



# WEEKLY REPORT

SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

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**I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 6  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, 5:30 P.M.**

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

*No reports and presentations*

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. SEPTEMBER SALES USE AND MIXED BEVERAGE TAX**

**Sales Tax**

| Sep-24       | September 2025 | Diff \$     | Diff % | FY2024 YTD    | FY2025 YTD    | Diff \$    | Diff % |
|--------------|----------------|-------------|--------|---------------|---------------|------------|--------|
| \$ 2,592,942 | \$ 2,566,656   | \$ (26,286) | -1.01% | \$ 24,733,826 | \$ 25,640,576 | \$ 906,751 | 3.67%  |

Note: September 2025 sales tax amount represents sales occurred in July 2025.

**Mixed Beverage Tax**

| Sep 2024  | Sep 2025  | Diff \$    | Diff %  | FY2024 YTD | FY2025 YTD | Diff \$   | Diff % |
|-----------|-----------|------------|---------|------------|------------|-----------|--------|
| \$ 23,417 | \$ 19,542 | \$ (3,875) | -16.55% | \$ 216,428 | \$ 240,112 | \$ 23,685 | 10.94% |

Note: September 2025 mixed beverage tax amount represents sales occurred in August 2025.

**B. CITY OF BURLESON ADOPTS FY 2025–2026 BUDGET**

On **September 8, 2025**, the Burleson City Council formally adopted the **Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Budget**, with a strong focus on addressing community priorities while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

**Streets and Traffic Control: Top Community Priority**

In the city’s 2025 Public Budget Survey, residents identified **streets and traffic control** as their highest priority. In response, the adopted budget includes a

**dedicated portion of the property tax rate for street maintenance.** A total of **\$0.0302** per \$100 of assessed value is set aside exclusively for this purpose.

The city's total property tax rate for FY 2026 is **\$0.7218**, which is divided into:

- **\$0.4631** for Maintenance & Operations (day-to-day city services)
- **\$0.2285** for Debt Service (repayment of bonds for long-term projects)
- **\$0.0302** for Street Maintenance

For the average Burluson home valued at **\$300,210** with the homestead exemption, this tax rate equates to an annual increase of **\$179.56**—or about **\$14.96 per month**—for the city's portion of the property tax bill.

### **Staff and Council cut \$2 Million in General Fund**

The **General Fund**—responsible for core services such as police, fire, EMS, streets, parks, libraries, and general administration—realized more than **\$2 million in savings** this year. These savings were achieved through ongoing reductions, careful budget adjustments, and salary savings, allowing the city to stretch taxpayer dollars further.

### **Investing in Public Safety**

Public safety ranked as the **second and third highest priorities** in the community survey, following streets. The FY 2026 Budget funds the addition of:

- **3 paramedics**
- **1 police officer**
- **1 arson investigator/fire inspector**

The police officer and arson investigator/fire inspector positions will be funded through the General Fund, while the three paramedics will be funded through the Medical Transport Fund (funding from the city's revenue from medical and transports).

Additional positions were also approved to support **parks, recreation, and Hidden Creek Golf Course**, but those will be funded through **4B sales tax revenues—not property taxes**.

### Utility Rate Adjustments

To ensure reliable service and prepare for future growth, the FY 2026 Budget includes modest utility rate increases:

- **Water & Sewer Rates:** Increased by **5%**. This increase reflects both pass-through rate adjustments from the City of Fort Worth (which supplies Burleson’s water and treats the city’s wastewater) and the need to replace aging infrastructure while planning for new system users.
- **Solid Waste Collection:**
  - Residential collection increased by **\$0.88 per month**.
  - Commercial minor collection increased by **\$1.17 per month**.
  - Commercial major collection increased by **\$1.78 per month**.

### Looking Ahead

The FY 2026 Budget reflects the city of Burleson’s commitment to aligning community input with responsible financial management. By dedicating funding for street maintenance, investing in public safety, managing utility infrastructure responsibly, and securing long-term savings, the city continues to focus on the priorities of the community.

## C. PARIS BAGUETTE BREAKS GROUND ON FIRST NORTH AMERICAN FACILITY IN BURLESON



The city of Burleson marked a major milestone on Tuesday, September 16, as SPC Group, the global company behind Paris Baguette, officially broke ground on its first food manufacturing facility in North America — right here in Burleson.

