



Christmas on the Farm

December 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WEEKLY REPORT

DECEMBER 12, 2025

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: TOMMY LUDWIG, CITY MANAGER

I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, 5:30 P.M.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction on the May 2026 General Election electing Mayor, Place 2, Place 4 and Place 6. *(Staff Contact: Amanda Campos, City Secretary)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction regarding public engagement for the potential implementation of a stormwater utility and fee. *(Staff Contact: Errick Thompson, Director of Public Works)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction regarding the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) implementation for Burleson Public Safety. *(Staff Contact: James Grommersch, Chief Technology Officer)*

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. GOVERNOR ABBOTT CONGRATULATES BURLESON AS TOURISM FRIENDLY TEXAS CERTIFIED COMMUNITY

Governor Greg Abbott congratulated the city of Burleson for being designated a Tourism Friendly Texas Certified Community by Travel Texas after completing the multi-step certification process. The Tourism Friendly Texas Certified Community designation shows Burleson's commitment to further develop tourism as an economic growth strategy, boost local job creation, and draw more visitors to their community and to Texas from across the nation and around the world.

"Tourism is critical to both our local and state economies," said Governor Abbott. "Travelers to and within Texas generate almost \$200 billion in annual economic impact and support 1.3 million jobs across the state. I congratulate the City of Burleson on earning this designation. All Texas communities are encouraged to

apply to become a Tourism Friendly Texas Certified Community to further grow local tourism and jobs across our great state.”

[Read the full news release.](#)

B. BURLESON 101 CIVIC ACADEMY

Curious about what it takes to keep a city running? Burleson 101 Civic Academy gives you an inside look at city operations with hands-on activities, tours, presentations and opportunities to meet the staff who serve our community. This free program is built to inspire and equip residents looking to connect with their city.

Registration is now open. Apply today at www.burlesontx.com/academy.



C. CITY OF BURLESON HIRES NEW FINANCE DIRECTOR, MARK DAVIES

The city of Burleson is pleased to announce the hiring of Mark Davies as its new finance director. Davies brings more than two decades of municipal finance experience, most recently serving as the assistant chief financial officer for the city of Allen.

In Allen, where he has served since 2022, Davies managed key department services and oversaw accounting and financial operations across the organization. He supervised staff in payroll, purchasing and budget, and played a central role in developing and managing the city’s annual budget. Davies also managed the city’s cash and investment activities, maintained banking relationships, and worked closely with financial advisors, bond counsel and rating agencies on debt issuances. He supported numerous reporting requirements, including quarterly investment and financial reports, and helped foster a culture of excellence through staff training, development, and performance management.

Before joining the city of Allen, Davies spent over 18 years with the city of Arlington, where he served as finance administrator from 2014 to 2022. In that

role, he managed the city's debt issuances, oversaw an \$800 million investment portfolio, coordinated daily cash flow needs, and ensured compliance with the Public Funds Investment Act. He regularly reported financial conditions to city leadership and worked with rating agencies, broker/dealers, and consultants on investment and arbitrage matters. Davies also contributed to Arlington's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and developed long-range financial forecasts and debt schedules.

Earlier in his Arlington tenure, Davies served as the city's budget administrator, where he managed the city's operating budget and supported departments in meeting financial and performance targets. He also previously worked in multiple financial and analytical roles for the cities of Arlington and San Diego, giving him a deep understanding of municipal operations and long-term financial planning.

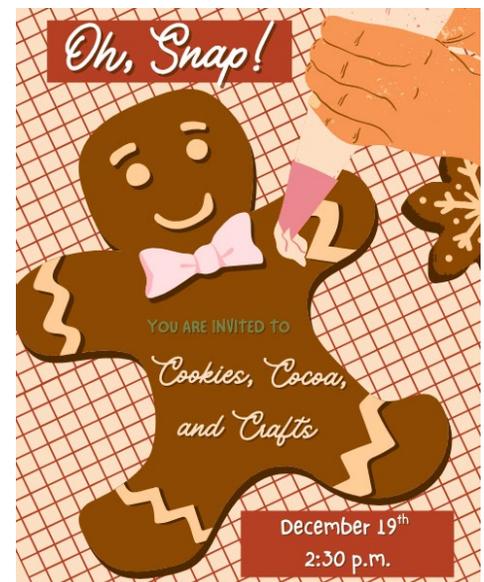
Davies holds a Master of Public Administration and a Bachelor of Science, both from Brigham Young University. He is also a Certified Government Financial Officer (CGFO).

