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The Burleson City Council proclaimed May 15-21 as National Public Works Week in Burleson. According to the proclamation, the health, safety and comfort of the community greatly depends on the public works systems and programs such as water, sewers, streets and highways, public buildings and solid waste collection.

Aaron Russell is the director of the City of Burleson's public works department. Rey Gonzales and Kevin North are assistant directors. Public Works includes eight divisions: pavement maintenance, drainage maintenance, traffic maintenance, equipment services, water operations, wastewater operations, utility customer service, and solid waste.

The Street Maintenance Division maintains approximately 200 miles of paved streets, over 170 acres of rights of way and drainage channels, and more than 4,000 street signs.

Pavement Maintenance maintains and repairs city streets, sidewalks and City-owned parking lots; provides utility cut repairs and street sweeping operations; preventive maintenance on the streets; and, emergency response barricades.

Drainage Maintenance repairs and maintains improved drainage facilities and public underground storm drain systems; mows, trims, and cleans public open channels in the city; applies chemical growth control to open drainage channels; and is responsible for the stormwater quality management related monitoring.

Traffic Maintenance repairs, maintains and installs traffic signs and pavement markings; provides school zone flashers and warning flashers; and provides streetlight and traffic signal monitoring and repair.

Equipment services provide repair services; welding and fabrication services to other departments; and technical guidance for short-range and long-range fleet operating plans.

The Water and Wastewater Division is responsible for conducting preventive maintenance; installing new water taps and water meters; maintaining all water and wastewater mains, fire hydrants, valves, pumps, and motors; operating and monitoring water delivery and the wastewater collection system; and repairing water breaks, leaks, and sewer stops.

Utility Customer Service provides billing and payment collections for water, sewer, and solid waste services; customer service issue resolutions; monthly meter reading; new accounts set up for water services; and payment arrangements with customers.

And, the Solid Waste division manages the private contracts for both solid waste collection (IESI) and recycling (CWD); monitors the commercial collections within the City limits; and provides the City's recycling drop-off center and compost facility.

Public Works is based at the Municipal Service Center, 725 S.E. John Jones Dr., 817-426-9830.