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City of Burleson Newsletter
FALL 2022

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City Council Meetings are held at 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month, unless otherwise noticed, at Burleson City Hall, 141 W. Renfro St. View city council agendas at www.burlesontx.com/agendas. Livestream the meetings or view after at www.burlesontx.com/watchlive

CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER FY 2022/2023 BUDGET

City Council will finalize the FY 22-23 budget during the September 12 city council meeting. A public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on September 6 to consider the budget and tax rate.

5 THINGS TO KNOW - FY 2022/2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

- **Lower tax rate.** For the fourth straight year, the property tax rate is being reduced. The proposed tax rate of \$0.6572 is \$0.0287 lower than last year's rate of \$0.6859. Since 2019, the rate has been reduced by almost eight (8) cents, from \$0.7350 (2019) to \$0.6572 (2023).
- **Homestead exemption.** Last year's budget included a one percent (1%) homestead exemption for the first time in the city's history. The proposed budget this year includes a two percent (2%) homestead exemption in FY 2023, which will be increased one percent (1%) each year thereafter to continue to offer our residents a way to decrease their property tax bill.
- **Street and Traffic Improvements.** The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) proposes \$6.2 million in street and traffic improvements over the coming year and \$35 million for the construction of Lakewood/Chisholm Summit infrastructure. In the five-year CIP, the budget includes over \$87.6 million in funds for street, traffic and sidewalk improvements.
- **Public Safety Enhancements.** The budget recommends the addition of two (2) new police lieutenants, three (3) school resource officers, one (1) property and evidence technician, one (1) records clerk, three (3) dispatch communication personnel and six (6) new fire personnel. Since 2019, we have increased public safety staff by 41 positions.
- **Utilities.** No rate increases are proposed for this fiscal year.

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

REMINDER: BURLESON HAS YEAR-ROUND WATER RESTRICTIONS

BURLESON WATERING GUIDELINES

Twice Per Week Watering Schedule

- Residential: addresses ending in an even number (0,2,4,6,8)
 - Watering days: Wednesdays & Saturdays
- Residential: addresses ending in an odd number (1,3,5,7,9)
 - Watering days: Thursdays & Sundays
- Non-residential locations
 - Watering days: Tuesdays & Fridays

No watering on Mondays or between 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. any day

The watering of lawns and landscapes using irrigation systems (watering with sprinklers) fed by the city of Burleson's water supply is prohibited for both residential and commercial water customers between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. any day of the year. However, variances may be granted under certain conditions.

What about hand watering?

Lawns and landscaping may be watered on any day with a handheld hose, drip irrigation, soaker hose, or tree bubbler. Irrigation using alternative water sources - a well or reclaimed or reused water - are excluded from the irrigation restrictions.

When did this restriction start?

The outdoor water restrictions became permanent in April 2014 due to a required change in the city's water conservation plan. Since the city of Burleson purchases its water from the city of Fort Worth, Burleson must approve a drought contingency plan that mirrors Fort Worth's plan. In April 2014, Fort Worth made the maximum twice-per-week landscape restriction permanent, year-round.

CLEAR THE SHELTERS: AUGUST 23 - 27

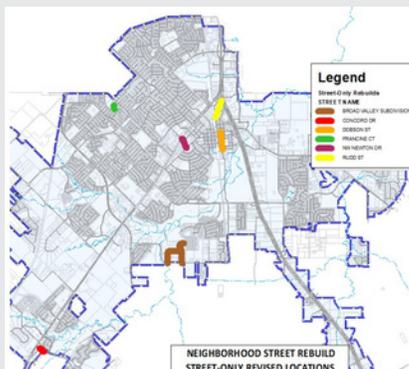
Join Burleson Animal Shelter, 775 SE John Jones Drive, August 23 - 27 to help Clear the Shelters. Donations will be taken the entire month of August. If you would like to donate to the event visit www.burlesontx.com/animalshelterdonations



Adopt your new best friend that week and pay no fee. All potential adopters will undergo screening before adoption. From long walks on the beach to your morning yoga routine, you'll always have a partner in crime to put a bright smile on your face. Transform your life and adopt today.



NEIGHBORHOOD STREET REBUILD PROJECT

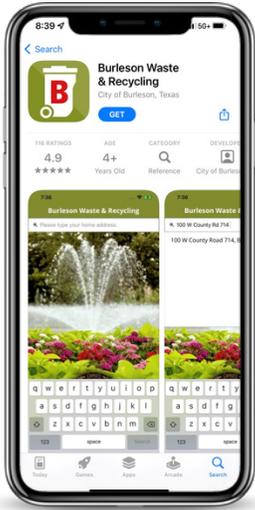


The Neighborhood Street Rebuild Project construction contract was approved by city council on August 1, 2022. The project includes the reconstruction of existing asphalt pavement on the following streets: Broad Valley Drive, Broad Valley Court, Concord Drive, Francine Court, North Rudd Street, NW Newton Drive (Johnson Street to Wilshire) and Dobson Street (Renfro Street to Town Creek Bridge).

Various neighborhood streets will be addressed yearly as part of the Neighborhood Street Rebuild program.

DID YOU READ THIS?

We want to make sure the quarterly newsletter is an effective way to inform our residents. If you are reading this, scan the QR code to the right and enter a drawing to win a \$100 gift card to the Burleson business of your choice.



WASTE & RECYCLING APP

Want to know when your special pickup day is? Or when the weekly small bulk and brush day is? And speaking of small bulk days, how much is considered small? The Burleson Waste & Recycling app has the answers to all these questions and more.

Simply search '**Burleson Waste & Recycling**,' and you can download the app directly to your phone. If you don't want the app, you can type in your home or business address and receive all the information at www.burlesontx.com/recollect. You can also set reminders on your trash days and search for how to dispose of or recycle items properly.

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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS



Old Town Picture Show
Free movies under the stars
September 10, 17 and 24



Cool Sounds of Fall
Free concerts in Old Town
Sept. 3, Oct. 15 & Nov. 12



Boo Bash Festival
Free event Chisenhall Fields
Oct. 22 | 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.



Scan to view all upcoming events



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Be Healthy Burleson Annual Run | September 17

Sign up for the Be Healthy Burleson Annual Run 1K Fun Run, 5K or 10K <https://bit.ly/BHBRun>



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141 W. Renfro St.
Burleson, TX 76028
Attention: Marketing

October

Founders Day

Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Free

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Fall brings lots of fun and exciting events to BTX

burlesontx.com/events

BTX BEST FEST | SEPTEMBER 1 - 30



Discover new flavors as participating Burleson restaurants submit their culinary creations inspired by the flavors of State Fair foods in this month-long contest!

Get your passport stamped at each location and submit your stamped passport to City Hall for your chance to win a grand prize package from participating businesses.

Where to get your **BTX Best Fest** passport:

- City Hall, 141 W Renfro Street
- Any participating restaurant
- Scan QR Code to download and print

Fill 50% of your passport for a chance to win a prize package!



Learn more: www.burlesontx.com/BTXBestFest