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Thursday, March 20, 2025  
6:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers 141  
W Renfro  
Burleson, TX 76028

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **CITIZEN APPEARANCES**

Each person in attendance who desires to speak to the board on an item NOT posted on the agenda, shall speak during this section.

A speaker card must be filled out and turned in to the Secretary prior to addressing the board. Each speaker will be allowed three (3) minutes.

Please note that the board may only take action on items posted on the agenda. The Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the Park Board from deliberating or taking action on an item not listed on the agenda. Park Board may, however, receive your comments on the unlisted item, ask clarifying questions, respond with facts, and explain policy.

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3. **GENERAL**

A. Consider approval of the minutes from the February 13, 2025, meeting. *(Staff Contact: Bailey Campbell, Senior Administrative Specialist)*

B. Consider recommending approval of the conversion of the Russell Farm Garage to an Art Studio. *(Staff Contact: Allison Smith, Deputy Director of Recreation)*

C. Remove from the table; receive a report and provide possible recommendations for a project to replace or repair the stair structure and slide at the Indoor Pool. *(Staff Contact: Allison Smith, Deputy Director of Recreation)*

4. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Provide a report and hold a discussion on past egret rookeries and the city outreach and education campaign. *(Staff Contact: DeAnna Phillips, Director of Community Services)*

B. Receive a report and provide staff feedback regarding current and upcoming grant opportunities. *(Staff Contact: Jessica Martinez, Deputy Director of Parks)*

C. Receive the February 2025 Department Update Presentation. *(Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)*

D. Review April 2025 Parks and Recreation calendar. *(Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)*

5. **REQUESTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND REPORTS**

6. **ADJOURN**

Staff Contact

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Director of Parks and Recreation  
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**CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that the above agenda was posted on this the 12th of March 2025, by 5:00 p.m., on the official bulletin board at the Burleson City Hall, 141 W. Renfro, Burleson, Texas.



Amanda Campos

City Secretary

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**Park Board**

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation

**FROM:** Jen Basham, Director

**MEETING:** March 20, 2025

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**SUBJECT:**

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**SUMMARY:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve

**PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):**

**REFERENCE:**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**STAFF CONTACT:**

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Director  
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BURLESON PARKS ADVISORY BOARD  
February 13, 2024  
MINUTES  
**DRAFT**

Call to Order – 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Board Members Present

Sherry Scott  
Matthew Quinn  
Christian Schott  
Ashli Logan  
Shannan Sutter  
Angel Sanchez  
Addison Oscarson  
Tyler Knox

Board Members Absent

Lindsey Cobb

Staff Present

Jen Basham, Director  
Jessica Martinez, Deputy Director of Parks  
Allison Smith, Deputy Director of Recreation

**Guests**

None

1. **Call to Order: 6:00 PM**—Matthew Quinn called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM
2. **Citizen Appearances**  
None
3. **General**
  - A. Consider approval of the minutes from the December 12, 2024, meeting. (Staff Contact: Bailey Campbell, Senior Administrative Specialist)

Sherry Scott made a motion to approve the item. Shannan Sutter seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0. Absent Lindsey Cobb.

- B. Nominate and elect a chair and vice chairperson (Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)

The current Chair, Matthew Quinn, and Vice Chair, Sherry Scott, were interested in remaining in their positions. Tyler Knox made a motion to



approve the item. Shannan Sutter seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.  
Absent Lindsey Cobb.

- C. Consider approving meeting date changes for future Park Board meetings (Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)

Ashli Logan made a motion to approve the updated meeting schedule, setting Park Board meetings for the third Thursday of each month. Sherry Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0. Absent Lindsey Cobb.

- D. Consider recommending approval of a contract with Amusement Restoration Companies, LLC, for the complete replacement of the Indoor Pool slide stair tower in the amount of \$218,672.50. (Staff Contact: Allison Smith, Deputy Director of Recreation)

Allison Smith gave a presentation recommending approval of a contract with Amusement Restoration Companies, LLC, for the complete replacement of the Indoor Pool slide stair tower.

Motion made by Shannon Sutter and seconded by Tyler Knox to approve as presented. Motion failed 3-5, Sherry Scott, Matthew Quinn, Christian Schott, Ashli Logan, and Angel Sanchez against. Lindsey Cobb absent.

Motion made by Sherry Scott and seconded by Christian Schott to table item to March 20, 2025. Motion passed 5-3, Shannan Sutter, Addison Oscarson, and Tyler Knox against. Lindsey Cobb absent.

#### **4. Reports and Presentations**

- A. Receive the January 2025 Department Update Presentation (Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)

Jen Basham, and Jessica Martinez reviewed departmental programs, events and revenues for the month of January 2025. A discussion followed.

- B. December Community Calendar Attached

A paper copy of the programming calendar was given to the board members.

#### **5. Requests and Future Agenda Items and Reports**

None

**6. Adjourn.**

Chairperson, Matthew Quinn adjourned the meeting.  
Time – 6:53 P.M.

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Bailey Campbell, Recording Secretary

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## Park Board

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation  
**FROM:** Allison Smith, Deputy Director of Recreation  
**MEETING:** March 20, 2025

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**SUBJECT:**

Consider recommending approval of the conversion of the Russell Farm Garage to an Art Studio. *(Staff Contact: Allison Smith, Deputy Director of Recreation)*

**SUMMARY:**

The renovation of the Russell Farm Art Center Garage has been under consideration since 2022. The space spans approximately 650 square feet, with an additional 300-square-foot carport. The goal of the project is to transform this area into a dedicated art space that supports expanded programming in a more functional setting. The Friends of Russell Farm (FORF) have generously pledged up to \$50,000 in donated funds for the project. The funding will be provided by the Art Advisory Committee's fundraising efforts, along with private donations specifically designated for this renovation.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the project as presented.

**PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):**

N/A

**REFERENCE:**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Proposed Expenditure: Donated Funds not to exceed \$50,000

Account Number(s):

Fund:

Account Description:

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Allison Smith

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# RUSSELL FARM ART CENTER GARAGE

PARK BOARD: MARCH 20, 2025

STAFF PRESENTER: ALLISON SMITH, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF RECREATION



# BACKGROUND

- Russell Farm Art Center is a 30-acre property, established in 1877 by Martha Russell. The farm has been passed down through generations of the same family.
- In 2012, Charlie and Louise Boren generously donated the farm to the City of Burlleson, accompanied by the Russell Farm Use Agreement.
- The agreement establishes the Art Advisory Committee, Historical Advisory Committee, and the Boren Property Advisory Committee.
- To further support the farm, the 501(c)(3) organization Friends of Russell Farm is a volunteer-led group that raises funds to support programs and projects at the farm.
- The Art Advisory Committee and the Friends of Russell Farm have been working to raise the funds to convert the current Garage into a dedicated art classroom and gallery since 2022.
- Currently, art programming primarily takes place in the Chesapeake Building, a multi-use building.



