

**Bailey Lake**



# **WEEKLY REPORT**

**OCTOBER 3, 2025**

**TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: TOMMY LUDWIG, CITY MANAGER**

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## I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

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

#### REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Hold a discussion and provide staff direction regarding a possible policy associated with alcohol sales at Chisenhall Sports Complex. *(Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. *(Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction regarding the Public Art Master Plan. *(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. FALL TRASH BASH WRAP UP

The Fall BTX Trash Bash was another major success, with 313 volunteers coming together to help keep the city clean and beautiful.

Participants collected an impressive 4,695 pounds of litter, showcasing Burleson's strong sense of community pride and environmental stewardship. From parks and roadways to waterways and retail areas, teams worked together to make a visible difference across the city.



A special thank-you goes to the Keep Burleson Beautiful team and city of Burleson staff for their hard work in organizing and supporting the event.

View all photos [here](#).



## **B. BURLESON PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMMING**

### **Leaf Monsters in the Library Garden**

On **Friday, Oct. 10, from 4 to 5 p.m.**, families are invited to the Burleson Public Library garden for a fun and creative fall activity — Leaf Monsters in the Library Garden. Participants will gather leaves from the garden and transform them into silly or spooky monsters by adding eyes, teeth and imagination.

This free program is open to all ages and is a perfect way to enjoy the season outdoors.



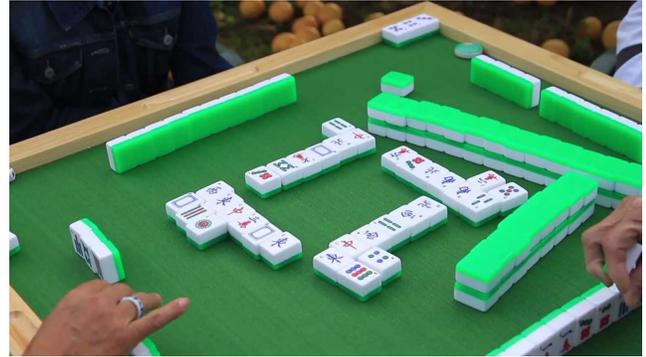
## C. SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER PROGRAMMING

### **Mahjong**

**Tuesdays 1 p.m.**

**Wednesdays 10 a.m.**

Mahjong is a tile-based game that originated in China in the 19th century and spread worldwide in the early 20th century. Played with four players, it is similar to the Western card game rummy and combines skill, strategy and luck.



Our players are a friendly, welcoming group who would love to teach newcomers how to play their favorite game. Whether you're a first-time player or simply curious, you'll find plenty of support — and fun — at the table.

### **Burleson Does: Cyber Security**

**Friday, October 10**

**11:05 a.m.**

Find out how the city of Burleson protects its computer systems, networks and data from malicious attacks, unauthorized access and damage.



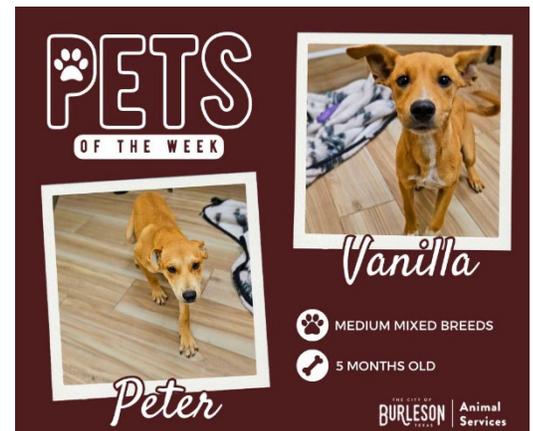
The city's skilled IT professionals will share how they safeguard sensitive information and maintain the integrity and availability of critical services across Burleson.

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.

#### D. PET OF THE WEEK

Vanilla and Peter are a sweet pair of 5-month-old medium-sized mixed breed pups looking for their forever homes. At this perfect age for training and socialization, they're full of curiosity and eager to learn all about the world.

These two are ready to bring double the love and fun into a family, but they can also be adopted separately. Their adoption fees are waived and include vaccinations, microchipping, heartworm testing and spay or neuter.



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](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.

#### E. FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

When Stephanie O'Dell posted in a local group asking if anyone with a cool car, truck, Jeep or bike could drive by for her son's sixth birthday, she wasn't expecting much—just hoping to make the day a little more fun.

But Burleson came through in a big way.

The post was shared and tagged again and again, and on party day, a stream of really cool vehicles rolled by the house, honking, waving and making one very excited six-year-old's day. His friends loved it too, and the street was full of smiles and engines.



Thanks to everyone who helped turn a simple idea into a birthday he won't forget. Just another great reminder of how this community shows up for each other.

