

Kerr Middle School art displayed at the Burleson Senior Activity Center



WEEKLY REPORT

MARCH 6, 2026

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: TOMMY LUDWIG, CITY MANAGER

I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MARCH 23

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

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

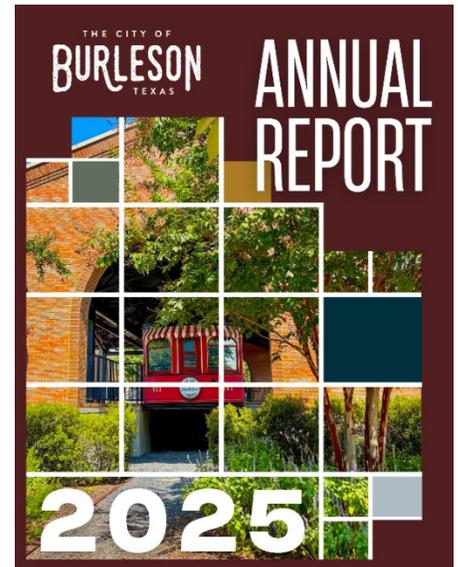
- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction regarding the scope for Phase I of the Burleson Legacy Park. *(Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction on potential changes to the hotel/motel tax grant policy. *(Staff Contact: Alex Philips, Economic Development Director)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction on proposed amendments to the 2020 Midpoint Update of the Comprehensive Plan; and 2): accessory dwelling units, drive-through design and stacking requirements, and vehicle parking regulations. *(Staff Contact: Tony D. McIlwain, Development Services Director)*
- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction regarding an indoor sports facility. *(Staff Contact: Alex Philips, Director of Economic Development)*

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. CITY OF BURLESON RELEASES 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

The city of Burleson has released its 2025 Annual Report, highlighting a year of major milestones, community achievements and continued investment in the city's future. The report showcases progress across economic development, infrastructure, public safety, parks, arts and community services, along with the people and programs that make Burleson a great place to live, work and play. You can explore the report [here](#) to see how city initiatives and partnerships are shaping a stronger, more vibrant community.



B. BTX CORE SHOUT OUTS

Errick Thompson and James Bailey | Public Works
Core values: Collaboration & Excellence

This BTX Core Shout Out recognizes Errick Thompson and James Bailey from Public Works for their outstanding collaboration and willingness to support a neighboring community.

As the city of Waxahachie begins planning efforts to assume responsibility for traffic signals in 2031, staff from their city reached out to Burleson for guidance. Errick and James shared their expertise, insights and professional experience to help support their planning process.

James Gaertner with the city of Waxahachie specifically commended both employees for their professionalism and the valuable insight they provided.



Chief Casey Davis & Assistant Chief Josh Jacobs | Fire Department Core value: Excellence

This BTX Core Shout Out recognizes Chief Davis, Assistant Chief Jacobs and the Burleson Fire Department team for demonstrating excellence through outstanding customer service and community care.

While visiting the Purchasing Department, Chief Davis and Assistant Chief Jacobs were asked a quick question about the firefighter hats that were handed out at CityFest. Mandi Waybourn shared that her 2-year-old daughter loved the hat and wore it everywhere, but it had broken over the weekend and her daughter was very upset.

Chief Davis and Assistant Chief Jacobs said they would see what they could do. Within 30 minutes of leaving the office, a firefighter delivered a brand new hat and sticker to replace the broken one.

What may seem like a small gesture made a big impact for one very happy little girl. The quick response, thoughtfulness and willingness to go the extra mile reflect the Burleson Fire Department's commitment to excellence and to serving the community in meaningful ways.



C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTS BURLESON AS GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT ACCEPTS 2025 GOVERNOR'S CUP AWARD

The city of Burleson's growing reputation as an economic powerhouse was recently highlighted on the state stage as Director of Economic Development Alex Philips and Deputy Director Drew Pennywell attended a ceremony at the Governor's Mansion in Austin. The event featured Governor Greg Abbott accepting the 2025 Governor's Cup, a prestigious honor awarded by *Site Selection* magazine to the state with the highest number of job-creating business locations and expansion projects.

The pair were invited to attend in recognition of the city's significant contribution to the state's economic success, specifically through the successful recruitment of the Paris Baguette's first North American manufacturing plant. While Alex and Drew attended the ceremony, they did so as ambassadors for the entire Burleson community, emphasizing that this recognition is a reflection of the collective hard work put forth by the city council, the city organization and local partners.

