



Clear the Shelter (Aug 23 - Sept 18)

WEEKLY REPORT

AUGUST 20, 2021

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
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I. Council Schedule

Meetings

Tuesday, September 7: City Council Regular Session, City Hall Council Chambers. 141 W. Renfro St., 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be conducted in the council chambers and is also available via live stream, <https://www.burlesontx.com/watchlive>

Work Session Items/Report & Discussion Items

September 7

- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding a wayside horn on County Road 714. (*Staff Presenter: Aaron Russell, Public Works Director*)
- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding an amendment to the governing policy for the Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza in Old Town. (*Staff Presenter: Alex Philips, Economic Development Director*)

II. General Information and Status Updates

A. Ground-Based Mosquito Spraying in Zones 1, 3, 4, 9, 11 & 22 this weekend

On August 18, 2021, the City's environmental services division was notified that six mosquito traps tested positive for West Nile virus.

The areas are:

- Zone 1 is in the area of Renfro, Wilshire, Summercrest, Alsbury, and Brushy Mound [View Map](#)
- Zone 3 is in the area of Wilshire Blvd, Wildwood Ln, Oakbrook Dr, Lakeside Dr, Clubhouse Dr, Shoreline Dr, and Glenn Ranch Dr. [View Map](#)
- Zone 4 is in the area of Hidden Creek Parkway, Fox Ln, Burleson Blvd, and Hurst Road [View Map](#)
- Zone 9 is in the area of I-35W, Wilshire, Rigney Way, Warren and Gregory [View Map](#)
- Zone 11 is in the area of John Jones Drive, Remington Circle, CR 714, and Broad Valley Ct. [View Map](#)
- Zone 22 is in the area of Hidden Creek Parkway, including Cardinal Ridge, Destrehan, Monticello, Taylor Bridge, and Silver Falls [View Map](#)

The City of Burleson will conduct ground-based spraying for mosquitoes between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. on Friday, August 20, and then again on Saturday, August 21. The ground spraying will be performed in targeted subdivision within the designated spray zones.

In the event of rain or if wind speeds are above 10 miles per hour, the spraying may be rescheduled. This method of spraying targets flying mosquitoes that come in contact with the pesticide in the spray or fog. These times have been chosen because they are the times that most mosquitoes are active (flying).

[For more information and to find out what zone you live.](#)

B. Census 2020 Data

The city has received the 2020 Census data. On the Quick Facts section of the Census website, the growth-related percentages are based on the 2019 population estimate rather than the 2020 actual numbers.

As a result, Development Services prepared a different chart with percentages based on the actual growth numbers. Staff recommends using actual growth figures, as the 2019 estimates are greater than actuals. We wanted to highlight this information in the event someone goes to the Census website and notices the percentages are different. **Population percent change based off census data**

2020 Census Quick Fact	Burleson	Mansfield	Fort Worth	The Colony	Eules	Keller	Grand Prairie	Coppell	North Richland Hills	Cedar Hill	Hurst	Arlington	Cleburne
Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 to April 1, 2020	29.85%	28.80%	23.98%	22.59%	19.02%	15.52%	11.80%	11.18%	10.38%	9.15%	8.24%	7.89%	6.87%
Population, Census, April 1, 2020	47,641	72,602	918,915	44,534	61,032	45,776	196,100	42,983	69,917	49,148	40,413	394,266	31,352
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	36,690	56,368	741,206	36,328	51,277	39,627	175,396	38,659	63,343	45,028	37,337	365,438	29,337
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2015-2019	70.60%	75.60%	57.40%	61.70%	43.90%	82.00%	62.70%	71.90%	62.20%	69.90%	62.80%	55.20%	61.90%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2015-2019	\$184,600	\$257,100	\$169,700	\$231,700	\$200,500	\$386,200	\$162,400	\$388,800	\$203,800	\$168,800	\$190,800	\$170,700	\$112,700
Households, 2015-2019	15,708	22,527	297,498	16,391	21,796	15,524	60,988	15,538	26,500	15,388	13,888	135,333	11,121
Persons per household, 2015-2019	2.91	3.07	2.89	2.62	2.55	3	3.15	2.68	2.64	3.12	2.79	2.89	2.65