The city of Burleson is excited to welcome Davies to the leadership team and looks forward to the expertise he will bring in managing the city's financial health and supporting its long-term strategic goals. Davies will begin his new role on December 15, 2025.

D. BURLESON PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

Oh Snap! Cookies & Cocoa

Teens are invited to get cozy at the library for **Oh Snap! Cookies & Cocoa** on **Friday, December 19, from 2:30–3:30 p.m.** Participants can enjoy a warm cup of cocoa while decorating gingerbread cookies and ornaments—perfect to keep or give as festive gifts. It's a relaxed, creative afternoon designed to bring out the holiday spirit. We hope to see lots of teens join us for this sweet seasonal fun!



F. MEET ZADDY

If you're searching for the purrfect couch buddy for those Hallmark Christmas movie marathons, you have to come meet Zaddy. He's a three-year-old domestic shorthair mix with charisma tucked into every whisker. This handsome, gentle sweetheart is a certified snuggologist who deserves a warm, loving home for the holidays.



Come give Zaddy the Christmas miracle he's been waiting for.

The shelter is **at capacity for dogs**, so if you are thinking about adopting a dog or a cat, make it your first stop. View all adoptable animals at burlesontx.com/adopt

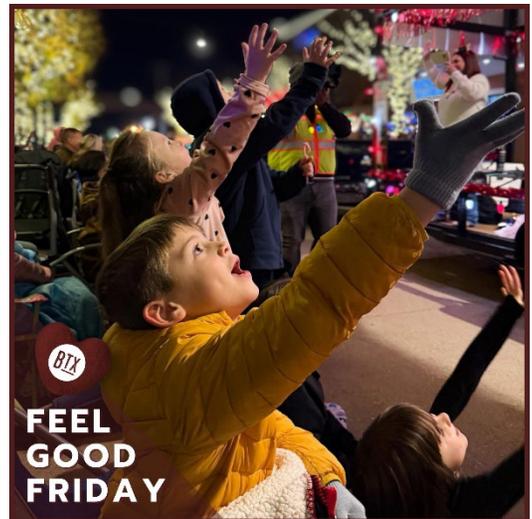
G. FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

Moments of kindness often come when we least expect them—like one shared recently by a local grandparent after breakfast at Ol' South Pancake House.

She and her six-year-old grandson were still glowing from the excitement of Burleson Rotary Club's Parade of Lights from the night before. While enjoying breakfast the next morning, their waiter came over with a surprise: Their meal had already been paid for.

Her grandson, wide-eyed and full of holiday spirit, leaned in and whispered, "Maybe we have a Secret Santa."

