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### **Mayor Shetter presents 'State of the City'**

*Mayor Ken Shetter presented the 'State of the City' at the Burleson Area Greater Chamber of Commerce's Winter Quarterly Meeting, Thur. Jan. 17.*

Mayor Ken Shetter, along with assistance from Burleson city councilmembers, presented the 'State of the City' at the Burleson Area Greater Chamber of Commerce's Winter Quarterly Meeting, Thur. Jan. 17.

Mayor Shetter highlighted the ways Burleson is constantly looking for ways to enhance safety, convenience and quality of life for residents.

"We are looking for ways to make our children's future brighter through education and enrichment," stated Mayor Shetter. "We look for ways to help our residents gain the knowledge and skills they need to ensure success for families and a robust workforce for local businesses. We endeavor to create inviting public spaces. In other words, along the way, we decided being a good city wasn't good enough, we decided to be a great city!"

Mayor Shetter's presentation highlighted a variety of innovative programs and ground-breaking ordinances that the City of Burleson have implemented in the past year. Some of the highlights from this year's State of the City presentation include:

- Burleson Police Department receiving its tenth accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies – the department holds the recognition of being the longest running department to be accredited in the State of Texas.
- Last year, Burleson became the first city in America to make it unlawful to commit unjustified violence in the presence of a child, recognizing the irreparable harm done to children when they are exposed to violence in the home.
- Burleson passed the first-in-the-nation strangulation protocol which creates a multi-disciplinary task force, creates training requirements for first responders and requires that EMS is called to the scene anytime strangulation is reported or suspected.
- Burleson Fire Department's ISO rating of 1, places it in the top 1 percent of communities in the entire United States in fire protection.
- Burleson Drowning Prevention Coalition was formed with a goal to end childhood drownings in our community. This group provided over 1,000 free drowning prevention lessons to children in our community this year.
- Be Healthy Burleson is assisting new parents with the Burleson Babies program which welcomes the city's newest residents and provides resources and support to new families.
- The award-winning Burleson Works program, is a one-of-a-kind initiative that pairs Burleson residents with local companies that have positions to fill and then provide the resident with the technical training needed to step into that role was launched in 2018.
- A variety of improvements are occurring at the library, a disc golf course will be installed near Bailey Lake and multiple infrastructure projects are in the works for 2019.

"Building a great city isn't just my goal, it is the goal of every member of our City Council," said Mayor Shetter.

[Watch the 2019 State of the City address](#)

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