The Paris Baguette project, which involves a \$165 million capital investment, is set to establish a 267,000-square-foot facility that will function as a central production hub for the brand's North American expansion. This development is expected to have a profound and lasting impact on the local community by creating 450 new full-time jobs and significantly diversifying the city's tax base. Beyond the immediate fiscal benefits, the presence of an international brand like Paris Baguette reinforces Burleson's position as a premier destination for global manufacturing and high-value industrial projects.



D. JENNIFER SWIM EARNS PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ASSOCIATE DESIGNATION

The city of Burleson congratulates Jennifer Swim, purchasing agent, on earning her Public Procurement Associate (PPA) designation from NIGP: The Institute for Public Procurement.

The PPA program is a rigorous, competency-based designation that requires participants to demonstrate foundational knowledge in public procurement. Coursework and evaluation cover key areas such as procurement planning, ethical standards, competitive solicitation processes, contract administration and regulatory compliance. The program also reflects nationally recognized standards and best practices in public procurement beyond Texas laws and regulations.

Jennifer's achievement highlights her commitment to excellence and professional development. Her dedication to expanding her expertise strengthens the city's procurement practices and supports the city's mission to serve the Burleson community effectively.

E. BPD HEADQUARTERS EXPANSION: FEBRUARY PROGRESS UPDATE

Construction continues to make steady progress on the expansion of the Burleson Police Department headquarters. Crews are actively working on foundations and site improvements as the project moves through its next phase.

Recent activity includes:

- Pier drilling for Building B
- Foundation work advancing for Buildings C and D
- Completion of the south paving area for contractor staging

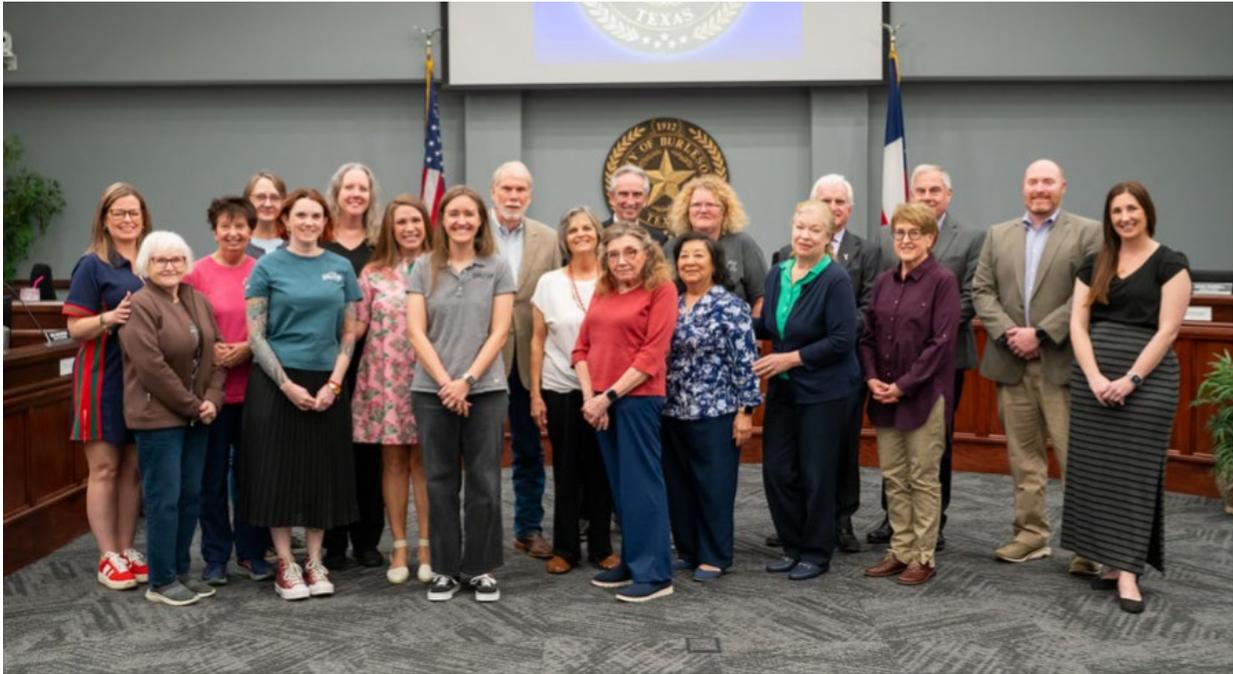
The project remains on track for substantial completion in Fall 2027.

