in appropriate storage areas.
- Store batteries in well-ventilated areas protected from sparks or open flames.
- Leave space around sprinklers, fire extinguishers, and sprinkler controls.
- Dispose of unused materials.
- Regularly empty trash.



## Prevent Falling Objects:

- Store materials and supplies in an orderly manner.
- Store heavy objects on lower shelves.
- Do not stack too many boxes or other objects on top of one another.

## Additional Resources

- Safety + Health [11 Tips for Effective Workplace Housekeeping](#)
- [TMLIRP Media Library:](#)
  - Housekeeping, DVD #547
  - Housekeeping: It Ain't Like the Movies, DVD #555
  - Janitorial Safety, DVD #756