Located in Highpoint Business Park, the 267,000-square-foot facility represents a \$200 million investment and is expected to create 450 new jobs. Once completed, the site will enhance distribution of Paris Baguette's signature pastries, sandwiches and cakes, while also supporting operations for SPC's subsidiary, Samlip, which specializes in mass-produced bread.

The project not only strengthens Burleson's role in SPC Group's global supply chain, but also demonstrates the city's growing appeal as a hub for international business and commercial investment.

[View photos from the groundbreaking.](#)

#### **D. CITY GROUND-BASED MOSQUITO SPRAYING IN ZONES 1, 7 & 12 FOR WEST NILE AND IN ZONE 9 FOR ST. LOUIS ENCEPHALITIS VIRUS**

The city of Burleson has been notified that mosquitoes in **Zones 1, 7, and 12 tested positive for West Nile Virus** this week. In addition, **mosquitoes in Zone 9 tested positive for another mosquito-borne disease called St. Louis Encephalitis.**

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. in Zones 1, 7 and 12 and between the hours of 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. in Zone 9 on the nights of Friday, September 19, and Saturday, September 20, wind and weather permitting. The ground spraying will be performed by trucks equipped with sprayers in targeted subdivisions within the designated spray zone.

Additional mosquito traps will be placed in Zone 9 with samples submitted to Tarrant County Public Health on the morning of September 19. The city should have the additional results early next week.

St. Louis encephalitis has a historical presence in Texas and continues to appear sporadically around the State.

### **What is St. Louis Encephalitis?**

St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV) is an arbovirus—spread by mosquitoes (typically *Culex* species) that become infected when they feed on birds carrying the virus.

Humans are incidental (“dead-end”) hosts; they don’t typically contribute to further spread.

### **What are the Symptoms?**

Most people infected with SLEV do not develop noticeable symptoms. When symptoms do occur, they range from mild to severe. Those people who do become ill may experience fever, headache, nausea, vomiting, and tiredness.

Some people may develop neuroinvasive disease, such as encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) or meningitis (inflammation of the membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord). In rare cases, long-term disability or death can occur.

Incubation period (time from bite to symptoms, if symptoms occur) is typically **4–14 days**, but can range up to 21 days.

### **Who is Most at Risk?**

- Older adults (e.g. 50+) are at higher risk of severe illness.
- People with weakened immune systems, or underlying medical conditions such as diabetes, kidney disease, hypertension, etc.
- Anyone exposed to *Culex* species mosquitoes when these mosquitoes are most active.

### **How Is It Treated?**

There is no vaccine to prevent St. Louis encephalitis.

No specific antiviral medication cures it. Treatment is supportive, meaning managing symptoms: rest, fluids, pain and fever reducers, and more intensive medical care if neurological complications occur.

### **How Do You Prevent It?**

The prevention methods are essentially the same as for West Nile virus and other

mosquito-borne diseases such as, wearing long, loose clothing and/or using EPA-registered insect repellent with ingredients such as DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, etc. You should also eliminate standing water around the home: empty containers, clean gutters, remove or manage items that collect water (ditched, tires, buckets, flowerpot saucers, etc.).

### **What Should You Do If You Suspect You May Be Infected?**

If you develop symptoms similar to those listed above—especially if you have a high fever, stiff neck, confusion, or other signs of neurological involvement—after being outdoors or exposed to mosquitoes:

1. Seek medical care promptly. Tell your healthcare provider about possible mosquito exposure and any symptoms.
2. If hospitalized with neurological symptoms, treatment will focus on supportive care.
3. Avoid donating blood if you are diagnosed with St. Louis encephalitis; health authorities recommend waiting for four months after illness.

For more information call 817-426-9848. This brings us to a total of 21 positives for West Nile virus and one positive for St. Louis Encephalitis virus during the 2025 season.

- [Mosquito Zone 1 Map](#)
- [Mosquito Zone 7 Map](#)
- [Mosquito Zone 9 Map](#)
- [Mosquito Zone 12 Map](#)

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

### **E. ROAD CLOSURES FOR BE HEALTHY RUN**

Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza will be hosting the Be Healthy Burleson Run beginning at 7 a.m. on Saturday, September 20.