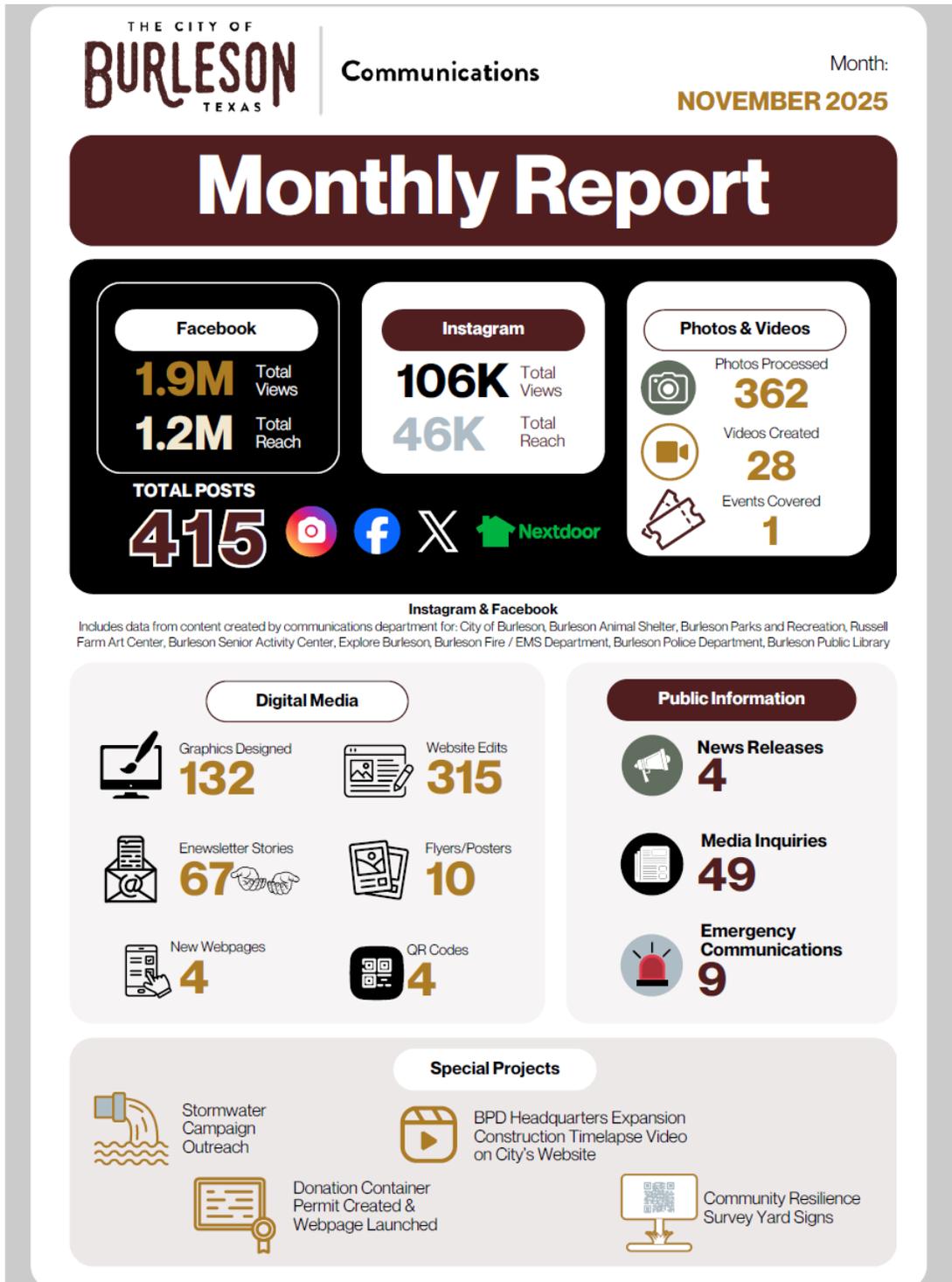
The act of kindness made their morning and gave a little boy a holiday memory he won't soon forget.



To the mystery diner: thank you for making the season brighter. And to the grandmother who shared the story, thank you for reminding us what makes this community so special.

Have a Feel Good Friday to share? Email us at newsletter@burlesontx.com

H. COMMUNICATIONS NOVEMBER-IN-REVIEW



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

- **NIGHTS OF LIGHTS**
December 10-12, 6-8 p.m.
Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714
Free event
- **BURLESON CHRISTMAS MARKET**
Saturday Dec. 13, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W. Renfro St.
Free entry, items for purchase
- **CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR**
December 13, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Ave.
Free event, items for purchase

- **CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM**
December 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714
Free event
- **THE GREAT GIVEBACK**
January 31, 2026, 9 – 11 a.m.
Burleson Public Library, 248 SW Johnson Ave.
Free event
- **CITYFEST**
February 5, 2026, 4:30 – 7 p.m.
BRiCk, 550 NW Summercrest Blvd.
Free event