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### **City requests help in Egret issue**

*Protected birds can cause issues in residential and commercial properties. .*

Texas is a major route for migratory birds shuttling between the United States and Canada. This annual event can impact residential, commercial and industrial properties.

“These birds can really cause problems in a neighborhood,” said Kim Peckler, City of Burleson animal control supervisor. “Hundreds of birds descending in an area brings noise, odor and of course lots of bird droppings. It is not pleasant.”

City staff is unable to address any of these issues while the birds are nesting due to their protected status under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. The city needs the help of its residents to address this situation proactively.

October is the end of the bird’s nesting season, so now is the time to take action. Residents can make the biggest impact by doing the following two things over the next three months:

- Remove any old, abandoned nests.
- Trim your trees. Remove deadwood, thin tree canopy to allow sunlight between limbs and other trees.

“It is very important that we take action now,” Peckler said. “Once they decide to make trees on your property their home, there isn’t anything we can do to assist you.”

Contact Animal Services at 817-426-9283 if you have any further questions.

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