Runners will start and complete the race at the plaza.

**Ellison Street will be closed to traffic, as well as Warren Street from Bufford to Renfro Streets.** Traffic may be



slower in and around the area as the right west bound lane of traffic on Hidden Creek Parkway will be closed from Hidden Lake to Irene and the right lane of Johnson Avenue north bound from Gardens to Ellison Streets.

Mayor Vera Calvin will still be open to the public, but **the Burleson Farmers Market will take place from 5-9 p.m.** this Saturday to accommodate the race.

**F. SHADY OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD CELEBRATES ONE YEAR EGRET FREE**

On September 11, neighbors in the Shady Oaks area joined city council and staff to celebrate making it through one full year egret-free. The celebration included free food, a bounce house, and plenty of community spirit.

While the event was a chance to celebrate, the city also reminded residents about the importance of continuing deterrent efforts by providing free egret deterrent methods and information. Egrets are known to return to the same areas year after year—even after long absences. By staying vigilant and using proven deterrent methods, neighbors can help ensure that Shady Oaks remains free of rookeries in the future. The egret deterrent handout that was distributed at the event can be found on page 14.

**G. SEPTEMBER 15 COUNCIL PROCLAMATIONS**



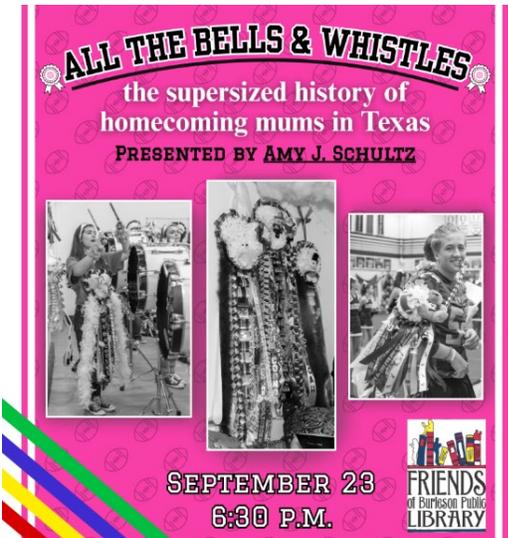
City Council proclaimed September 17 - September 23, 2025 as "Constitution Week" in the City of Burleson.



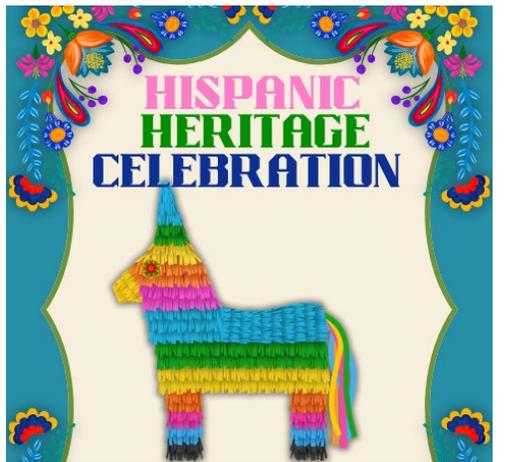
City Council recognized Burleson as a "Tourism Friendly Community."

**H. BURLESON PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMMING**

On **Tuesday, September 23**, the library will host **All the Bells and Whistles: The Supersized History of Homecoming Mums in Texas** from **6:30–8 p.m.** Guest speaker Amy J. Schultz will share the fascinating history and culture behind this iconic Texas homecoming tradition. Sponsored by the Friends of the Burleson Library, this program will include refreshments and promises to be both fun and informative.



In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15–October 15), the library will host a **Hispanic Heritage Celebration** for teens on **Wednesday, September 24, from 5:30–6:30 p.m.** Teens ages 10–17 are invited to join us for crafts and snacks as we celebrate and honor the rich cultures of Hispanic and Latino Americans.