# GARAGE CONVERSION – PROJECT DESCRIPTION

## **Project Purpose:**

The purpose of this project is to create dedicated art space, within the existing footprint, that enables expanded programming in a more functional environment, to include:

- Improved climate-controlled working space
- Storage for supplies, increased outlets, and ability to rinse/clean art equipment
- Flexibility for arranging set-ups and displaying art
- Improved lighting conducive to art creation

The scope of work involves the renovation of the garage interior, a reconstructed small exterior enclosure, and no changes to the existing carport.



Item B.



# BUDGET & FUNDING

## Current Project Estimate: \$46,325

The Friends of Russell Farm (FORF) have committed donated funding to this project up to \$50,000. A portion of the funding will come from dollars raised by the Art Advisory Committee and the remainder will be supplemented by private donations specifically directed to this project.



Item B.



# TIMELINE



- Presenting to Park Board March 20, 2025.
- This project is scheduled to be taken to City Council on April 7, 2025 to accept the donated funds for the Garage conversion.
- If approved the project is scheduled for completion by June 1, 2025.





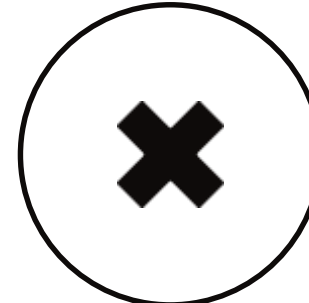
# DIRECTION Item B.



Recommend approval of the Garage conversion



Approve with changes



Deny

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## Park Board

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation  
**FROM:** Allison Smith, Deputy Director of Recreation  
**MEETING:** March 20, 2025

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**SUBJECT:**

Remove from the table; receive a report and provide possible recommendations for a project to replace or repair the stair structure and slide at the Indoor Pool. (*Staff Contact: Allison Smith, Deputy Director of Recreation*)

**SUMMARY:**

**Background:**

- In April 2019, the entire stair structure was sand-blasted and repainted (\$80,535).
- In November 2020, additional repairs were completed (\$8,000).
- On June 11, 2024 TMLRIP completed their annual inspection.
- The inspector stated that the stair tower needed an additional evaluation on the stairs, safety railing, supports, hardware, fasteners, and all steel components. The slide was closed immediately. The inspector requested that a structural engineer inspect the slide for integrity in the closing notes of their inspection. As of January 2025, a structural engineer is required to inspect the slide and stairs every five years or at the manufacturers recommended interval.
- Between the initial inspection and presentation to the board staff worked with the inspector and a third part inspector to determine remediation requirements. Once determined staff began gathering quotes for both refurbishment and replacement to make the most fiscally responsible decision.
- This item was presented to the Park Board on February 13, 2025. After discussion, the Park Board tabled the item with a request for additional information and for the item to be brought back for further review at the Park Board meeting on March 20, 2025.

**Background (February 13 – March 12):**

- Staff contacted the manufacturer to obtain their recommendations. The manufacturer has provided a recommendation based on submitted photos. Scheduling an on-site visit from the manufacturer will cost \$2,500. Staff is currently working to set the manufacturer up as a vendor and arrange for the on-site assessment.

- Staff also reached out to all original vendors to obtain additional quotes for the following:
  - Refurbishment of the staircase, including the removal of treads to address additional rust.
  - Refurbishment of the slide.
  - Replacement of the slide.
- Staff reviewed the most recent inspection report to identify process improvements and make necessary adjustments. Some items have been completed, while others are still in progress.
- Staff collaborated with the capital engineering department to source a structural engineer to inspect the existing structure and provide recommendations.

### Structural Engineer Initial Draft Report (Freese and Nichols):

#### Observations:

- The most visually obvious rust staining originated at the top of the rises at the contact point with the tread pans. While highly visible, the corrosion was not a significant structural concern.
- In general, the bolts appeared to be very corroded and a close second in terms of visual impact.
- Some localized heavy corrosion and scaling was observed on the face of a few risers.
- **Most of the corrosion on the staircase appeared to be due to pool water cascading down the structure from the upper platform.**
  - Evidence for this conclusion area as follows:
    - Surface mineral deposits not observed on other structures.
    - The general lack of corrosion below the landings in areas protected from cascading water.
    - The general lack of similar corrosion for other steel structures in the vicinity which were exposed to the same atmosphere but no direct water exposure.
    - The galvanized and non-galvanized pipe supports below the upper landing were heavily corroded.

*\*This supports staff's initial findings that the stairs degradation is due to design and not to maintenance protocols historically utilized.*

#### Conclusion:

- None of the observed corrosion appeared to present an immediate concern for structural integrity or safety. The structure is in need of maintenance and a new coating.

#### Recommendations:

- Either recoat or replace the staircase.
- If possible, all of the circulated water at the upper landing should be made to enter a drain.

*\*This is a new recommendation that staff will be pursuing regardless of decision to repair or replace.*

- In general, bolts should be replaced before the face of the bolts begins to scale off.



- Consider replacement with a more corrosion resistant material. Bolt head markings were not visible during my site visit but should be verified by removing the coating. If the bolts are not high-strength, consider replacement with Type 316 stainless steel. If high-strength bolts were used, the bolts should be replaced in kind but should be hot-dip galvanized.
- The bolts at the upper landing guardrail appeared to have significant exposure and significant corrosion inside the post. While the guardrails did not have signs of incipient bolt failure, we recommend bolt removal for inspection and replacement as appropriate.
- When recoating, the treads should be removed to improve the surface preparation and coating between the treads and risers.
- Replace the heavily corroded galvanized pipe supports below the upper landing.
- Replace the bolts between the risers and the central column with welds.
- Insert a neoprene or plastic strip between the risers and tread pans to reduce coating damage due to foot traffic.

### **Maintenance:**

#### Daily:

- Inspect before & after pumps are turned on (address deficiencies immediately)
- Rinse with fresh water

#### Monthly:

- NEW: Utilize preventative rust chemical (currently researching this option)

#### Bi-Monthly:

- Check joints - Re-caulk and wax if needed

#### Annually:

- Water Slide Connector/Fastener Inspection and Replacement

### **Enhanced Maintenance Procedures:**

- As staff reviewed maintenance standards through this process, they developed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in collaboration with the slide and stair manufacturer, Splashtacular.
- Staff has also engaged with the manufacturer to discuss enhancing current maintenance practices through a third-party maintenance agreement. This agreement offers an annual service that includes one inspection, cleaning, and up to six chip or gauge repairs, as well as recaulking and typical maintenance, for **\$12,155**. Any identified deficiencies beyond routine maintenance, such as rust remediation, bolt replacement, tread repair, or leak repairs, would be quoted at an additional cost.
- Additionally, staff has been working to onboard the BRiCk facility into the current work order system, Cartegraph. This system, already utilized by Public Works and Parks, will track maintenance and repairs for all major systems within the BRiCk. Implementing Cartegraph will improve reporting capabilities and provide valuable historical data to inform repair or replacement decisions.
- \*Daily maintenance is currently tracked, and will continue to be tracked, through the aquatic system Digiquatics.
- In 2024, staff was directed to replace the dehumidification system within the natatorium. Staff also proposed enhancing this system with an

evacuator system designed to remove chemicals at the ground level. Staff believes this enhancement will improve the indoor environment and extend the longevity of facility components.

