



Military Veterans Tribute, Nov. 8 at 10 a.m.
Veterans Memorial Plaza, 298 E Renfro

WEEKLY REPORT

NOVEMBER 7, 2025

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: TOMMY LUDWIG, CITY MANAGER

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I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION, 6 P.M.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Consider and take possible action amending CSO#5974-10-2025 City of Burleson Alcohol Sales Policy for Chisenhall Sports Complex. *(Staff Contact: Eric Oscarson, Deputy City Manager)*

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. HONORING ALL OF THE VETERANS WHO SERVE THE CITY OF BURLESON



TRAY GEE
 Equipment Services Operation
 Superintendent



JOE LASTER
 Equipment Operations
 Manager



TRAVIS BROWN
 Police Officer



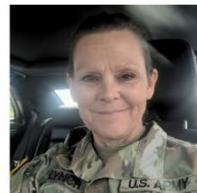
JESSICA POUNDS
 Multimedia Specialist



NICK THORNE
 Police Officer



ROB MOORE
 Firefighter Battalion Chief



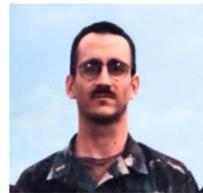
TERRI LYNCH
 Benefits and Wellness
 Administrator



GENE GEHEB
 Firefighter Engineer



NEPH RUIZ
 Utility Crew Leader



JAMES BAILEY
 City Traffic Engineer



 <p>TAYLOR COX Police Officer</p> 	 <p>SEVERO DELUNA IT Systems Administrator</p> 	 <p>LIDON PEARCE Principal Planner</p> 	 <p>RICKY DIAZ Firefighter</p> 	 <p>ELIAS ROJO IT Support Technician</p> 
 <p>JASON TAUCH Police Officer</p> 	 <p>JAMES HALL Police Officer</p> 	 <p>KRISTEN TANZ Environmental Health Specialist</p> 	 <p>JOSE GONZALEZ Police Officer</p> 	 <p>WILLIAM WATSON Street Maintenance Worker</p> 
 <p>CAMERON WOOD Police Officer</p> 	 <p>COLLIN GREGORY Crime Prevention and Community Engagement Specialist</p> 	 <p>ANDREA EVANS Police Officer</p> 	 <p>ROBERT CLARKIN Firefighter Captain</p> 	 <p>JACOB BARNES Police Officer</p> 

Not pictured is: Brandon Wichman, Ben Rigney, Saeed Harvey, Sylvester Key, Brandon Ramon, Tony McIlwain, Joseph Hunn, James Grommersch, Doug Gorman, Rob Clarke, Johnny Barton, Ian Kitzman, DeWayne Furr, James Neiderhauser, Paul Ford, Blake Riggs, Brett Meugniot and Mike Alley.

B. DRAINAGE TOWN HALL SET FOR MONDAY, NOV. 10

The city of Burleson invites residents, business owners and community members to attend a Drainage Town Hall on Monday, November 10, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

This come-and-go meeting will focus on flooding, drainage concerns, future infrastructure improvements and a proposed stormwater utility fee. It will be held in the Council Chambers at Burleson City Hall, located at 141 W. Renfro Street.

This event will give attendees a chance to:

- Learn about current drainage challenges and areas of concern
- Hear how a proposed stormwater utility fee could provide dedicated funding for improvements
- Ask questions and share input directly with city staff
- Stay informed on how the city is planning to reduce flood risks in Burleson neighborhoods

Learn more: <https://www.burlesontx.com/Drainage>

Stay Informed: <https://www.burlesontx.com/2921/Stay-Informed-Drainage-in-Burleson>

Burleson's drainage system includes over 11 miles of storm channels and 281 culverts (big pipes under roads) that help manage rainwater and reduce flooding. As the city continues to grow and weather events become more severe, maintaining and improving this system has become more urgent.

The town hall is part of public outreach to ensure residents understand the importance of drainage improvements and how they would be funded. The proposed stormwater utility fee would provide a long-term, stable funding source to support these efforts.

If passed how would the fee be applied? Ninety percent of residential properties would pay no more than \$8 per month. The charge would appear on their regular city utility bill.