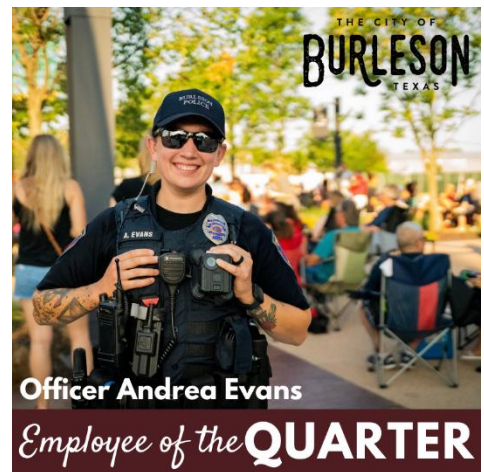
Population percent change based off 2019 projection (what is on the Census website)

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C. Officer Andrea Evans named Employee of the Quarter

Officer Andrea Evans was selected as the City of Burleson's employee of the second quarter. She was nominated and selected for her compassion and service to a family following a tragic event.

"Officer Evans was requested to provide a death notification to the parents of a 24-year-old male," states her nomination form. "This was Officer Evans' first notification where the family was not aware of the victim's passing. She could have met with his parents alone, but instead, she proactively involved the police department's victim assistance staff to help the family with resources."



The deceased was in the United States Army, and Officer Evans personally notified his command of the incident. She brought some military coins and other items to the family and even attended the funeral. The deceased's uncle posted a commendation to the Burleson Police Department's Facebook page about Officer Evans and her kindness to his nephew's parents and their entire family.

"Telling family members about the loss of a loved one is one of the most difficult things to do," states her nomination form. "But, Officer Evans really showed up in a way that left an impact."

Officer Evans was also recognized earlier in the year for helping an older gentleman repair his mirror with the help of a citizen that brought some supplies.

"Officer Evans is one that just does extra to help others," states Rick DeOrdio, Human Resources Director. "She has been described as a dedicated officer with a big heart and compassion for people."

Officer Evans has been with the Burleson Police Department for three years, starting June 2018, as a public safety recruit. Prior to joining the city, Officer Evans served in the United States Navy for nine and a half years.

She was honored during the August 16, 2021, City Council meeting. The city's employee of the quarter award is based on an employee's efficiency, transparency, honesty, innovation and customer service, all of which make up the city's ethics statement.

D. McAlister Street Roundabout

The Mayor and Council recently received an email from a concerned resident related to signage and traffic concerns at the McAlister Street roundabout. Staff has conducted a field investigation and determined that enhancements are needed to increase driver awareness of how to properly navigate the intersection. Staff will install directional striping, paint yield signage, and install reflective buttons at the intersection to improve traffic flow. The improvements are anticipated to be completed within approximately four weeks. Staff will continue to monitor the intersection after the installation of the improvements, to verify vehicles are navigating the roundabout properly and that no further measures are needed.

E. Cable Safety Barrier – SH 174 (Wilshire Blvd.)

TxDOT has started installation of a cable safety barrier within the median of SH 174 south of John Jones Drive. The purpose of the barrier is to improve safety by preventing traffic crossover accidents. TxDOT anticipates completion of the project with 30 days.

F. Armyworms in Parks

Some Burleson parks have seen a recent infestation of armyworm caterpillars that feed aggressively on Bermuda grass's plant tissue. This is considered an outbreak year for the pest in this area due to a number of environmental reasons. If left untreated, the armyworm can completely defoliate a Bermuda grass area. Pest presence in parks was spotted relatively early and affected sites were treated quickly. Sites treated₄ included Bailey Lake, Centennial, Chisenhall,



Hidden Creek Golf Course, Meadow Crest, Oak Valley, Prairie Timber, Russell Farm, Shannon Creek, Wakefield Heights, the library, and the senior center. The Parks and Recreation Department expects a full recovery from damages caused by the pest and will continue to monitor locations until the threat subsides.

