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WEEKLY REPORT

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TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

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I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, 5:30 P.M.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction on the selection of a firm to provide delinquent property tax collection services. *(Staff Contact: Matt Ribitzki, Sr. Deputy City Attorney/Director of Legal Services)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction regarding the city’s current procurement methods and practices. *(Staff Contact: Lauren Seay, Deputy Director of Administrative Services)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction on regulations associated with data centers. *(Staff Contact: Tony D. McIlwain, Development Services Director)*

[View the entire agenda](#)

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. JANUARY SALES MIXED BEVERAGE TAX

Jan-25	January 2026	Diff \$	Diff %	FY2025 YTD	FY2026 YTD	Diff \$	Diff %
\$ 2,297,690	\$ 2,531,132	\$ 233,442	10.16%	\$ 4,619,519	\$ 5,081,118	\$ 461,598	9.99%

Note: January 2026 sales tax amount represents sales occurred in November 2025.

Jan 2025	Jan 2026	Diff \$	Diff %	FY2025 YTD	FY2026 YTD	Diff \$	Diff %
\$ 20,623	\$ 20,471	\$ (153)	-0.74%	\$ 43,612	\$ 42,097	\$ (1,515)	-3.47%

Note: January 2026 mixed beverage tax amount represents sales occurred in November 2025.

B. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY CITY CLOSURES

Trash and curbside recycling will be collected on Monday, January 19, but most city facilities will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday.

City Hall, including water utility billing, along with the library, animal shelter, and Senior Activity Center, will all be closed. The BRiCk will be open during its regular hours, 4:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Weather permitting Hidden Creek Golf Course will be open regular hours as well.

The regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20.

C. BTX CORE SHOUTOUT

Each week, the city will share a quick shout out recognizing employees who exemplify one of the BTX CORE values.

The week's BTX Core Shout Out goes to **Shelby Welch with Animal Services** who exemplified the city of Burleson's core value of **EMPATHY** in a powerful way during the rescue of a frightened stray Cane Corso, now lovingly known as Artemis.

When animal control was called in to assist with a dog that had been too scared to approach anyone, Shelby didn't just show up with tools — she showed up with heart. She worked alongside a dedicated resident, Rachel, who had spent an entire week patiently gaining the dog's trust. Shelby took the time to understand the dog's fear and meet her where she was — not just physically, but emotionally.

For nearly three hours, Shelby stayed calm and compassionate, allowing Artemis to move at her own pace. Her willingness to collaborate, stay patient and lead with empathy helped transform a high-stress rescue into a quiet success. And that



care didn't end once Artemis was safely in the truck — Shelby was there for the final step, offering comfort and connection as Artemis curled up in her lap and fell asleep at the shelter.

Empathy means seeing the world through someone else's eyes — or in this case, a scared dog's. Shelby's actions not only helped bring Artemis to safety, but also reminded us how meaningful our work can be when we lead with kindness.

Thank you, Shelby, for putting compassion into action.

If you see a team member living out one of the city's core values, email dphillips@burlesontx.com for consideration of a BTX Core Shout Out.

D. CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD OPEN NOW

City council places for the Mayor, Place 2, Place 4 and Place 6 will be on the May 2, 2026, ballot. All are three-year terms. If you are interested in running for a seat, city council candidate packets are available online at www.burlesontx.com/elections or at City Hall, 141 Renfro Street, Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or text the City Secretary's Office at 817-291-5846 or 817-454-9449 to make an appointment. The filing period is open from January 14 through February 13.



Read through FAQs and watch a helpful how-to video for filing for a place on the ballot at www.burlesontx.com/elections

E. COMPREHENSIVE ADA SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT UTILIZING ROBOTS STARTS NEXT WEEK

Beginning Jan. 20, the city of Burleson will start a comprehensive Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) assessment of public right-of-way sidewalks. The project is required under federal law.

