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City of Burleson Newsletter
FALL 2023

YOUR BURLESON CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



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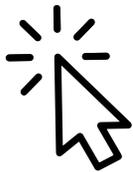
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Dan McClendon



PLACE 6

Adam Russell



VIEW AGENDAS

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



WATCH MEETINGS

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

PROPOSED BUDGET: THINGS TO KNOW

- **Lower tax rate.** For the fifth straight year, the property tax rate is being reduced. The proposed tax rate of \$0.6325 is \$0.0247 lower than last year's rate of \$0.6572. Since 2019, the rate has been reduced over ten (10) cents, from \$0.7350 (2019) to \$0.6325 (2024).
- **Homestead exemption.** Last year's budget included a two percent (2%) homestead exemption. The proposed budget this year includes a three percent (3%) homestead exemption in FY 2024, which will be increased by one percent (1%) each year thereafter until the city reaches a five percent (5%) homestead exemption.
- **Street and Traffic Improvements.** The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) proposes \$28.2M in street, traffic and infrastructure improvements. This includes the continuation of voter-approved 2022 bond projects and the Lakewood Boulevard extension that will provide a direct route to Chisholm Trail Parkway and Hooper Business Park.
- **Public Safety Enhancements.** The budget recommends additional police and fire personnel and various equipment to enhance first responders' safety and transparency. The budget also allocates funding for the police headquarters expansion and renovations for Fire Station 1.

More information about the FY 23/24 Budget can be found at www.burlesontx.com/budgetinput

** The items listed above are in the proposed budget and are subject to change per city council's recommendation and requests.*

LUDWIG HIRED AS BURLESON CITY MANAGER

Tommy Ludwig was named Burleson's city manager, effective Tuesday, July 11, 2023 by the Burleson City Council.

As City Manager, Ludwig will serve as the chief executive officer, chosen by the Burleson City Council to administrate all city affairs.

Ludwig served as Burleson's deputy city manager since August 2021, leading various city departments, including public works, development services, public safety communications, parks and recreation, human resources, and information technology.

Before Burleson, Ludwig served as executive director of development services and assistant city manager during a four year tenure in Waxahachie. Prior to that role, he served the city of Dallas in various positions from 2008 to 2017.



HAVE YOU TRIED BTX311 YET?

311 is a simple three-digit number residents, business owners, and visitors can call to get information, request services, and report issues. From library hours to reporting graffiti or overgrown grass, 311 is ready to help. The new 311 system will streamline processes to improve response times, limit phone transfers, and reduce non-emergency calls to 911.

Besides calling 311, residents can download a mobile app available in the App Store or Google Play by searching BTX311 or go online to www.burlesontx.com/btx311.



SUBMIT A REQUEST

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS



Old Town Picture Show
Free movies under the stars
September 16 and 23



Cool Sounds of Fall
Free concerts in Old Town
Sept. 8 and Oct. 13



Boo Bash Festival
Free event Chisenhall Fields
Oct. 21 | 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.



Scan to view all upcoming events

The Burleson Animal Shelter is the perfect place to find the newest addition to your family. Adoption includes spay/neuter, microchip and current vaccinations. Shelter staff encourage you to bring your other pets for a meet and greet of any pet you are considering adopting.

Burleson Animal Shelter, 775 SE John Jones Drive, is open from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday - Friday and from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday. They can be reached at 817-426-9283.

View the full list of adoptable pets: <https://24petconnect.com/pp424> or check out the Burleson Animal Shelter Facebook or Instagram page.

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SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER HOSTS EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The City of Burleson Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Avenue, provides a wide variety of programs, activities, and services for the senior citizens of Burleson. A variety of activities and classes are offered including beginning American Sign Language, conversational Spanish, Pickleball, and more. The center also hosts special events throughout the year. Participation is open to anyone 50 years and older.

Learn more and sign up for the monthly e-newsletter:
www.burlesontx.com/seniors



Be Healthy Burleson Annual Run | September 16

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
Burleson, TX 76028
Attention: Marketing

October
14

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

Fall brings lots of fun and exciting events to BTX

burlesontx.com/events

BTX BEST FEST | SEPTEMBER 1 - 30

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Economic Development

Visit participating Burleson restaurants in September to try their State Fair inspired creations!

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