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City of Burleson Newsletter

FALL 2021



CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER BUDGET

City Council will consider the FY 21-22 budget during the September 13 city council meeting. Below are highlights from this year's proposed budget.

- 1. Lower tax rate.** The proposed tax rate of \$0.6859 is \$0.0252 lower than last year's rate of \$0.7111. This is the third year in a row the city has lowered its portion of the tax rate. And this is the lowest the city's tax rate has been since 2009.
- 2. First homestead exemption.** The proposed budget recommends adding a one percent homestead exemption in FY 2023, which will be increased one percent each year after that to continue to offer our residents a way to decrease their property tax bill.
- 3. Street Improvements.** One of the community's most requested budget items during the city's outreach methods was street improvements. The Capital Improvement Program proposes \$8.93 million in street improvements over the coming year.
- 4. Public Safety Enhancements.** The budget recommends the addition of six new police officers and seven new fire personnel.
- 5. Utilities.** There will be no rate increases for city utilities this fiscal year.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROPOSED BUDGET:
WWW.BURLESONTX.COM/BUDGETINPUT**

CITY COUNCIL MEETING INFORMATION

City Council Meetings are held at 5 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month, unless otherwise noticed, at
Burleson City Hall,
141 W. Renfro St

VIEW AGENDAS

City Council agendas are posted at least 72 hours before a scheduled meeting and can be viewed at
www.burlesontx.com/agendas

WATCH MEETINGS

Livestream the meeting or view after at
www.burlesontx.com/watchlive

PUBLIC HEALTH REOPENS COVID-19 TESTING CENTER

Due to the demand for both COVID-19 testing and vaccines, Burleson Public Health have reopened the COVID-19 testing center and extended vaccine clinic hours.

COVID-19 Testing Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 245 Lakewood Drive, Burleson. Testing appointments can be made at www.burlesontx.com/test

COVID-19 Vaccines Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fridays from 1 - 5 p.m. at 120 SE Dian Street, Burleson. Anyone 12 years old and older is eligible for the vaccine. Appointments can be made at www.burlesontx.com/vaccine



MAYOR VERA CALVIN PLAZA RECEIVES CLIDE AWARD



Award recipients are the City of Burleson, TBG Partners, Hill & Wilkinson, Bennett Benner Partners, and Dunaway Associates

Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza has been awarded a 2021 CLIDE Award by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG).

The Celebrating Leadership in Development Excellence (CLIDE) Awards Program was created in 2003 to encourage innovative development projects and practices that will help accommodate expected growth and ensure a sustainable North Texas for generations to come.

The revitalized plaza includes a courtyard, public seating, shade pavilions, performance stage, and picnic tables, in addition to a children's play area with a trolley serving as the backdrop. The Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza design was inspired by the City of Burleson's rich history and "Old Town" feel. Two train cars from the 1900s make up the focal points of the plaza, while the main trolley is used as the backdrop of the permanent stage and can be used as a hangout room for performers before they hit the spotlight.

DISC GOLF COURSE EXPANDS

The Parks and Recreation Department is excited to announce that the Disc Golf Expansion at Bailey Lake Park is now open for play. The new disc golf baskets and tee boxes have been installed making it a full 18-hole course for all skill levels. Although the new kiosk map and tee signs have not been delivered, temporary maps with hole information have been installed at every tee box. The Disc Golf Course is located at Bailey Lake, 280 W Hidden Creek Parkway.



ADOPT YOUR BEST FRIEND AT CLEAR THE SHELTERS



Burleson Animal Shelter will participate in Clear the Shelters, a nationwide pet adoption drive that helps find loving homes for animals in need, from September 14 - 18.

To help ensure the safety of all staff and visitors, the Burleson Animal Shelter will be limiting the number of persons in the shelter at one time.

The shelter will open at 11 a.m. from Tuesday - Saturday. Adoptions will remain on a first-come, first-served basis. More information: (817) 426-9283.

BURLESON POLICE WARN OF PHONE SCAM

A phone scam where people are pretending to be from the Burleson Police Department has been reported in our area. The scammer is attempting to get people to pay fines over the phone or online to a provided phone number. The Burleson Police Department **does not** solicit people to pay fines over the phone or online. If you are contacted by someone you believe is attempting to scam you, please call the Burleson Police Department at 817-426-9903.



SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1-30

BTX Best Fest, participating Burleson restaurants

Sept. 4

Burleson Police Open House, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Burleson Police Station

Sept. 9

Red Chair Lecture: Michelle O'Michael, 7 p.m. at Russell Farm Art Center

Sept. 11, 18 & 25

Old Town Picture Show, 6 p.m. at Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza

Sept. 18

Be Healthy Burleson Run, 7 - 11 a.m. at Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza



Be Healthy Burleson Run

OCTOBER

Oct. 9

Founders Day, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza

Oct. 1, 15, & 29

Fall Friday Food Truck Series, 6 - 8 p.m. at various city parks

Oct. 22

Farm Fall Festival, 6 - 8 p.m. at Russell Farm Art Center

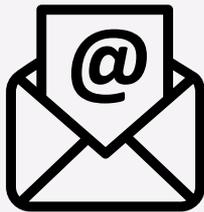
Oct. 23

Boo Bash, 6 - 8 p.m. at the BRiCK



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Learn more at www.burlesontx.com/events or 817-426-9104



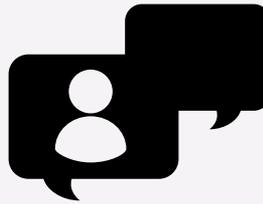
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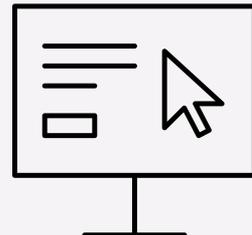
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