If a resident does not receive city utility services, the city will work with other local water providers to include the fee on their utility bills whenever possible. If that's not an option, the city will bill directly.

For non-residential properties (like businesses, schools, churches, and government facilities), the fee would vary based on the amount of hard surface on the property.

Residents are encouraged to bring their questions, concerns and ideas. This is a key opportunity to get involved and help shape the future of drainage in Burleson.

Tell us about drainage in your neighborhood, [take the survey today](#).

C. BURLESON AND WINDMILLER PROPERTIES ANNOUNCE THE STANDARD HOTEL, A HILTON TAPESTRY PROJECT

The city of Burleson has approved a development agreement for The Standard, a new boutique hotel set to become a cornerstone of the growing Standard at Chisenhall development. Approved on October 20, 2025, the project marks a major step forward in the city's efforts to expand hospitality, tourism and economic development.



With an estimated investment of \$18 million, The Standard will feature 80 upscale rooms across five to six stories and operate under the Hilton Tapestry Collection flag, a brand known for its independently styled hotels that reflect the character and culture of their surroundings.

“With its addition to the Standard at Chisenhall, the hotel transforms the development from a collection of great experiences into a complete

destination—the finishing touch that brings life and continuity to the entire project,” said Tim Windmiller, owner of Windmiller Properties.

Located on W. Hidden Creek Boulevard, adjacent to Chisenhall Fields, The Standard will offer convenient access for visitors attending local sporting events, business travelers and leisure guests. The hotel will serve as a key anchor for the Standard at Chisenhall mixed-use development, bringing new energy and activity to the corridor.

Construction is expected to begin in 2026, with a targeted grand opening in late 2027.

“This project represents a major investment in Burleson’s future,” said Alex Philips, economic development director. “We’re excited to welcome The Standard and the Hilton Tapestry brand to our community, and we look forward to the opportunities it will bring for tourism, local business and the overall experience in Burleson.”

Once complete, The Standard will deliver an elevated lodging experience with modern design elements and amenities that complement the surrounding development and reflect Burleson’s vision for intentional, quality growth.

D. NOVEMBER 3 CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION PHOTOS

City council honored Facilities Maintenance Specialist David Murphy for being selected as the employee of the third quarter.



E. BURLESON FIRE DEPARTMENT DEPLOYS DIGITAL ALERTING TO PROTECT RESPONDERS AND MOTORISTS

In a major advancement for roadway safety, Burleson Fire Department has implemented HAAS Alert's Safety Cloud®, a public safety solution that delivers real-time digital alerts to motorists when emergency vehicles are approaching or working on scene. This life-saving technology provides drivers with crucial extra warning time – proven to reduce collision risks by up to 90%.



While Texas Move Over laws require drivers to slow down and change lanes for active emergency vehicles, flashing lights and sirens often don't provide enough warning to drivers, especially at high speeds or in poor visibility. Safety Cloud solves this by delivering safety alerts to drivers through multiple channels:

- Navigation apps: Automatic warnings appear in Waze and Apple Maps
- Vehicle dashboards: Built-in alerts for 2018 and newer Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep and RAM vehicles, plus 2024 and newer Volkswagen vehicles

"This technology bridges the gap between what the law requires and what actually happens on the road," said Chief Casey Davis. "When our lights activate, Safety Cloud gives drivers critical extra time to anticipate us and safely react – protecting both our personnel and the public we serve."

The system requires no action from drivers beyond using their regular navigation apps. Burleson Fire Department joins more than 4,000 agencies nationwide already using this protection system, with HAAS Alert actively expanding to additional vehicle platforms.

"Roadside line-of-duty deaths are preventable tragedies," added Chief Davis. "By combining this technology with public awareness, we're creating safer roads for everyone."

For more information about this life-saving technology, visit www.haasalert.com.

F. CITY PARTICIPATES IN LARGE-SCALE REGIONAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE

On Tuesday, October 28, the Burleson Office of Emergency Management successfully activated the partially refurbished Emergency Operations Center (EOC) as part of Metro X, a large-scale regional exercise coordinated by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Emergency Preparedness Department.