As part of the assessment, the city will use a combination of trained assessment technicians and Dax robotic assessment devices to collect precise engineering data on sidewalk conditions. The robots move at walking speed and collect detailed measurements while keeping human crews out of traffic.



Why are robots being used?

Robotic technology allows the city to collect required ADA data more efficiently, safely and cost-effectively than relying on human crews alone to manually measure more than 200 miles of sidewalk. The robots provide accurate measurements that are difficult to capture through visual inspection.

What do the robots collect?

The robots collect engineering data only, such as sidewalk slope, width, vertical changes and surface conditions needed to evaluate ADA compliance.

What don't the robots collect?

The robots do not take personal photographs of people, homes or private property. Data is used solely for accessibility evaluation and planning.

Are the robots safe?

Yes. According to the manufacturer, the robots are designed to operate at walking speed and are equipped with collision detection and avoidance systems. They are also tracked and monitored during operation, with trained technicians overseeing the work.

Why is this assessment required?

Under the ADA, cities are required to complete a formal self-evaluation and maintain an ADA Transition Plan. Without a compliant plan, the city risks losing eligibility for state and federal funding used for transportation and infrastructure projects.

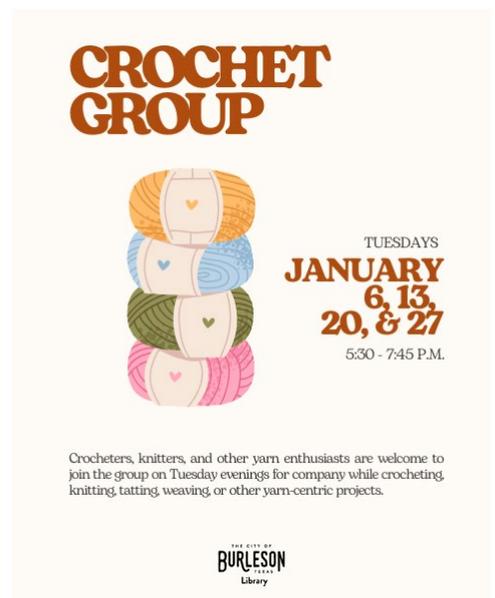
Employees may receive questions from residents as the robots operate throughout the city in the coming weeks. Thank you for helping share accurate information and directing residents to official resources.

Learn more about the ADA assessment and FAQ’s [here](#).

F. BURLESON PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

Crochet Group

The library is launching a new **Crochet Group**, meeting on **Tuesday evenings from 5:30–7:45 p.m.** This informal gathering is open to crocheters, knitters, and all yarn enthusiasts who would like to work on their projects in the company of others. Participants are welcome to bring projects involving crocheting, knitting, tatting, weaving, or any other yarn-centric craft. No registration is required—just drop in, stitch, and enjoy the camaraderie.



G. BURLESON SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER PROGRAMMING

La Loteria

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m.

Join the fun at the Burleson Senior Activity Center for a lively round of La Lotería, a traditional Mexican game similar to bingo that’s full of color, culture and community spirit.

This engaging event is open to seniors who want to enjoy friendly competition, laughter and maybe even win a prize or two. Whether you're new to the game



or a longtime player, La Lotería is a fun way to connect and unwind.

Cards, markers and instructions will be provided — just bring your enthusiasm and get ready to shout *¡Lotería!* Sponsored by MSA & Joyce Spikes.

WPS Dance

Friday, Jan. 23, 6:30-9 p.m.

Donations welcome and snacks provided

Come out and meet friends old and new! Have an amazing time and get a little healthier as you dance the night away. DJ Travis Moncrief will spin out your country favorites as you support a fantastic organization.



Sponsored by the Widowed Persons Service (WPS)

The Burleson Senior Center is open to individuals ages 50 and older, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Swing by for a tour and to see for yourself what you've been missing.

