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WEEKLY REPORT

FEBRUARY 20, 2026

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: TOMMY LUDWIG, CITY MANAGER

I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MARCH 2

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, 5:30 P.M.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction on the water and wastewater leak detection assessment. (*Staff Contact: Errick Thompson, Director of Public Works*)

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. All Four Open Council Seats Go Uncontested

All four Burleson City Council seats up for election in May 2026, including the mayor's seat and council places 2, 4 and 6, went uncontested.

Because all four races are unopposed, the incumbents will be declared elected under state law, Texas Election Code Chapter 2 (Unopposed Candidates Declared Elected). During the March 2, 2026, council meeting, the council will consider an ordinance canceling the May 2026 city of Burleson election.

Mayor Chris Fletcher has served as Burleson's mayor since November 2020. Council Place 2 member Phil Anderson, Council Place 4 member Larry Scott and Council Place 6 member Adam Russell were each elected in May 2023.

All Burleson City Council members are elected at-large to three-year terms. The candidates will be sworn in at the regularly scheduled May 4, 2026, city council meeting.

B. BURLESON ASSET MANAGEMENT FEATURED IN TEXASWET MAGAZINE

Assistant to the City Manager Janalea Hembree, along with Freese and Nichols consultants Steven Rhodes and Tanu Kulkarni's, was featured in Issue 6 of *TexasWET: Leadership for the Water Environment in Texas* magazine for an article highlighting the city of Burleson's citywide asset management system. Read the article [here](#).



C. CORE SHOUT OUT

Parks | Russell Farm Remodel and Garden Collaboration

Core values: Collaboration, Excellence, Empathy, Trust

This week's BTX Core Shout Out recognizes an outstanding team effort at Russell Farm.

Marc Whitten, Jeff Scott, David Murphy, TJ Arthur, Gerald Kirby, Kylie Lopez and Eddie Salmeron played a significant role in the remodel of an office space at Russell Farm. From flooring installation and desk setup to painting and cleanup, each team member stepped in without hesitation and assisted wherever needed. Their willingness to serve and work together reflects collaboration and excellence in action.

In addition, on Monday, Feb. 16, staff hosted a collaboration day with the Parks team to rebuild and expand garden plots at Russell Farm. **Jeff Scott and Kylie Lopez** are especially recognized for staying the entire day to ensure the project was completed.

Cole Garner, London Pulfer, Jeff Scott, Allison Smith, Jessica Martinez, Kylie Lopez, Hannah Pazos and TJ Arthur all contributed to the effort. Together, the team rebuilt five garden plots and added one new plot, strengthening a valuable community resource.



This cross-departmental partnership demonstrated collaboration, empathy and trust while improving a shared space for residents. It is a strong example of BTX CORE values at work.

Below are some photos of the team hard at work.



D. FEBRUARY 2 & 16 CITY COUNCIL PROCLAMATION & PRESENTATION PHOTOS

During the February 2 city council meeting a proclamation was issued recognizing Jan. 18, 2026, as “National Kay Godbey Day” in the city of Burleson. Kay Godbey was a previous city manager of the city of Burleson. The proclamation was accepted by her sister, daughters and other family members.



The Burleson Police Department also presented Kay’s family with a Texas Flag from the office of Senator Phil King.



Paulette Hartman, President of the Texas Women Leading in Government and City Manager of North Richland Hills also gave a presentation honoring Kay and her service in municipal government.



During the Feb. 16 city council meeting the Burleson Collegiate High School Student Voter Empowerment Club were recognized for their efforts.



E. CHISENHALL KICKS OFF TOURNAMENT PLAY & BYA OPENING DAY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SPORTS FACILITIES COMPANIES

Chisenhall Fields Sports Complex is launching the 2026 season in a big way in partnership with Sports Facilities Companies (SFC). Tournament play begins February 21–22 with 2D Sports, bringing 72 teams to Burleson, including 32 traveling from more than 90 minutes away. This strong season opener is expected to generate significant park revenue while also creating meaningful economic impact for our local businesses through dining, shopping and overnight stays.

The momentum continues on February 28 with Burleson Youth Association (BYA) Opening Day. This long-standing community tradition will feature vendors, pre-game ceremonies, the national anthem and a full day of celebration as teams take the field. The event reflects the strong collaboration between BYA and SFC and highlights Chisenhall Fields as a premier destination for youth athletics and community connection.