- Also in 2024, HR introduced a new position dedicated to managing risk management across the organization. Moving forward, this position will receive all inspection reports throughout the City and report any identified weaknesses or deficiencies to City Management.

### Findings:

- Cost to replace the slide stair tower
  - Amusement Restoration Companies: \$218,672.50
    - **ARC has withdrawn their quotes**
  - Safe Slide Restoration: \$223,444
    - 1 – year warranty on paint for adhesion – Steel
    - 5-year warranty on structural fiberglass repair not to delaminate
    - 5 – year warranty on gel coat and paint (available with yearly protection plan)
  - Landmark Aquatic: \$291,078.57
  - Cost to restore the slide stair tower and the added longevity
  - Amusement Restoration Companies: \$72,000
    - **ARC is no longer interested in this project.**
  - Safe Slide Restoration: \$98,670
  - Cost replace the big slide
  - Amusement Restoration Companies: \$199,350
    - **ARC has withdrawn their quotes**
  - Splashtacular (Manufacturer) Cost to replace the stair tower and the big slide
  - **Splashtacular: between \$275,00-\$295,000**
  - Splashtacular (Manufacturer) Cost to restore the stair tower and the big slide
  - **Splashtacular: \$159,595**

### Budget:

This item will be funded using project savings. The debt has already been approved and issued. Bond Council has been consulted and determined this to be an appropriate use of funds.

At the February 13, Park Board meeting, the board asked if issued debt could be returned to pay off existing debt. Bond Council advised that if the debt was sold, it would pay down existing debt that was issued at a lower interest rate and new debt would have to be issued at a higher rate for current projects.

Current available funding from project savings across all park projects:  
\$1,022,917.61

Project savings currently allocated to the BRiCk remodel project: \$558,848

- Bailey Lake and Chisenhall Parking Lot Expansions-\$396,616
- Park Annex, Oak Valley Park, Bailey Lake Dredging, Oak Valley South Connector Trail- \$162,231

**Breakdown of \$558,848**

- Slide-\$218,673 (will change with recommendation)
- Replacement of doors and frames in aquatic area-\$81,627
- Parking lot striping-\$6,904
- Partition and benches in family changing rooms-\$8,727
- GTS Technology in meeting rooms-\$7,149
- Facility signage-\$10,000
- Remaining funds currently available-\$16,292

*\*Total cost for project is still being determined by recommendation from board and council*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends removing the item from being tabled at the February 13 Park Board meeting.

**PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):**

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**REFERENCE:**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Proposed Expenditure:

Account Number(s): PK2404. 30. 4505003-70020

Fund: 4B

Account Description: 4B Bond Construction

**STAFF CONTACT:**

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# INDOOR POOL SLIDE AND STAIR TOWER

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PARK BOARD: MARCH 20, 2025

STAFF PRESENTER: ALLISON SMITH, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF RECREATION





# OVERVIEW

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1. Background
2. Structural Engineers Report
3. Maintenance
4. Findings
5. Scope of Work
6. Return on Investment
7. Budget
8. Project Timeline
9. Required Action
10. Direction

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# STRUCTURAL ENGINEER INITIAL DRAFT REPORT: FREESE AND NICHOLS OBSERVATIONS



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# SLIDE & STAIR TOWER MAINTENANCE



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# FINDINGS

## STAIR TOWER

VENDOR	REPLACEMENT	REFURBISH
ARC- <b>WITHDREW FROM PROCESS</b>	<del>\$218,672.50</del>	<del>\$72,000</del>
SAFE SLIDE	\$223,444	\$98,760
LANDMARK AQUATICS	\$291,078.57	Requested
SPLASHTACULAR	Requested	Requested

Restoration: *“There are a lot of pinch points on the structure where there is rust. This means the rust issues will likely return quickly. We will warrant adhesion of paint for (1) year but our warranty will not cover rust issues, or rust bleeding.”* - ARC Owner

**\*ARC is no longer interested in this project, we have kept the quotes listed as a reference\***

Staff has requested quotes for all listed options from each vendor, but not all responses have been received.

## STAIR TOWER & SLIDE

VENDOR	REPLACEMENT	REFURBISH
ARC- <b>WITHDREW FROM PROCESS</b>	<del>\$418,022.50</del>	<del>\$99,818</del>
SAFE SLIDE	Requested	\$142,671*
LANDMARK AQUATICS	Requested	Requested
SPLASHTACULAR	\$295,000	\$159,595

\*Safe Slide's quote includes the small blue slide in addition to the big slide & stairs. Staff has requested this item be separated out.\*

Safe Slide Warranty:

- 1 - year warranty on paint for adhesion – Steel
- 5 - year warranty on structural fiberglass repair not to delaminate.
- 5 - year warranty on gel coat and paint (available with yearly protection plan)



# STAIR REFURBISHMENT SCOPE

From Splashtacular Director of Restoration & Maintenance:  
*For future consideration:  
Being we're the original manufacturer who design/engineered the foundations of your existing slide tower and slide we could completely remove existing slide tower/slide and install entirely new slide tower/slide of same height/length/ride path for \$275,000.00 - \$295,000.00 all-in. Other manufacturer's would be required to place all new foundations for slide tower/slide adding significant costs likely well over \$100k. I'm not suggesting you need to remove your existing slide tower and slide, it can certainly be restored being 15 yrs old. Restoring it will increase your return on investment. However, if your slide was 25 yrs old, I'd recommend considering a complete remove and replace resetting the clock completely.*

Scope	Splashtacular	SafeSlide
Rust remediation, inhibitor/primer of steel support structure as needed	X	X
Apply new paint to entire steel support structure	X	X
Remove all existing stair treads and landing/platform decking	X	
Retrofit/install all new stair treads and decking with our Smart Tread™ to include associated	X	
Angles, risers and hardware	X	
Includes lift equipment and freight	X	
Hot water/high pressure wash structure, (5,000 PSI) per AMPP SSPC-SP1		X
Abrasive spot blast structure free of any previous coatings per AMPP SSPC-SP6 o If there are areas with previous coatings, this will provide a more aggressive profile to assure better adhesion		X
Reasonable measures will be taken to capture/contain the majority of debris associated with abrasive blasting (i.e. blast tarps, ground tarps)		X



# SLIDE REFURBISHMENT SCOPE

Scope	Splashtacular	SafeSl <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Item C.</span>
Repair blemishes and prep slide interior to create adhesion profile for new gelcoat	X	
Remove existing caulking at all slide seams	X	
Apply new gelcoat to entire slide interior	X	X
Install new caulking at all slide seams	X	X
Prep slide exterior removing all failed coatings and calcium buildup	X	
Apply new paint to entire slide exterior	X	X
Permanently seal and fiberglass over seams		X
Prep and laminate seams with vinyl-ester resin and 1708 biaxle cloth		X
Fair Seam with compatible vinyl-ester fairing compound		X
Apply Premium Coating over seams		X
Repair all common fiberglass repairs in ride path* (common repairs do not require lamination)		X
Add textured surface to start tub		X
Wash exterior of slide with internally formulated cleaner		X
Prime-coat bare areas as needed		X

