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City of Burleson Newsletter

FALL 2020



2020 ELECTION INFORMATION

Due to public health and safety concerns related to COVID-19 the May 2, 2020 City of Burleson General Election was postponed to November 3, 2020 for the offices of: Mayor, Councilmember Place 2, Councilmember Place 4, Councilmember Place 6.

The candidates are as follows: Mayor - Chris Fletcher and Ken Shetter; Place 2 - Rick Green, unopposed; Place 4 - Todd K. Hulse and Tamara Payne; Place 6 - Ronnie Johnson, unopposed.

Voting Locations: depends on the county you live in.

Johnson County voters

- Early Voting: Burleson Sub-Courthouse, 247 Elk Dr, Room 104, Burleson
- Election Day Voting: all voting is at your precinct only

Tarrant County Voters

- Early Voting: Use any voting location in Tarrant County
- All sites are listed on Tarrant County's website <https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/elections.html>
- Closest location to the city limits of Burleson is Crouch Event Center in Bicentennial Park, 900 E Glendale St, Crowley

For more information: www.burlesontx.com/elections

**EARLY
VOTING**

**OCTOBER 13 -
OCTOBER 30**

**ELECTION
DAY**

**TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 3**

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES ANNUAL BUDGET

On Monday, Sept. 14, 2020, the City Council approved a budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, which lowers the city portion of the tax rate to \$0.7111 per \$100 of assessed valuation, \$0.0089 lower than last year's property tax rate. Some property owners may see their city tax bills rise if the assessed values of their property increased. The city of Burleson does not set the appraised value of homes. The appraisal districts in the homeowner's residing county are responsible.

The approved budget also reduces the city of Burleson water customers fees, both residential and commercial, by 3%.

"The adopted budget was developed over the last several months with the input of the city council and community via an online survey," stated City Manager Bryan Langley. "The budget is designed to meet the challenges faced by the organization and accomplish the goals outlined in the City of Burleson's Strategic Plan."

The approximately \$112 million budget includes a substantial investment in Burleson's public safety. Multiple new positions are being added in the police department, including a sergeant, three police officers, a detective and a school resource officer. Four new full-time employees for public safety communications (dispatch) and a new firefighter was also approved in the budget.

Maintaining the city's roadways is a top priority in the budget. This is of particular importance as Burleson's population exceeds 50,000, after which the state of Texas will transition all financial and operational responsibility for maintaining traffic signals and lights to the city. Due to this approaching transition, the budget includes funding for a traffic engineer and a signal technician at a net cost of \$157,249, effective on Apr. 1, 2021. In accordance with the city's Intelligent Transportation Strategic Plan, the traffic engineer will be responsible for ensuring that the city's traffic lights and signals are effectively established and maintained to reduce traffic congestion throughout the city. The signal technician is necessary for traffic signal repairs for a growing system.

Learn more about the City of Burleson budget and the budget process: www.burlesontx.com/budgetinput

**CITY PORTION
OF THE TAX RATE
REDUCED
TO \$0.7111**



**NO NEW TAX
REVENUE RATE**



**CITY ROADWAY
& TRAFFIC
IMPROVEMENTS**

HIGHPOINT BUSINESS PARK WELCOMES NEW ADDITION

Yukon Ventures and Saxum Real Estate, along with city officials, broke ground on their 403,000-square-foot cold storage and distribution center at HighPoint Business Park Thursday, October 1, 2020. The \$50 million capital investment will bring 50 new jobs to the community. Premier Refrigerated Warehouse will be the anchor tenant of the new building and will occupy approximately half of the new space. Cold storage distribution has been one of the fastest-growing sectors of the U.S. industrial market during the COVID-19 pandemic. The project started site work at the end of August 2020 and is hopeful of completing construction in October 2021. Read more: www.burlesontx.com



NEW PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR NAMED



Jen Basham, CPRE, CPO, has been named the City of Burleson parks and recreation director. Basham, a Certified Park and Recreation Executive and Certified Pool and Spa Operator, most recently served as director of parks and leisure services for the City of Stephenville. She began her duties with the City of Burleson on September 8, 2020. As the parks and recreation director Basham will be responsible for managing all aspects of Burleson's parks and recreation programs and services, which includes parks maintenance, Chisenhall Fields, Burleson Recreation Center, community events, Russell Farm Art Center, Hidden Creek Golf Course, cemetery and the management of capital projects that includes a robust trail system. Read more: www.burlesontx.com

UPCOMING CITY CLOSURES

Thanksgiving holidays: City of Burleson facilities, with the exception of public safety, will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26-27. There will be no trash or curbside recycling collection on Thursday, Nov. 26. If you are on the Monday-Thursday route, your trash will be collected on the next Monday, Nov. 30. Curbside recycling will be collected on your next scheduled day. Hidden Creek Golf Course and the Burleson Recreation Center (BRiCK) will be open normal hours Friday, Nov. 27.

Christmas holidays: City of Burleson facilities, with the exception of public safety, will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 24-25. There will be no trash or curbside recycling collection on Friday, Dec. 25. If you are on the Tuesday-Friday route, your trash will be collected on the next Tuesday, Dec. 29. Curbside recycling will be collected on your next scheduled day.

HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT

The City will be accepting household hazardous waste, old electronics and the paper you haven't shredded yet from 9 - 11 a.m. Saturday, November 14 at the Service Center, 725 SE John Jones Drive.

This event is only open to residents who live inside the Burleson city limits (proof of residency including a City water or solid waste bill is required).

The event is first-come, first-served and there is a possibility that the paint recycling container will fill up. Please be patient, you may expect long lines at the event. It takes a few minutes to unload vehicles.



BRING:	Aerosol Cans	Cleaning chemicals	Light bulbs	Pool chemicals
	Appliances	Electronics	Oil	Solvents
	Automotive fluids	Fertilizer	Tube TVs	Pesticides
	Batteries	Household chemicals	Paints (20 gallon limit)	
	Tires (limit of 4)	Shredded paper (limit of 3 boxes)		
DO NOT BRING:	Monitors	Fireworks	Medical Waste	
	Ammunition	Pharmaceuticals	Yard Waste	

TRICK-OR-TREATING SAFETY TIPS

To keep things fun and safe this year, we encourage you to be smart and do your part. Here are a few tips:

Trick-or-treaters:

- Plan a costume that has a fun mask, practice social distancing and make sure you wash your hands after you get home.
- Wear light-colored clothes and take a flashlight.
- Take hand sanitizer and/ or wear gloves.
- Remember, don't approach a house that has its porchlight off.

Neighbors:

- If you have a underlying health issues but still want to participate, consider leaving a bowl of candy or a teal pumpkin trinket (and a bottle of hand sanitizer, if you wish) at the end of your front sidewalk and sit on your porch to wave at the kids walking the neighborhood. This allows kids to safely walk the neighborhood while maintain social distance.
- Turn your porchlight off if you do not wish to participate.