Metro X was a three-day, full-scale emergency response exercise held October 27–29, simulating complex incidents such as coordinated terrorist attacks and mass-casualty events across multiple jurisdictions in the Dallas-Fort Worth region. The event brought together police and fire departments, EMS agencies, hospitals, school districts, dispatch centers, emergency managers and city officials from across North Texas.

The Burleson EOC was one of several EOCs activated across the region to test interagency coordination, communication and decision-making during a large-scale regional crisis. Although refurbishment of the room is still underway, this activation provided an excellent opportunity to exercise and evaluate the new technology and layout already in place. Once the project is fully complete, staff will share the finished EOC in a future report.

In addition to the EOC activation, the Burleson Police Department participated in the full-scale exercise at multiple locations, engaging in tactical and operational components designed to test coordinated response and information sharing during simulated critical incidents.

G. EMPLOYEE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM: APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

The city manager's office is excited to announce the next session of the city of Burleson Employee Mentorship Program, running Dec. 1, 2025 – July 31, 2026. This program supports the city's ongoing commitment to foster professional growth, collaboration and impactful learning across the organization.

Program Overview

The Mentorship Program connects employees across departments, providing an opportunity to gain new perspectives and build professional skills. Participants are paired based on shared goals — matching those eager to learn and grow with colleagues ready to share their knowledge and experience.

Program Roles

Mentors

- Share career experiences and professional insights
- Provide guidance, encouragement and goal-setting support
- Help mentees reflect, take action and grow in their roles

Mentees

- Are curious, motivated and open to feedback
- Come prepared to discuss goals, ideas and challenges
- Take initiative in their own growth and learning

Both mentors and mentees help create a supportive environment built on trust, teamwork and shared learning. Whether you want to mentor, be mentored or explore both roles — this program is for you!

Get Involved

All employees are welcome to apply. **Submit your application by Nov. 10** at <https://forms.office.com/g/g6LUnfFedq>

For more information about the program, expectations and benefits, please see the Mentorship Program Guide on page x. If you have any questions, reach out to [Janalea](#) or [America](#).

H. PUBLIC WORKS TO PERFORM SMOKE TESTING

From November 11 - 14, Public Works will perform smoke testing of the sanitary sewer system in the areas listed below. This routine maintenance uses safe, non-toxic smoke to help identify leaks or defects in the sewer lines.

Locations:

- N.W. Renfro St
- Red Oak Ct
- S.W. Alsbury Blvd
- N.W. Chisolm Rd
- S.W. Cindy Ln
- Laura Dr
- Patty B Ln
- S.W. Rand Dr
- N.W. Newton

Key points:

- The smoke is harmless, non-staining and poses no fire risk.
- To minimize smoke entering homes or businesses, residents should run at least one gallon of water into all drains when notified of testing.
- Smoke may be visible from sewer vents, roof drains, catch basins, pavement cracks or yards near sewer connections.
- Smoke inside buildings signals possible faulty plumbing; if this occurs, residents should call 311.
- People with respiratory conditions (e.g., asthma) should contact the city at 311 prior to testing beginning.
- Unauthorized stormwater connections to the sewer system will be identified and addressed during the testing.

More information on smoke testing: <https://www.burlesontx.com/smoketesting>

Report issues to BTX 311: 817-426-9600 or [burlesontx.com/311](https://www.burlesontx.com/311)

WHERE WILL YOU BE PERFORMING THE TESTS?

- In the following areas: N.W. Renfro St, Red Oak Ct, S.W. Alsbury Blvd, N.W. Chisolm Rd, S.W. Cindy Ln, Laura Dr, Patty B Ln, S.W. Rand Dr, N.W. Newton Dr



I. BURLESON PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

All About Birds

Join the Burleson Public Library on **Monday, November 10, at 4 p.m.** for **All About Birds with Cleburne State Park**. A park ranger will lead this engaging program, teaching children all about the birds that call our area home. After the presentation, participants will have the chance to build their own bird nest to take home. This hands-on, educational event is geared for ages 5–10, and we hope to see many young nature lovers join us for this feathered fun.