# RETURN ON INVESTMENT

- **Cost of Investment** = \$295,000 (the cost of the stair tower and slide replacement)
- **Annual Benefit** = \$34,000 (40% of the annual income generated from Pool Party Room rentals in 2023)
- **Life of the Slide** = 25 years
- **ROI = 188.14%**

SPLASHTACULAR	LIFE	TOTAL COST	COST PER YEAR FOR LIFE
REPLACEMENT	25 YRS	\$295,000	\$11,800
RESTORE	10 YRS	\$159,595	\$15,959.50
	15 YRS		\$10,639.67



# BUDGET

This item will be funded using project savings. The debt has already been approved and issued. Bond Council has been consulted and determined this to be an appropriate use of funds.

At the February 13, Park Board meeting, the board asked if issued debt could be returned to pay off existing debt. Bond Council advised that if the debt was sold, it would pay down existing debt that was issued at a lower interest rate and new debt would have to be issued at a higher rate for current projects.

Current available funding from project savings across all park projects: \$1,022,917.61

Project savings currently allocated to the BRiCk remodel project: \$558,848

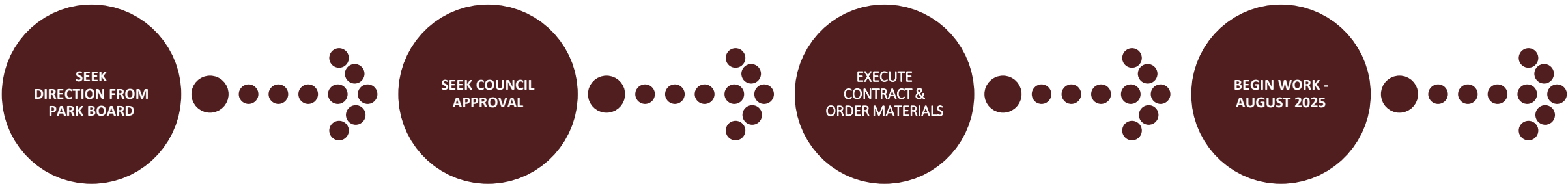
- Bailey Lake and Chisenhall Parking Lot Expansions-\$396,616
- Park Annex, Oak Valley Park, Bailey Lake Dredging, Oak Valley South Connector Trail- \$162,231

Breakdown of \$558,848

- Slide-\$218,673 (will change with recommendation)
- Replacement of doors and frames in aquatic area-\$81,627
- Parking lot striping-\$6,904
- Partition and benches in family changing rooms-\$8,727
- GTS Technology in meeting rooms-\$7,149
- Facility signage-\$10,000
- Remaining funds currently available-\$16,292

Total cost for project is still being determined by recommendation from board and council 13

# PROJECTED TIMELINE



**Due to material lead times and the time required for this replacement, the slide will remain closed throughout the summer.**



# REQUIRED ACTION

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- Remove the item from being tabled at the February 13 Park Board meeting.
- The contract with Amusement Restoration Companies LLC to replace the slide tower has withdrawn from the process when they learned the manufacturer would be providing recommendations and quoting refurbishment and replacement cost.
  - Stair Tower Replacement: \$218,672.50





PROVIDE FEEDBACK REGARDING  
REFURBISHMENT OR REPLACEMENT OF INDOOR  
POOL SLIDE AND STAIR STRUCTURE

# DIRECTION

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March 10, 2025 - **DRAFT**

Randy Morrison  
Director of Capital Engineering  
City of Burleson  
141 W Renfro Street  
Burleson, Texas 76028

Re: Staircase Structural Evaluation at the BRiCk

Dear Mr. Morrison:

Freese and Nichols, Inc. (FNI) was asked by the City of Burleson (City) to provide a structural evaluation of the staircase in the pool area of the Burleson Recreation Center (BRiCk). On March 5, I performed a site visit to assess the structural integrity of the staircase.

### **Background:**

The subject staircase is a circular spiral staircase wrapping around a central steel pipe column. The structural is all carbon steel with the exception of FRP treads. The treads are contained in removable steel gage metal pans and appeared to be removable, Figure 1. The staircase had significant rust staining and localized rust damage that appeared to be significantly more pervasive than other structure steel in the pool area. It is our understanding that the staircase had recently undergone an inspection by, or in support of, the City's insurance carrier and the staircase was identified as needing a structural evaluation by a qualified Professional Engineer.

### **Observations:**

No drawings for the structure were available. Based on my observations, the following are general observations made:

- The most visually obvious rust staining originated at the top of the rises at the contact point with the tread pans, Figure 2. While highly visible, the corrosion was not a significant structural concern.
- In general, the bolts appeared to be very corroded and a close second in terms of visual impact, Figure 3 to Figure 6.
- Some localized heavy corrosion and scaling was observed on the face of a few risers, Figure 7.
- Most of the corrosion on the staircase appeared to be due to pool water cascading down the structure from the upper platform. Evidence for this conclusion area as follows:
  - Surface mineral deposits not observed on other structures.
  - The general lack of corrosion below the landings in areas protected from cascading water.
  - The general lack of similar corrosion for other steel structures in the vicinity which were exposed to the same atmosphere but no direct water exposure.
- The galvanized and non-galvanized pipe supports below the upper landing were heavily corroded, Figure 8.



## Conclusions:

None of the observed corrosion appeared to present an immediate concern for structural integrity or safety. The structure is in need of maintenance and a new coating.

## Recommendations:

My understanding is that the City is planning to either recoat or replace the staircase. We recommend that one of those be done.

### Environmental Improvements:

It is our understanding that the humidity control equipment historically has had problems but the City is in the process of replacement. If possible, all of the circulated water at the upper landing should be made to enter a drain. If an additional drain is needed, installation of a new drain is expected to be less expensive than recoating the structure earlier in the future.

The following are some maintenance recommendations if the City is planning to recoat the structure. The prevalence of corrosion on the bolts is most likely due to the fact that the bolts are very difficult to clean and prepare for new coatings. Additionally, the sharp thread edges are not conducive to good coating coverage.

### Bolt Replacement:

The following summarizes a bolt replacement plan that is based on initial evaluation using the exposed corrosion on the bolt and confirmation based on inspection of the bolt after removal.

- In general, bolts should be replaced before the face of the bolts begins to scale off. The scaling is usually a sign of advanced corrosion and, as a practical matter, removal of the bolt after scaling becomes much more difficult. Examples of such scaling is included in Figure 9 and Figure 10. When the bolts are removed for replacement, the shanks of the bolts should be inspected for section loss. If the bolts are experiencing significant section loss, a more stringent basis for bolt replacement should be used.
- Consider replacement with a more corrosion resistant material. Bolt head markings were not visible during my site visit but should be verified by removing the coating. If the bolts are not high-strength, consider replacement with Type 316 stainless steel. If high-strength bolts were used, the bolts should be replaced in kind but should be hot-dip galvanized.
- The bolts at the upper landing guardrail appeared to have significant exposure and significant corrosion inside the post, Figure 6. While the guardrails did not have signs of incipient bolt failure, we recommend bolt removal for inspection and replacement as appropriate.