You can follow ongoing progress, photos and details on the project webpage, including a timelapse video of construction: <https://www.burlesontx.com/2870/Police-Headquarters-Expansion-Constructi>

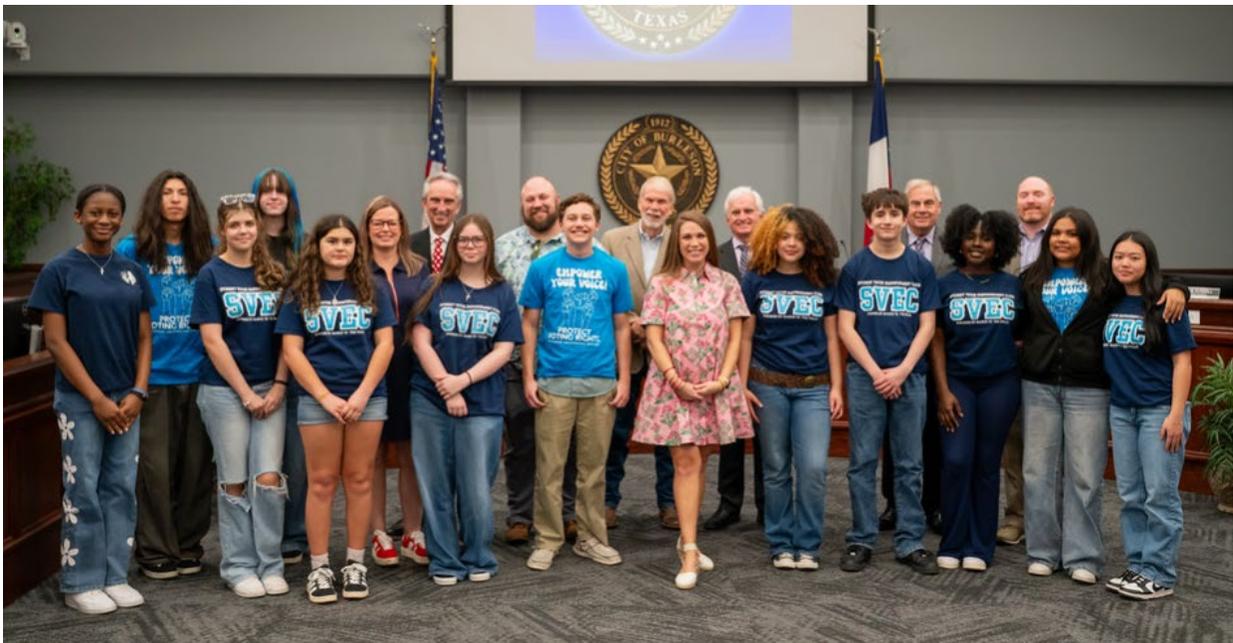
The expansion is funded through the voter-approved 2022 bond program.

F. MARCH 2 CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION PHOTOS

During the March 2 city council meeting the Burleson Public Library was recognized for receiving the 2025 Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award.



The Burleson Collegiate High School Student Voter Empowerment Club was also recognized.



G. HR'S TERRI LYNCH FEATURED ON COVER OF *BURLESON NOW* MAGAZINE

City of Burleson employee Terri Lynch is featured on the front page of the March 2026 edition of *Burleson Now*. The feature highlights Lynch's call to service as an Army veteran, her career in municipal government including 22 years with the city of Arlington and her current role with the city of Burleson, as well as her passion for podcasting.

Since 2024, Lynch has volunteered with Military Broadcast Radio where she hosts the podcast *Tracer Rounds*, giving veterans a platform to share their stories and experiences.



Lynch is now bringing her podcasting skills to the city in her role as benefits and wellness administrator. She recently launched the BTX Benefits & Wellness podcast, which helps educate employees on health and wellness topics. The first episode features an inside look at [SPOT Pet Insurance](#).