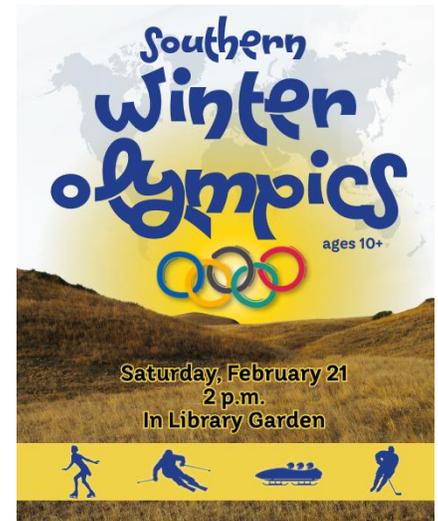
F. BURLESON PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMMING **Book Swap (Ages 18+)**

The library will host a **Book Swap** on **Saturday, February 21, from 11 a.m. to Noon**. Adults are invited to bring up to 10 gently used books and exchange them for new-to-you reads in a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere. All genres are welcome, and participants may browse, chat, or simply enjoy the quiet company of fellow book lovers while refreshing their shelves—completely free. Any leftover books will be donated to the Friends of the Library to support library programs and services. Participants are encouraged to bring a bag for their finds. No registration is required.



Southern Winter Olympics (ages 10+)

Teens are invited to join us for the **Southern Winter Olympics** on **Saturday, February 21, from 2 - 3 p.m.** Even without snow, the competition is on! Participants will gather in the library garden to compete in creative, modified winter games—no ice required. This high-energy, outdoor program is designed for teens ages 10 and up and promises plenty of friendly competition and fun.



G. BURLESON SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER PROGRAMMING

Tai Chi

Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

Tai chi is a gentle form of exercise that offers numerous health benefits, particularly for older adults and those with chronic conditions. Benefits include improved balance, reduced stress, enhanced brain function, better posture, increased strength and greater flexibility.



Participants are invited to join this warm and welcoming class and experience the benefits firsthand.

WPS Dance

Friday, February 27, 6:30-9 p.m.

Donations welcomed and snacks provided

Put on your dancing shoes and join the fun. Meet friends old and new while enjoying a lively evening of music and movement. DJ Travis Moncrief will spin your favorite country hits as attendees dance the night away in support of a fantastic organization.



Sponsored by the Widowed Persons Service (WPS).

H. PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Lulu, a beautiful 1-year-old Catahoula Leopard Hound mix who is ready to find her forever home.

Lulu has the potential to be the perfect match for an active family. As a Catahoula mix, she is likely to be intelligent, loyal and eager for adventure, making her a great companion for hikes, outdoor activities or simply spending time with her people.

Her adoption fee is waived and includes vaccinations, microchipping, heartworm testing and spay.

Lulu is ready to meet her new family and start her next chapter.

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



I. FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

You never know what you might spot on a sidewalk in Burleson. Just ask the kids who recently got an up-close look at the Daxbot, a sidewalk-scanning robot helping the city assess ADA compliance.

While crews were deploying the robot, a group of curious young observers stopped to learn more. The team took time to explain what the Daxbot does and even invited the kids to take photos with it before heading out.

“My kids had so much fun learning about them and watching them being deployed,” one parent shared. “The guys deploying them were so nice.”



It was an unexpected but memorable moment, where high-tech equipment met curious kids and neighborly spirit. Sometimes innovation looks like a robot cruising down the block while making friends with half the neighborhood.

[Email us](#) a feel good story for a chance to be featured.

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

- **REGIONAL PREP RALLY**
February 28, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Texas Health Huguley Fort Worth South, 11801 South Fwy
Free event
- **DOGS & DONUTS: ST. PAW-TRICKS STYLE**
March 7, 8:30 – 10 a.m.
Bailey Lake Park, 280 W Hidden Creek Pkwy
Free event

- **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY CRAFT FAIR**
March 7, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Ave.
Free entry, items for purchase
- **BTX 311 DAY**
March 11, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St
Free event
- **VIETNAM VETERANS CELEBRATION**
March 21, 10 a.m.
Veterans Memorial Plaza, 298 E Renfro St.
Free event
- **BUNNY DAZE**
March 28, 9 a.m. to Noon
Chisenhall Fields, 500 Chisenhall Park Ln
Free event, registration encouraged
- **GOSPEL JAM**
March 28, 6 - 9 p.m.
Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Ave.
Free event