### Miscellaneous:

- When recoating, the treads should be removed to improve the surface preparation and coating between the treads and risers.
- Replace the heavily corroded galvanized pipe supports below the upper landing.

### Design Improvements:

The City may want to consider some design improvements such as:

- Replace the bolts between the risers and the central column with welds. It appears that a 4-sided seal weld could be provided between the riser plates and the gusset plates welded to the central column. These welds will be easier to clean and coat than bolts. Additionally, the groin between the riser plates between the columns would be more accessible for future clean and coating operations.

- Insert a neoprene or plastic strip between the risers and tread pans to reduce coating damage due to foot traffic.

Thank you for allowing FNI to help in this matter. We hope this information is useful. Any changes to the original stair design should be as approved by the stair manufacturer or as designed by a qualified Professional Engineer. If there are any questions, please contact me at (817) 735-7416 or bbw@freese.com.

Sincerely,

Brad Watson, P.E.  
Structural Engineer

DRAFT



Figure 1: Typical Treads and Landing



Figure 2: Typical Corrosion Stains at Back of Risers



Figure 3: Typical Corrosion of Bolts at Central Support Column



Figure 4: Typical Corrosion at Foundation Anchors



Figure 5: Typical Bolts at Spiral Guardrails





Figure 6: View of Upper Platform Guardrail Bolt – View Inside Post from Below



Figure 7: Heavy Corrosion with Scaling at Face of Riser



Figure 8: Typical Heavy Corrosion at Pipe Supports below Upper Platform



Figure 9: Heavy Corrosion of Bolt at Central Column



*Figure 10: Heavy Corrosion at Foundation Anchors*

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## Park Board

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Services

**FROM:** DeAnna Phillips, Director of Community Services

**MEETING:** March 20, 2025

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**SUBJECT:**

Provide a report and hold a discussion on past egret rookeries and the city outreach and education campaign. *(Staff Contact: DeAnna Phillips, Director of Community Services)*

**SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this presentation is to provide an update on the city's egret history, deterrent measures and education and outreach campaign.

**Background:**

Egrets have formed significant rookeries within Burleson in recent years, with a major nesting site established in Shady Oaks in May 2024. These rookeries create multiple issues, including excessive noise, droppings that damage property, health concerns due to bacterial contamination, and long-term damage to trees and landscaping. The protected status of egrets under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) restricts interference once eggs are laid, making proactive deterrent measures crucial.

**Challenges:**

- No Interference Allowed: Once egrets begin nesting, federal law prohibits interference until the end of the breeding season, limiting options.
- Colonial Behavior: Egrets tend to return to the same nesting sites each year, often expanding their colonies, which exacerbates the problem over time.

**Mitigating Best Practices:**

Based on recommendations from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services, the following best practices are advised:

- Landscaping and Pruning: Reducing available nesting trees by pruning or removing them in the non-breeding season.
- Exclusion Netting: Installing durable mesh netting over trees to prevent nesting.
- Laser Deterrence: Using low-power lasers to disrupt birds in low-light conditions.
- Noise Devices: Employing clappers, air horns, and other noise-making devices.
- Physical Deterrence: Using methods like spraying birds with water to encourage them to leave.



**Egret Education and Outreach Campaign Overview:**

The city has launched a multifaceted public education and outreach campaign to help residents understand the importance of proactive egret deterrence and provide the tools they need to take action before nesting season begins.

This comprehensive campaign includes targeted messaging across multiple platforms, including social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, X, and Nextdoor), city e-newsletters and a formal news release.

A dedicated webpage at [www.burlesontx.com/egrets](http://www.burlesontx.com/egrets) serves as a centralized hub for information, resources and reporting options.

To further engage the community, the city is utilizing yard signs in key neighborhoods, Everbridge text messages and phone calls and hosted a town hall meeting to provide expert guidance from urban biologists.

Additional efforts include internal training for city staff, informational flyers distributed to homes impacted by past rookeries and encouraging use of the BTX 311 reporting tool to track egret sightings.

This proactive and layered approach ensures residents are well-informed and empowered to take steps to protect their properties and neighborhoods from future egret infestations.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A

**PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):**

City council received presentations on egret deterrent methods during their regularly scheduled meetings on October 21, 2024, and November 18, 2024.

**REFERENCE:**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**STAFF CONTACT:**

DeAnna Phillips  
Director of Community Services  
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# Egret Education & Outreach

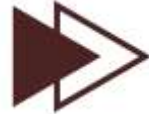
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Presented to Parks Board on March 20, 2025

# Outline



**Background:** Egret Rookeries in Burleson and Issues associated with them



**Protected Status & Challenges** associated with mitigating egrets



**Burleson Egret Deterrent Program**



**City Education & Outreach**

# Background

An egret rookery (colony of nests where dozens, sometimes hundreds, of egrets congregate) was established in May 2024 in the Shady Oaks area.

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- 2024: Shady Oaks
- 2017: Redhaw Court/Clinton Street
- 2018: SW Brushy Mound (Brown's Mountain)

The egrets posed a variety of **negative impacts and concerns** on the residential neighborhood during their nesting period.



Noise



Mess



Property Damage



Health Concerns





# Protected Status

Egrets are **protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA)**, making it illegal to harm or harass them once they are nesting. Therefore, early action and deterrence are crucial.



# Challenges

**No Interference Allowed:** Once egrets lay eggs, they cannot be moved or disturbed due to the MBTA's strict regulations.

**Colonial Behavior:** Egrets are highly social during nesting and will often return to the same site year after year, bringing more birds with them each time. If a colony forms, the problem tends to get worse over time, making future deterrence more difficult.



# Mitigating Best Practices

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## Recommended deterrent measures from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services

**Note:** Using a multiple harassment techniques is more effective at deterring birds than using a single method.



### Landscaping

Herons and egrets need trees of substantial size to support their nests. Pruning and/or removing trees during the non-breeding season to eliminate perches and nest sites can reduce the amount of habitat available to waterbird colonies. If the birds return the following year, continue to prune perches and nest sites **before** the first egg is laid. All deterrent measures must stop once the first egg is laid.



### Exclusion

Aside from completely removing all nesting substrate, installing exclusion netting over roost and nest trees is the most effective deterrent method for herons and egrets. Installing 1 – 2 inch mesh netting over some trees while also implementing other deterrent measures can minimize costs and still reduce the number of nests that are established. Be sure to use strong mesh to survive weather conditions. Do not use loosely hung, small mesh netting such as mist netting, as it can cause bird loss and draw public and regulatory attention.