The city is proud to have Lynch as part of the BTX team as she continues her commitment to serving others. Employees are invited to stop by Human Resources to pick up a copy of *Burleson Now* and learn more about Lynch's remarkable career and dedication to service.

H. BURLESON PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

Friends of the Library Craft Fair

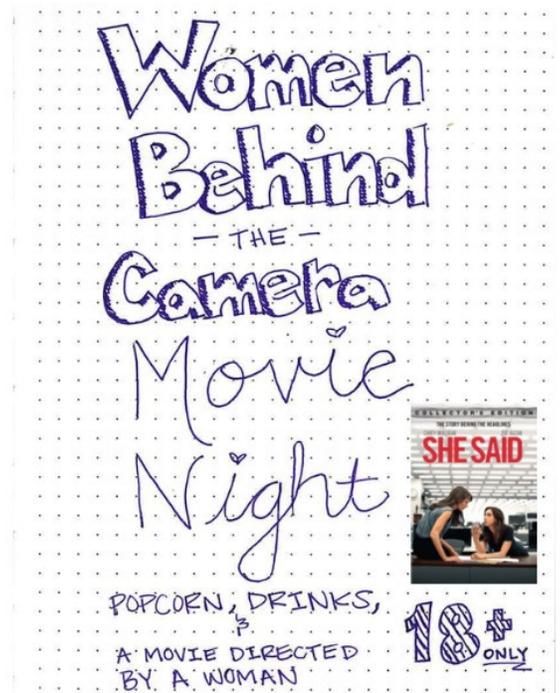
The **Friends of the Library Craft Fair** returns on **Saturday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the **Burleson Senior Activity Center**. Shoppers will find a curated selection of unique, handcrafted items, perfect for gifts or something special for yourself. Local vendors keep the proceeds from their sales, and booth rental fees benefit the Friends of the Library, supporting the library's Summer Reading Club and other programs.



Community members are encouraged to shop local and support the library at the same time.

Women Behind the Camera Movie Club (18+)

The library will host **Women Behind the Camera Movie Club (18+)** on **Wednesday, March 11, from 5:30–7:30 p.m.** This film series highlights movies directed by women, and the March selection is *She Said* (R), directed by Maria Schrader. The film follows *New York Times* reporters Megan Twohey and Jodi Kantor as they investigate and expose a story that helped ignite the #MeToo movement and break decades of silence in Hollywood. Popcorn and tea will be provided. This program is for adults **ages 18 and up.**



I. BURLESON SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER PROGRAMMING

Kerr Middle School Art Exhibit

Tuesday, March 10, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Burleson Senior Activity Center is proud to host a display of artwork created by Kerr Middle School students. The public is invited to come out and support Burleson students while experiencing their creativity and talent. Each piece on display reflects the unique perspectives and imagination of these young local artists.



**Country Dance: featuring Stevie J Rose and the Rio Grande Band
Friday, March 13, from 6:30-9 p.m.**

Join the Burleson Senior Activity Center for an evening of great country music and dancing. A \$5 cover charge will be collected at the door. Dance the night away, meet friends old and new and enjoy one of the best bands in North Texas.



Snacks are provided by Freedom Palliative.

The Burleson Senior Activity Center is open to everyone age 50 and older Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stop by for a tour and see for yourself what you've been missing. Volunteer opportunities are also available.

J. PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Henry, a 2-year-old Siberian Husky mix with a friendly personality and a gentle side.

Henry is both smart and eager to please. He has already mastered basic commands like sit and stay, showing just how quickly he can learn. While he has the athletic look of a classic husky, Henry can be a little shy around loud noises and would thrive in a calm, patient home where he can feel safe and loved.

With the right family, Henry is sure to become a loyal companion who enjoys relaxing close by — perhaps even claiming a favorite spot on the couch.

His adoption fee is waived and includes vaccinations, microchipping, heartworm testing and neuter. Henry is ready to find his forever home. If you're ready for an energetic partner who keeps life interesting, Benny is ready to meet you.

THE CITY OF
BURLESON | Animal
Services

PET

OF THE WEEK

Henry

 SIBERIAN HUSKY MIX

 2 YEARS OLD



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

K. FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

Sometimes, going above and beyond means showing up when help is needed, even after hours.

After being adopted from the Burluson Animal Shelter, Poppy got loose and ran into a nearby wooded area. Her new family tried to catch her but couldn't safely reach her.