J. BURLESON SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER PROGRAMMING

Fall Festival

Thursday, Nov. 13

Lunch: 11:30 a.m. | Games: Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Join the Burleson Senior Activity Center for a day of food, fun and games at the annual Fall Festival. Enjoy a delicious lunch, then stick around for an afternoon of excitement featuring prize drawings, a sweets walk and lots of games.

Please call 817-295-6611 to register for lunch.



Country Dance

Friday, Nov. 14 | 6:30-9 p.m.

Get ready to kick up your heels at the Burleson Senior Activity Center's Country Dance. With Larry Light and the Pure Country Band performing, you know it's going to be an amazing night of music, dancing and fun.

Enjoy great tunes, meet friends old and new and dance the night away. Admission is just \$5 at the door. Snacks will be provided by our friends at Freedom Palliative.

Don't miss one of the best country dance nights in North Texas!

Open to individuals aged 50 and up, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come by for a tour of the Burleson Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Avenue, and see for yourself why it's one of the best senior activity centers in North Texas.



K. PARKS UPDATES

Winter Projects & Seasonal Transition:

The Parks team is wrapping up mowing season and preparing for winter project work and training. Crews are shifting focus toward additional preventative maintenance, park system improvements and staff training initiatives to ensure a smooth and productive transition into the off-season.

Plaza Refresh

The first priority project is a refresh of the Plaza, which kicked off this week as part of the division's seasonal beautification efforts. Crews are sanding and re-staining benches, completing necessary repairs and adding new mulch, with vibrant fall plantings to follow in the coming weeks. These updates will help enhance the overall appearance of Old Town just in time for the holiday season.

End-of-Year Employee Highlights

As Parks closes out the mowing season, they are proud to recognize several team members for their dedication, hard work and leadership throughout the year. Employees were recognized during the division's recent quarterly outing hosted at 1611 Golf Club.



- **Eddie Salmeron** – Parks Division Employee of the Year for his consistent excellence and commitment to quality work.
- **Micah Tatum** – Athletics Division Employee of the Year for his reliability, positive attitude and steady consistency in his work.
- **Gerald Kirby** – Crew Lead of the Year for his outstanding leadership and support of our team.
- **Chris McGaha** – Newcomer of the Year for his initiative and strong contributions in his first year.
- **Alex Depew** – Core Value Winner of the Quarter for consistently exemplifying our department's values.



Pictured from left to right: Gerald Kirby, Alex Depew, Eddie Salmeron, Chris McGaha and Micah Tatum

L. PET OF THE WEEK

Hank is a sweet and affectionate 2-year-old Rottweiler mix looking for a loving family to call his own. With his gentle nature and big heart, he's ready to become a loyal companion and beloved family dog.

Hank is known for his calm demeanor and eagerness to bond with people. He's the kind of dog who will be by your side through every walk, nap and quiet moment at home.

His adoption fee is waived, and it includes vaccinations, microchipping, heartworm testing and neuter, making it easier than ever to welcome him into your life.

The shelter is **at capacity**, so if you are thinking about adopting, make it your first stop. View all adoptable animals at burllesontx.com/adopt



M. FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

Visitors to the Burleson Farmers Market last Saturday may have noticed a sweet, fluffy pup named Lexus spending time with staff from the Burleson Animal Shelter.

The shelter brought adoptable dogs to the market in hopes of connecting them with forever homes. With the shelter currently at capacity, staff are exploring creative ways to give the animals more visibility in the community.

For Lexus, that effort paid off. A couple met her during the market, then went home to get their golden retriever,



who had been lonely after the recent loss of their other dog. Later that day, they visited the shelter for a meet-and-greet — and it turned out to be a perfect match.

Lexus has since been adopted and is settling into her new home with her new family and fur brother by her side.

The city of Burleson thanks the shelter staff for their ongoing dedication, the Burleson Farmers Market for partnering with the shelter, and everyone who continues to support animal adoption in the community.

III. ROAD PROJECTS

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: ALSBURY BLVD BETWEEN CANDLER DR AND HULEN ST

City contractors continue work on S.W. Alsbury Boulevard between S.W. Hulen Street and Candler Drive for remaining improvements of the widening of the boulevard.