# Mitigating Best Practices

## Recommended deterrent measures from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services

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### Lasers

Wildlife Services’ research has found that low power, long-wavelength lasers (red beam) can be an effective bird deterrent method and aid in dispersing flocks of birds under low-light conditions (i.e., between sunset and sunrise). Green lasers have also been found to effectively deter herons and egrets away from sensitive locations. Lasers can be aimed at objects near the birds, such as shrubs or sidewalks, in order to reflect the light and affect bird behavior. Lasers must be used with extreme caution and should not be aimed directly at birds or up at the sky. We recommend using an experienced professional for safe and successful bird dispersal with lasers. During the non-breeding season, harassment with lasers should continue until the birds fly.

# Mitigating Best Practices

## Recommended deterrent measures from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services

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### Noise making devices

- **Clappers**  
Multiple, rapid claps can be more effective at flushing perched birds than a single clap. Must be used aggressively and continuously.
- **Loud air horns**  
Horns powered by an air compressor are very loud and are extremely effective.
- **Airsoft pellets**  
Airsoft pellets shot through foliage in the trees where herons and egrets are roosting can be very effective. The sound of pellets zipping through foliage often flushes birds that are unresponsive to other hazing methods. Be very careful to avoid hitting any birds with airsoft pellets since they can cause minor injuries. Biodegradable pellets are recommended to avoid polluting the environment. Again, continuous use is the key to success.

# Mitigating Best Practices

Recommended deterrent measures from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services

**Note:** Using a multiple harassment techniques is more effective at deterring birds than using a single method.



## Noise making devices

- **Electronic devices that play bird alarm calls**  
Such as Bird Gard<sup>®</sup>, can repel herons and egrets away, but they may be disruptive to nearby businesses and residents.
- **Propane cannons**  
Propane cannons under roost trees can also be effective. However, herons and egrets can become accustomed to them and may not respond if they are used too often.



## Physical methods

Another method that may be considered is hitting the birds with a stream of water from a garden hose. This may pose a nuisance to the birds without injuring them. **Whatever combination of deterrent methods are used, they must be used continuously and aggressively. Implementing deterrents for only an hour each day has a limited chance of success.**

# Roosting Vs Nesting



## Roosting

- Standing on or around nest



## Nesting

- Sitting on nest
- Pink breeding spots



# Burleson Egret Deterrent Program

# Deterrent Program

- City Council approved \$30,000 to be utilized for an egret deterrent program. The program consists of:
  - **Go-Kits** (scary eye balloon, air horn, jet nozzle for hose, bird scare ribbon, information on how to correctly use the contents and information on the city's noise ordinance)
  - **Gas Cannon, projector lasers** for city use
  - **Outreach campaigns** – yard signs
  - **Overtime** for animal services staff



# Education & Outreach

# Multifaceted campaign

- **Social Media**  
Facebook, Instagram, X, NextDoor
- **Enewsletters**
- **News Release**
- **Dedicated webpage** ([www.burlesontx.com/egrets](http://www.burlesontx.com/egrets))
- **Yard Signs**
- **Everbridge Text Messages and Phone Calls**
- **Town Hall Meeting**
- **City Staff Education**
- **Flyers on homes affected by past rookeries**
- **BTX 311 Reporting Tool**

THE CITY OF  
**BURLESON**  
TEXAS

**STAY CONNECTED FOR EGRET INFO**

**BTX**

ALL THE WAYS TO CONNECT WITH THE CITY

**ALERTS TO YOUR PHONE**  
Sign up at [www.burlesontx.com/alert](http://www.burlesontx.com/alert)

**WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER**  
Sign up at [www.burlesontx.com/enewsletter](http://www.burlesontx.com/enewsletter)

**SOCIAL MEDIA**  
Facebook: [/BURLESONTX](https://www.facebook.com/BURLESONTX)  
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**Nextdoor**

**BTX 311** CALL, CLICK, CONNECT.

**REPORT EGRET SIGHTINGS**  
[www.burlesontx.com/311](http://www.burlesontx.com/311)  
817-426-9600  
Download the BTX 311 App

**LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW TO DETER EGRETS:  
WWW.BURLESONTX.COM/EGRETS**



# Social Media

**City of Burleson, Texas Government**  
 Published by DeAnna Phillips  
 - October 2, 2024 -

This summer, the Shady Oaks neighborhood dealt with an egret rookery, and these federally protected birds can wreak havoc on communities with their noise and odor. With fall here and winter approaching, now is the time to prepare your property to prevent future rookeries next spring. Remove any old or abandoned nests, trim back tree branches, and clear away deadwood. Thinning tree canopies allows more sunlight in, making your property less attractive to nesting egrets. Don't ... [See more](#)



**City of Burleson, Texas Government**  
 Published by DeAnna Phillips  
 - November 20, 2024 -

?? Why should you prevent egrets from nesting in your neighborhood?

Egret rookeries can bring hundreds of birds, creating significant nuisances from their smell, noise, and waste. They often damage trees by killing branches and harming the surrounding grass. Once they nest, the birds remain in the area for several months, making the disruption long-lasting. Taking steps to deter nesting early can help protect your neighborhood's environment and quality of life.

Now is the p... [See more](#)



**City of Burleson, Texas Government**  
 Published by DeAnna Phillips  
 January 11 -

We're approaching the time when egret scouting birds begin searching for nesting spots. Don't let your neighborhood become their destination!

- 1. Set up deterrents now.
- 2. Collaborate with neighbors to share egret sightings.
- 3. Report sightings to STX 311 at [www.burlesontx.com/311](http://www.burlesontx.com/311).
- 4. Learn to identify egrets and find more tips at [www.burlesontx.com/egrets](http://www.burlesontx.com/egrets)

**EGRET ROOKERY PREVENTION**

**JANUARY**

- ✓ FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH MIGRATORY BIRDS
- ✓ FIND OUT HOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRIBUTES NEWS OF BIRD SIGHTINGS

**BURLESON TEXAS**

# Enewsletter & Yard Signs

## First Egret Sighting of the Season

The city has recorded its first egret sighting of the season. A resident submitted a BTX 311 ticket reporting six egrets near Fire Station 3 on Lakewood Drive.

Animal Services inspected the area and observed only doves and hawks at this time. However, this serves as an important reminder that egret season is approaching, and we should all stay vigilant.

Egrets can become a significant nuisance if they choose to nest in your area, causing noise, odor, and property damage. Now is the time to put deterrent place to prevent them from settling. Since these birds are federally protected once they begin nesting, they cannot be removed until the nesting season ends—a process that can take up to five months. Take action now to help keep your neighborhood egret-free!

[Learn more about how to prevent egrets from nesting in your trees](#)  
[Report egret sightings to BTX 311](#)



## Be Prepared for the Upcoming Egret Season

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# IF YOU SEE ME. REPORT ME.



MORE INFO:  
[BURLESONTX.COM/311](https://BURLESONTX.COM/311)

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# DON'T LET ME HANG OUT IN YOUR YARD OR TREES. FIND OUT WAYS TO DETER ME.