That's when Cary Workman, Animal Shelter Technician, stepped in. After noticing the situation, she went into the woods, safely caught Poppy, and made sure both pup and owners made it back home.

That night, Poppy was back where she belonged — clean, warm, and tucked under a blanket after a much-needed bath.

Her family shared:

"I'm just so happy she's home. She's a sweet girl, just a little anxious, and we upgraded all her gear to prevent any adventures in the future. I would run through the woods for her again in a heartbeat, but I would rather not. Thank you to our family and community for helping us get her home."

A happy ending for Poppy, and a reminder that caring for animals doesn't always stop when the workday ends.

[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

- **BURLESON FARMERS MARKET**
March 21 & 28 and April 4, 11, 18 & 25, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St
Free entry, items for purchase
- **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

VI. ATTACHMENTS

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Monthly Report

February 2026

Visitors

18,235

YTD Increase

4.9% 

Checkouts

24,251

71%		YTD
Physical		Increase
29%		1.1%
Digital		

Program Attendees

1,966

YTD Increase

5.8% 

Program Partners

- AARP (Tax-Aide)
- Goodwill (digital literacy info)
- Assoc. of Late Deafened Adults (hard of hearing support group)
- Texas Master Naturalists (ladybug program)
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (support group)

New & Notable

- Youth Services closets reorganized and built-in cabinets removed by BTX Facilities
- New in the Library of Things: Go Cube kit
- Rubens Tab drawing tablet

Staff Milestones

- Kim Arrington: 1 year
- Jan Hodge: 1 year

Outreach

- CityFest
- Mustang Creek Estates
- Avir at Burlleson Residence at Alsbury
- Wilshire by Abby
- Elk Creek Assisted Living

Social Media





In 2022, 144 workers were killed in falls on the same level based on data from the National Safety Council (NSC). Most slips and falls are not that catastrophic, but each incident creates the potential for employee injury. Slip and fall accidents can occur in any workplace environment, from offices to shops and other facilities. Common causes include wet or slippery floors, uneven surfaces, loose mats or rugs, cluttered walkways, and poor lighting. By identifying and addressing these hazards, you can significantly reduce the risk of accidents and create a safer work environment for everyone.

Key Strategies for Slip and Fall Avoidance:



- **Maintain Clean and Dry Floors:** Keep floors clean, dry, and free of debris. Promptly clean up spills and leaks and use caution signs to alert others of wet or slippery areas. In areas where wet conditions are unavoidable, consider installing non-slip mats or applying anti-slip coatings to reduce the risk of accidents.



- **Proper Housekeeping:** Practice good housekeeping habits by keeping work areas tidy and organized. Remove obstacles, clutter, and tripping hazards from walkways, staircases, and other common areas. Encourage a culture of cleanliness where everyone takes responsibility for maintaining a safe and hazard-free environment. Conduct regular facility inspections to mitigate, identify, and correct any slip or fall hazards.



- **Use Proper Lighting:** Adequate lighting is essential for visibility and hazard recognition. Ensure that all work areas, hallways, stairwells and parking lots are well-lit, especially during evening or night shifts. Replace burned-out bulbs promptly and address any areas with insufficient lighting to minimize the risk of accidents.



- **Safe Walking Practices:** Encourage employees to use caution and mindfulness when walking in the workplace. Walk at a steady pace, paying attention to your surroundings and any potential hazards. Use handrails when navigating stairs and avoid distractions such as using mobile phones while walking.



- **Footwear Selection:** Wear appropriate footwear with slip-resistant soles and proper traction to reduce the risk of slipping. Avoid wearing shoes with worn-out soles or heels, as these can compromise stability and increase the likelihood of accidents. Consider investing in slip-resistant footwear for employees working in areas with higher slip and fall risks.

Slip and fall accidents are preventable with the right precautions and awareness. By implementing the strategies outlined above and promoting a culture of safety, you can significantly reduce the risk of slip and fall incidents in the workplace.

Additional Resources

Texas Department of Insurance: [Take 5 Preventing Slips, Trips, and Falls](#)

[TMLIRP Media Library](#)

- Safety First: Slips, Trips and Falls, DVD #543
- Slips, Trips and Falls: Taking the Right Steps, DVD #467

[TMLIRP Online Learning Center](#) – Preventing Slips, Trips, and Falls