H. EGRET AWARENESS REMINDER

As you're out in the community, please remain aware of egret activity in residential areas and report sightings when possible. Early identification is critical in helping prevent the establishment of egret rookeries in neighborhoods.

Why this matters:

In the summer of 2024, Burleson experienced a significant egret rookery in Shady Oaks area. Once egrets begin nesting, they are federally protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, meaning they cannot be disturbed or removed. **A single rookery can quickly grow to hundreds of birds** and create serious quality-of-life and public health concerns, including excessive noise, odor, property damage and impacts to trees and infrastructure.

Because of these legal limitations, early detection and prevention are the most effective tools we have. Spotting egrets before nesting begins allows the city to respond quickly with deterrence strategies and outreach to residents.

If you see egrets in residential areas, please report the location to 311 or to Animal Services. The below flyer will be distributed to all city vehicles.

Thank you for helping protect our neighborhoods and supporting proactive solutions.

BTX We need your help
To stay egret free 



As you're out and about in our community, we encourage you to report any egret sightings in residential areas. Early awareness helps animal services respond quickly and supports efforts to keep our neighborhoods clean and safe.



CATTLE EGRET



SNOWY EGRET



LITTLE BLUE HERON



YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON



GREAT BLUE HERON

Why do we care?

Egrets are migratory birds that can **create significant challenges in neighborhoods**. Once they begin nesting, they are **federally protected**, which means they cannot be disturbed. Because **they nest in large colonies, a single rookery can bring hundreds – sometimes thousands – of birds** into one area for several months.



GREAT EGRET

Use any of the below options to report a sighting:

- Email: 311@burlesontx.com
- Call BTX 311: 817-426-9600
- Call Animal Services: 817-426-9283
- Email Animal Services: animalshelter@burlesontx.com



Previous egret rookery in the Shady Oaks area



I. PET OF THE WEEK

Helen is a sweet and smart 9-month-old Labrador Retriever and Welsh Springer Spaniel mix who's ready to find her forever home — and she's already proving that you don't need to hear to be a great listener.

Although Helen is deaf, she's already mastered sitting on command for treats by using her other senses. Friendly, obedient and eager to please, she's looking for a patient, loving family who will appreciate her intelligence and gentle nature.



Her adoption fee is waived, and she comes spayed, vaccinated, microchipped and heartworm tested — meaning she's ready to go home today. If you're searching for a dog who's as inspiring as she is affectionate, Helen may be the perfect addition to your home.

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

J. FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

Sometimes, walking the stage means more than just crossing it—it represents resilience, advocacy and a fight for what's fair.

One Burluson family's story was recently featured on NBC DFW as part of a segment called "Cost of Denial." As their daughter prepared to graduate from Texas A&M University, they faced an unexpected hurdle: insurance denied coverage for the prosthetic foot she needed to walk comfortably and confidently.

Her mom paid out of pocket so she wouldn't miss the moment. For her daughter, it was a



painful experience—feeling like something so important should have been covered.

After four appeals and with help from the NBC DFW News team, the family was finally reimbursed. And when graduation day arrived, she walked the stage just the way she had hoped.

A proud moment made even more powerful by the journey to get there. Watch the NBC News segment here: <https://nbcdfw.app.link/lsuzHrnTMZb>

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

III. ROAD PROJECTS

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: ALSBUARY 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



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V. EVENTS

Event information can be found at www.burlesontx.com/events

- **THE GREAT GIVEBACK**
January 31, 9 – 11 a.m.
Burleson Public Library, 248 SW Johnson Ave.
Free event

- **CITYFEST**
February 5, 4:30 – 7 p.m.
BRiCk, 550 NW Summercrest Blvd.
Free event
- **PROJECT U**
February 17, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Pathway Church, 325 NW Renfro St
EVENT SOLD OUT
- **REGIONAL PREP RALLY**
February 28, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Texas Health Huguley Fort Worth South, 11801 South Fwy
Free event