SCAN ME

MORE INFO:  
[BURLESONTX.COM/EGRETS](https://BURLESONTX.COM/EGRETS)



# Website & Internal Education



Urban Rookery Prevention

## Identify Sentry Birds



Sentry birds are the first to arrive looking for good nesting places. Report sightings to BTX 311.

Familiarize yourself with the variety of birds found in Texas. Each species has a different breeding period. Be on the lookout for these birds beginning at these times: **February: Yellow-Crowned Night Heron; March: Cattle Egret, Great Egret, Great Blue Heron, Little Blue Heron, Snowy Egret.** See pictures below of birds common to this area with basic descriptions. Nesting season is typically March - October. Pre and post nesting season is typically November - February. **Do not kill, harass, relocate, move or attempt to scare away the birds by any means during nesting season.**



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### Egrets

#### Migratory Birds

Nesting birds, such as herons, egrets and other nesting waterbirds, bring challenges such as noise, odor and significant amounts of excrement that covers streets, sidewalks, cars and mailboxes on public and private property. People may find the birds' chosen nesting areas offensive and a nuisance when birds locate near their homes and businesses. Concerns of possible health hazards, as well as noise and odors are some of the most cited complaints.

However, these birds are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, a U.S. federal law that protects more than 800 species of birds during their migration between the United States and Canada. As a result, the City of The Burleson is unable to address any complaints while the birds are nesting.

#### Materials from October 9 Neighborhood Meeting

- Bird Deterrents that can be purchased on Amazon
- Feb 2024 Egret educational flyer
- 360 Connected For Egret Information
- Urban Biologist Adam Henry Presentation

#### Report an Egret Concern

Use this request to report any egret-related nuisance including nesting, droppings, or other concerns. Egrets are federally protected birds, and taking the appropriate steps at the right time of year can help deter them from nesting on your property.

[Submit a Service Request](#)

#### What can you do before nesting season begins?

- Familiarize yourself with "noisy" birds. They are the first to arrive looking for good nesting places. Report sightings to your neighbors and Burleson Animal Services by calling (817-426-5283).
- Familiarize yourself with the variety of birds found in Texas. Each species has a different breeding period. Be on the lookout for these birds beginning at these times: **February: Yellow-Crowned Night Heron; March: Cattle Egret, Great Egret, Great Blue Heron, Little Blue Heron, Snowy Egret.** See pictures below of birds common to this area with basic descriptions.
- Nesting season is typically March - October. Pre and post nesting season is typically November - February. **Do not kill, harass, relocate, move or attempt to scare away the birds by any means during nesting season.**

#### What can you do once birds have arrived?

- Use a combination of scaring devices before migratory birds lay eggs.
- As soon as you see birds on or near your property, begin using scare tactics.
- Use noisemakers, water spray or shore lights at night.
- Hang "scare eye" balloons or other moving objects in trees.
- Use long poles, tennis balls or water hoses to disturb early nesting material.
- **DO NOT** harm birds or eggs. These birds are protected by international treaty.
- Once birds begin sitting on nests, eggs are probably present. You cannot kill, harass, move or disturb the birds when



Great Egret

- Length 37 - 41 inches
- Wingspan 48 - 54 inches
- Frequently noticed in area heronries
- Large white bird
- Bill is thin, long and yellow
- Long slender neck
- Black/gray legs and feet
- Breed March - August



Yellow-Crowned Night Heron

- Length 20 - 24 inches
- Wingspan 40 - 46 inches
- Frequently noticed in area heronries or as "sout" birds
- Light to dark gray body
- Gray bill
- Small section of white feathers on top of head and along eyes
- Long yellow legs
- Breed March - July



Cattle Egret

- Length 18 - 22 inches
- Wingspan 35 - 38 inches
- Yellow to orange bill
- Short, thick neck
- Hunched posture
- Yellowish legs
- Color may change during different times of the year
- Breed late February - October



Snowy Egret

- Length 20 - 27 inches
- Wingspan 41 - 44 inches
- Frequently noticed in area heronries
- Bill is thin, long and black
- Long slender neck
- Black legs
- Bright yellow feet
- Breed March - August



Little Blue Heron

- Length 22 - 29 inches
- Wingspan 39 - 41 inches
- Fairly small bird
- Very dark coloration
- Greenish legs
- Pale blue bill with dark tip
- Breed March - July



Great Blue Heron

- Length 45 - 54 inches
- Wingspan 66 - 79 inches
- Very large bird
- Not associated with area heronries
- Slate blue body
- Blue/green legs
- Breed March - July

Learn more at [burlesontx.com/egrets](https://burlesontx.com/egrets)



# Staff Contact

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817-426-9662



# Parks and Recreation *Grant Opportunities*

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MARCH 20, 2025

STAFF CONTACT: JESSICA MARTINEZ, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PARKS

# AGENDA

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- Provide an overview of grant applications submitted.
- Highlight potential funding impact for Burleson parks and alignment with overall division goals.
- Gain recommendation for approval to proceed with grants, if awarded.



Item B.

# TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE *GRANTS*

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# MUNICIPAL FORESTER

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**Grant Amount:** \$100,000 (Phased over 3 years)

- **Year 1:** \$50,000
- **Year 2:** \$25,000
- **Year 3:** \$25,000

**Purpose:** Funds a **Municipal Forester/Arborist** position in cities without one to enhance **urban forestry management** and support community tree initiatives.

## **Key Responsibilities:**

- Tree planting, care, and maintenance
- Urban forest management & risk assessments
- Community engagement & policy development
- Coordination with municipal departments

## **Impact:**

- Dedicated forestry expert for long-term tree management
- Improved urban forest health & sustainability
- Increased community engagement in conservation

**Current Status:** Application submitted; awaiting award decision





# TREE PLANTING

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**Grant Amount:** Up to **\$20,000** (Up to 10 awards available)

**Purpose:** Provides funding to **increase urban and community tree canopy coverage**, engage the community, and address **urban sustainability challenges** such as climate impact, energy consumption, and water quality.

**Potential Impact:**

- Expanded **tree canopy coverage** and improved environmental conditions.
- Enhanced **public health, climate resilience, and urban aesthetics**.
- Stronger **community engagement in conservation** efforts.

**Funding Requested:** Up to **\$20,000**

**Current Status:** Application submitted; awaiting award decision.



Item B.

# LOWES HOMETOWN *GRANT*

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# LOWE'S HOMETOWN

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**Grant Amount:** Up to \$200,000

**Purpose:** Provides funding for **community park revitalization**, focusing on **infrastructure improvements, accessibility, and beautification** to enhance public spaces and foster community engagement.

**Project Tied To:** Warren Park Improvements

- **Potential Impact:**
- Upgraded **park infrastructure** for enhanced usability and safety
- **Increased accessibility** for all community members
- **Beautification** to create a welcoming and vibrant public space

**Funding Requested:** Up to \$200,000

**Current Status:** Application submitted; awaiting award decision



# NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION *GRANT*

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# NRPA OST YOUTH MENTORING GRANT

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**Purpose:** Supports youth mentoring programs focusing on environmental education and stewardship.