## **I. SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER PROGRAMMING**

### **Western Day**

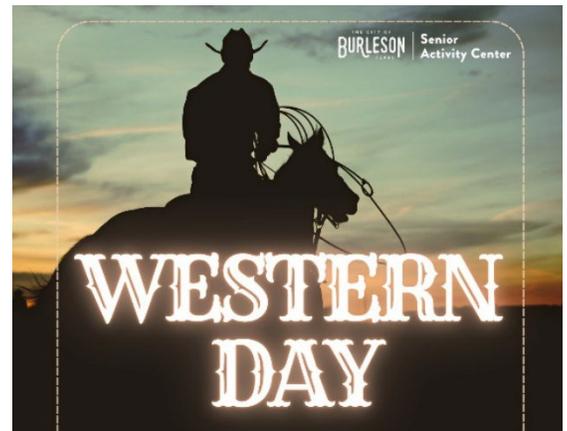
**Friday, September 26**

**11:15 a.m. Costume Contest**

**11:30 a.m. Lunch**

**11:50 a.m. Entertainment**

Join the Burleson Senior Activity Center for their annual Western Day. The event features a costume contest, sloppy joe sandwiches for lunch and fantastic music. Please call 817-295-6611 to register.



### **Gospel Jam**

**Saturday, September 27**

**6 - 9 p.m.**

Open for All Ages

Free Entry

Burleson Senior Activity Center is hosting musical talent from around the area for Gospel Jam. Donations are welcome.



Sponsored by North Texas Gospel Music Ministries.

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.

## **J. PET OF THE WEEK**

Teddy is a gentle 2-year-old Australian Cattle Dog mix searching for a family to love. Life at the shelter can feel overwhelming, but with patience and kindness he will blossom into a devoted companion.

Because Teddy can be nervous, he would do best in a calmer home, preferably with older children. He would also likely thrive as the only dog, soaking up all the

attention. On the smaller side, Teddy is just the right size for both snuggles and adventures.

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. View all adoptable animals at [burlesontx.com/adopt](http://burlesontx.com/adopt)

THE CITY OF BURLESON Animal Services

**PET**  
OF THE WEEK

*Teddy*

AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG MIX

2 YEARS OLD

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.

**K. FEEL GOOD FRIDAY**

We love seeing local organizations making a big impact—and this week, we’re celebrating a major win for the Center for ASD, right here in our community.

The Center was recently awarded a \$30,000 Local Impact Grant from the NBCUniversal Foundation, part of a nationwide initiative that recognized 69 nonprofits across the country for their efforts to strengthen and serve local communities.

This funding will support the Center for ASD’s mission to provide lifelong support for individuals with special needs and their families, helping them continue their incredible work right here in the Burleson area.



Congratulations to the Center for ASD on this well-deserved recognition and thank you for being a vital part of the fabric of our community. We’re proud to celebrate this milestone with you.

### 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**  
*\*Saturday, September 20, 5-9 p.m.\* due to Be Healthy Race*  
 Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
 Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W. Renfro St.  
 Free entry, items for purchase
- **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

- **DOGS AND DONUTS: HALLOWEEN EDITION**

October 18, 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
 Burleson Bark Park, 616 Memorial Plaza  
 Free event

- **FALL FEST AT THE FARM**

October 18, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
 Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714  
 Free event

- **OLD TOWN PICTURE SHOW**

October 24 (*Hocus Pocus*) & November 21 (*Elf*), 6 p.m.  
 Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St  
 Fee event

- **BOO BASH**

October 25, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
 Chisenhall Sports Complex, 500 W Hidden Creek Pkwy  
 Free event

## **VI. ATTACHMENTS**

- Egret Educational Flyer.....page 14-15



# EGRET GAME PLAN

To defeat egrets you have to use multiple strategies



EVERY DETERRENT YOU USE STRENGTHENS YOUR DEFENSE AGAINST ROOKERIES



# EGRET SEASON PLAYBOOK

Just like football, you need a full playbook to win. One deterrent alone won't stop egrets. Use these plays together for the strongest defense.



## TEAM HUDDLE

Talk with your neighbors and create a game plan. Make sure new neighbors understand the damage egrets can cause.



## CALL THE COACHES

Report egret sightings to BTX 311 online, via the app or to 817-426-9600. Animal Services will respond to these reports.



## RUN THE PLAYBOOK

One deterrent won't win the game. Use multiple methods - tree trimming, noise makers, streamers - consistently over time.



## STAY DISCIPLINED

Don't panic if you see a bird. It takes days to two weeks for a nest to form. Stay alert, but don't jump offside.



## DEFENSE WINS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Neighbors working together are the best defense against a rookery. Teamwork makes the line stronger.