G. Russell Farm Use Agreement

During the August 11 city council meeting, questions were asked pertaining to the governance and opportunity to create a non-profit for Russell Farm. The city entered into an agreement with Charlie and Louise Boren in October of 2011. The 19.6-acre farm and all of the facilities included on-site were donated with the following restrictions:

- Extraction of minerals is not allowed
- Property cannot be used for traditional recreation or sports-related programs
- Property cannot construct any playground equipment
- No work can be performed on the property while the Boren's are in residence (*The Boren's are no longer in residence*)
- With the exception of grazing leases, no animals will be allowed on the property save for animals that assist the disabled and animals owned by the Boren's
- The property cannot be leased or rented to anyone
- Only necessary repairs and maintenance may be performed. Renovations and reconstructions must keep the history
- No new structures within 100 feet of the residence

The agreement for the farm states that a board comprised of five members, three appointed by the Boren family, one from the Historic Advisory Committee and one from the Art Advisory Committee, serve in an advisory capacity. The latter two boards were created in conjunction with the Boren Property Advisory Council, and the Art Advisory Committee initially served as the non-profit for the farm.

The non-profit status was maintained through 2019 when the agreement was amended to allow the 501c3 status to lapse. In 2018, a friends group was formed to support the farm. They received their official 501c3 status in June of 2018, and the status is current. This group can serve as a fundraising arm for the farm. The agreement for the farm states that the city must keep and maintain the grounds at the farm. Staff does not believe that the non-profit would alleviate the subsidy required to operate and program the farm but could assist with capital improvements and fundraising for renovations and remodels of existing facilities.

As a reminder, the farm's intent is to celebrate the history of agriculture and art in Burleson. The farm currently serves the community with multiple art, history, and agricultural events and programs throughout the year.

H. Feel Good Friday

You know what would make your Friday (and your entire life) feel a lot better? Adopting a new best friend from the Burleson Animal Shelter. The shelter is at capacity right now so it is the perfect time to go visit some of the cuties there. And, next week (August 23) starts Clear the Shelter and it will run through September 18. Meet the adoptable

animals here: <https://www.petango.com/Shelters/The-City-of-Burleson-Animal-Services-424>



III. Upcoming Road Construction/Closures

UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION / CLOSURES			
Projects & Limits	Current Status	Traffic Affected	Estimated Completion
Turkey Peak Ground Storage Tank Construction & Brushy Mound Tank Demolition at existing City Facilities	General Contractor is at both Turkey Peak and Brushy Mound Sites.	Intermittent construction traffic to and from both sites. Anticipated Routes include: NW Renfro, SW Brushy Mound Rd, SW Alsbury Blvd, NW Summercrest Blvd, Nicole Dr & NW Jayellen Ave.	Fall 2021
Irene/Gardens Safe Routes to School	Construction underway	Outside lanes of Gardens & Irene will be closed in areas of construction. Closures to move with construction progress	November 2021
SH174 (Wilshire) Landscape Enhancements	Construction underway Flashing message boards are in place.	Construction will require temporary daytime lane closures as necessary. These closures will only affect the inside lanes. Remaining lanes, including left-turn lanes, will always remain open.	August 2021
CR 910 & FM 1902 Right Turn Lane Construction	Notice to Proceed to Contractor set for August 9th	County Road 910 will have temporary daytime lane closures during construction	Oct 2021

IV. Events

- **Clear the Shelters 2021**

Dates: Aug 23-Sept 18

Times: Tue – Fri, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sat 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: Burleson Animal Shelter, 775 SE John Jones Dr.

- **Old Town Picture Show**

Dates: Sept. 11, 18 & 25

Time: 7 - 9:30 p.m.

Location: Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St

- **Be Healthy Burleson 5k/10k/1 Mile Fun Run**

Date: Sept 18

Time: Race Day Registration & Packet Pick Up begin at 6 a.m.

Time Details: 1 Mile Fun Walk - 8 a.m., 10K Fun Run – 8:15 a.m., 5K Fun Run – 8:30 a.m.

Location: Old Town Burleson