**F. OCTOBER WORK ANNIVERSARIES**


**HAPPY Anniversary**

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

<b>22 Years</b> Kristie Menchaca (October 20)	<b>17 Years</b> Currie Reardon (October 20)	<b>14 Years</b> Dylan Whitehead (October 31)	<b>11 Years</b> Drew Pennywell (October 3)
<b>9 Years</b> Catrina Glover (October 17)	<b>8 Years</b> Junior Rodriguez (October 23)	<b>7 Years</b>	
		● Tiffanie Gregory (October 3)	● Blake Dunham (October 29)
		● Tina Brinkman (October 9)	● Jennifer Shaw (October 29)
<b>5 Years</b> Carolina Romero (October 13)	<b>3 Years</b> Steve Steffgen (October 19)	<b>2 Years</b>	
		● Harlan Jefferson (October 9)	● Kitty Green (October 18)
		● Jimmy Hamilton (October 11)	● Eric Mills (October 23)
<b>1 Year</b>			
● Makalyn Tankersley (October 3)	● Hannah Lee (October 14)	● Matt Lee (October 28)	● Kayden Cassidy (October 28)
● Hailey Carter (October 11)	● Belen Gutierrez (October 21)	● Dakota Easdon (October 28)	● Cameron Wood (October 28)
● Johnny Barton (October 14)	● Chase Crabb (October 21)	● Darryl Malone (October 28)	

**G. OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

**HAPPY OCTOBER**

*Birthday*

**Ethan Baker  
Jen Basham  
CV Black  
Christy Bush  
Codie Capelle  
Holly Cermak  
Layla Cummings  
Suzy Davis  
Mariha De La Rosa  
Erin Gillespie  
Don Hallmark  
Preston Hamilton  
Javin Harris  
Brooke Herring  
Kevin Hunter**

**Scott Johns  
Sylvester Key  
Hannah Lee  
Kristie Menchaca  
Brett Meugniot  
David Murphy  
Jessica Pounds  
Derrick Rose  
Camren Smith  
Kelly Sowell  
Colby Stacy  
Eli Tackett  
Tyler Thompson  
Caden Ward  
Jon Wheat  
Grace Wigginton**

## H. SEPTEMBER NEW HIRES & PROMOTIONS



# WELCOME TO THE **BIX** TEAM

## Meet our new hires for September

- Korbin Smith – Utility Worker III – Welcome Back!
- Terrance Williams – Police Officer
- Jaren Reinen – Police Officer
- Donna Blauvelt – Property & Evidence/ Crime Scene Forensic Tech
- Christina Turner-Noteware – Deputy Director of Capital Engineering
- Cesar Rodriguez Salinas – Capital Projects Engineer
- Randy Barrow – Street Maintenance Worker III
- Rhys Peterson – Golf Course Grounds Keeper (PT)
- Enzo Cortes – Lifeguard (PT)
- Walker Hale – Athletic Attendant (PT)
- Savannah Williams – Customer Service Attendant (PT)
- Nicholas Walden – Event Customer Service Attendant (PT)
- Susan Mejia – Customer Service Attendant (PT)
- Antonio Alarcon – Arson Investigator/ Fire Inspector
- Nohely Olvera – Deputy Court Clerk Coordinator
- Sophia Craig – Customer Service Attendant (PT)



## CONGRATULATIONS

**Help us celebrate this promotion**

- Mason Matus – Maintenance Worker

### 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**  
*\*Special Night Market\**  
Friday, October 3, 5-9 p.m.  
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W. Renfro St.  
Free entry, items for purchase
- **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
- **ZUMBA NIGHTS IN THE PLAZA**  
October 8 & 29, 7 – 8 p.m.  
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St  
Free event
- **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

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# Avoid Safety Shortcuts

In a fast-paced work environment, it's understandable that we might sometimes feel pressured to cut corners to meet deadlines or save time. However, taking safety shortcuts while on the job can have significant risks and consequences. While shortcuts may seem harmless or expedient in the moment, they can lead to serious injuries, damage to property, and even loss of life. Read on to learn why shortcuts are a bad idea. The perils of taking safety shortcuts are far-reaching and profound. By prioritizing safety above all else, you not only protect yourself and others from harm but also uphold the values of professionalism, integrity, and responsibility.

**1**

**Increased Risk of Accidents:** Safety procedures and protocols are in place for a reason – to protect you from harm and minimize the risk of accidents. When you take shortcuts by bypassing these procedures or ignoring safety guidelines, you develop bad safety habits and significantly increase the likelihood of an accident.



**2**

**Compromised Quality of Work:** Contrary to popular belief, shortcuts rarely lead to improved efficiency or productivity in the long run. In fact, taking safety shortcuts often leads to subpar workmanship and compromised quality and increases the likelihood of errors, defects, and rework.



**3**

**Legal and Regulatory Consequences:** Ignoring safety protocols not only puts your well-being at risk but also exposes your local government to potential liability.



**4**

**Erosion of Trust and Morale:** Taking safety shortcuts can erode trust among team members and undermine morale within the organization. Conversely, when you prioritize safety and hold yourself and others accountable for following procedures, it fosters a culture of trust, respect, and collaboration.

**5**

**Personal and Professional Consequences:** Stay focused and aware of complacency, which often leads to dangerous shortcuts. By being consistent in prioritizing safety through informed decision-making, you not only protect your well-being but also those you work with.

## LEARN MORE WITH THESE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Texas Department of Insurance Safety @ Work [On the Job Safety Fact Sheet](#)
- Texas Department of Insurance Safety @ Work Videos: [No Place for Complacency – Keep Safety Active](#)