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

- **BURLESON FARMERS MARKET**
Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W. Renfro St.
Free entry, items for purchase

- **MILITARY VETERANS TRIBUTE**
November 8, 10 a.m.
Veterans Memorial Plaza, 298 E Renfro St.
Free event
- **FAR OUT FAMILY CAMPOUT**
November 8-9, Noon – 9 a.m.
Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W County Road 714
\$30 per family of 5; additional family members will cost \$5 each
- **RUSSELL FARM COOKING SOCIAL**
November 14, 5-7 p.m.
Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W County Road 714
\$75 per person
- **RECYCLING EVENT**
November 15, 8:30 – 11 a.m.
Municipal Service Center, 725 SE John Jones Dr
Free event, open to Burleson residents only
- **OLD TOWN PICTURE SHOW**
November 21 (*Elf & National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*), 6 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St
Free event
- **GOSPEL JAM**
November 22, 6-9 p.m.
Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Ave.
Free event, open to all ages
- **TEXAS TRADITION CHORUS**
December 2, 6-7:45 p.m.
Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Ave.
Free event, open to all ages
- **SANTA'S BREAKFAST**
December 6, 7-11 a.m.
Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714
\$5 for ages 3-12, \$7 for 13 and up
- **CHRISTMAS AT THE LIBRARY**
December 6, 9 a.m. - Noon
Burleson Public Library, 248 SW Johnson Ave.
Free event

- **BTX-MAS: CHRISTMAS IN BURLESON**
December 6, 6 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St
Fee event

VI. ATTACHMENTS

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Navigating Intersections

In 2022, over 1,000 people died in intersection-related crashes. That statistic shows that intersections pose a hazard to drivers for a variety of reasons, including high traffic volume, failure to yield, poor visibility, inadequate signage, and more. Local government employees who drive vehicles should always stay **R.O.A.D. Ready** by continuously: (1) recognizing the hazards; (2) observing people, processes, and equipment; (3) assessing the risk level; and (4) determining the safest course of action. Doing so while following this step-by-step guide will allow a driver to execute their responsibilities effectively, while minimizing the risks associated with navigating intersections.

- 1. Approach with Caution and Plan for the Unexpected:** Approaching an intersection requires a vigilant mindset. Reduce your speed as you approach and be prepared to come to a complete stop if necessary. Scan the intersection for traffic signals, signs, and other vehicles. Approach with caution, especially when visibility is compromised due to weather conditions or obstacles.
- 2. Obey Traffic Signals and Signs:** Pay close attention to traffic lights, stop signs, yield signs, and other regulatory signals. Treat red lights as non-negotiable stops and proceed through green lights only after confirming the intersection is clear.
- 3. Stay in Your Lane:** Maintaining lane discipline is crucial at intersections. Abrupt lane changes can lead to confusion and increase the likelihood of accidents. Signal your intent well in advance if you need to change lanes.
- 4. Check for Pedestrians:** Pedestrians are vulnerable road users, particularly at intersections. Always be on the lookout for pedestrians, whether they are using crosswalks or not. Yield the right of way to pedestrians, and never block crosswalks, ensuring they have a clear and safe path to cross.
- 5. Use Your Turn Signals:** Turn signals are your communication tools with other drivers. Clearly signal your intentions well before reaching the intersection.
- 6. Practice Defensive Driving:** Intersections are hotspots for potential conflicts. Adopt a defensive driving mindset by anticipating the actions of other drivers. Be prepared for sudden stops, unexpected lane changes, and vehicles running red lights. Always maintain a safe following distance to provide yourself with reaction time in case of emergencies, and beware of turning vehicles.
- 7. Avoid Distractions:** Distracted driving is a leading cause of accidents, and intersections demand our full attention. Refrain from using mobile devices, adjusting the radio, or engaging in other distracting activities while approaching or navigating through intersections.



Resources

- Federal Highway Administration Intersection Safety :[About Intersection Safety | FHWA \(dot.gov\)](#)
- Don't Block the Box : [Don't Block the Box | AustinTexas.gov](#)
- [TRANSPORTATION CODE CHAPTER 545. OPERATION AND MOVEMENT OF VEHICLES \(texas.gov\)](#)
- Defensive Driving Basics ([Local GovU](#))
- [Media Library DVD's](#) listed under Driving Safety