**Project Tied To:** Trees for Tomorrow Program.

**Potential Impact:** Provides mentorship opportunities and hands-on learning experiences for youth.

**Funding Requested:** \$60,000

**Current Status:** Application submitted; awaiting award decision.



Item B.

# TxDot Green Ribbon Phase II *GRANT*

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# Green Ribbon

**Purpose:** To extend the current green ribbon project from S Town Dr to Greenridge Dr

**Project Tied To:** This project will be partnered with an existing grant awarded to Keep Burleson Beautiful of their GCOA grant in the amount of \$250,000

**Potential Impact:** Beautification of corridors through environmental design

**Funding Requested:** \$400,000

If received the city is responsible for design and construction administration estimated at \$115,000

**Current Status:** Application submitted to area office for review, official submittal to the state March 28



# TPWD Outdoor Recreation *GRANT*

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# TPWD Outdoor Recreation

**Purpose:** To create an inclusive play environment at the Community Park Site

**Potential Impact:** Create the largest inclusive play area with a unique theme at the new community park site

**Funding to be Requested:** \$700,000

If received the city is responsible for a 50/50 match of \$700,000

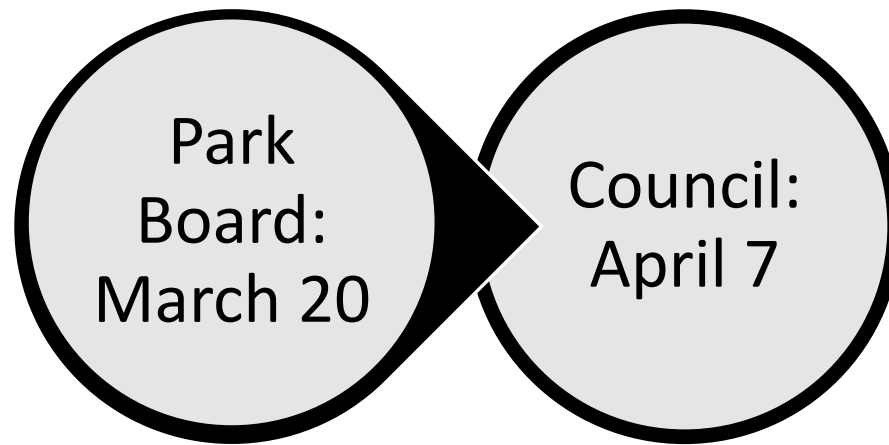
**Current Status:** Application open in April with submittals due in August, the requirements for this grant have not been advertised yet and may require a scope change. Staff met with the Grant Administrators back in January to discuss potential projects and were directed to the community park project as the most impactful and highest potential for award.



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# TIMELINE

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# QUESTIONS / FEEDBACK

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## Park Board

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation  
**FROM:** Jessica Martinez, Deputy Director of Parks  
**MEETING:** March 20, 2025

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**SUBJECT:**

Receive a report and provide staff feedback regarding current and upcoming grant opportunities (*Staff Contact: Jessica Martinez, Deputy Director of Parks*)

**SUMMARY:**

The Parks and Recreation Department has submitted applications for multiple grant opportunities aimed at enhancing community parks, urban forestry initiatives, and youth programming. These grants, if awarded, will provide funding to support tree planting efforts, park revitalization, and youth mentoring programs, aligning with the City's long-term vision for sustainable park development and community engagement.

The following grants have been applied for:

1. Texas A&M Forest Service – Municipal Forester Grant
  - Amount: \$100,000 (phased over 3 years)
  - Purpose: Funds a Municipal Forester/Arborist position to enhance urban forestry management.
  - Status: Applied
2. Texas A&M Forest Service – Tree Planting Grant
  - Amount: Up to \$20,000
  - Purpose: Supports tree planting efforts to increase urban canopy coverage, improve environmental quality, and engage the community in conservation.
  - Status: Applied
3. Lowe's Hometowns Grant
  - Amount: Up to \$200,000
  - Purpose: Provides funding for park revitalization, including infrastructure improvements, accessibility enhancements, and beautification. Project tied to Warren Park Improvements.
  - Status: Applied
4. NRPA OST Youth Mentoring Grant
  - Amount: \$60,000



- Purpose: Supports youth mentoring programs focused on environmental education, tree care, and hands-on conservation experiences. Project tied to the Trees for Tomorrow Program.
  - Status: Applied
5. TxDot Green Ribbon Grant
- Amount: \$400,000
  - In addition: \$250,000 has been awarded to Keep Burleson Beautiful as part of a GCAA grant. Keep Burleson Beautiful would like to utilize this funding to enhance the Green Ribbon Project if awarded
  - City Cost: \$150,000 in design and construction administration
  - Purpose: To extend the current Green Ribbon Project along John Jones from S Town Dr to Greenridge Dr.
  - Status: Submitted to local area office for review, official submittal due March 28
6. TPWD Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant
- Amount \$700,000
  - City Cost: \$700,000 (grant is a 50/50 match)
  - Purpose: To design and build an inclusive playground at the community park site currently being designed
  - Status: Grant scheduled to open in April with submittals due in August

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval to proceed with these grants, if awarded. These grants align with division goals and will contribute to urban sustainability, park enhancements, and increased youth engagement.

### **PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):**

Grant applications have been submitted. This memo serves as an update and a request for approval to move forward with grants, if awarded.

### **REFERENCE:**

N/A

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

### **STAFF CONTACT:**

Jessica Martinez  
Deputy Director of Parks  
[jmartinez@burlesontx.com](mailto:jmartinez@burlesontx.com)  
682-312-2765

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## Park Board

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation

**FROM:** Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation

**MEETING:** March 20, 2025

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**SUBJECT:**

Receive the February 2025 Department Update Presentation (*Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation*)

**SUMMARY:**

Departmental updates regarding parks, recreation, and golf.

**OPTIONS:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Jen Basham  
Director of Parks and Recreation  
[jbasham@burlesontx.com](mailto:jbasham@burlesontx.com)  
817-426-9201

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# Departmental Updates

March 2025 - Park Board





# DOGS AND DONUTS

MARCH 1

225 PEOPLE & 75 FUR FRIENDS

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# BTX OFF-ROAD RALLY

MARCH 1

13 RACERS





# VIETNAM VETERANS CELEBRATION

MARCH 29



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# SHOW ME HOW FAIR

APRIL 5



# BUNNY DAZE

APRIL 12



# AQUA EGG HUNT

APRIL 19

UPDATE

## PROGRAMS & ATHLETICS

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February Recap:

School Break Fun Camp (21)

Homeschool P.E. (15)

Pickleball (28)

Women's & Teen Self-Defense  
Class (16)

Happening This Month:

Archery at Russell Farm

Summer Track Registration

NEW Lunch Break!!! - March 28



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UPDATE

## RUSSELL FARM

February Recap:

Open Art Studio (48)

Date Night Experience (62)

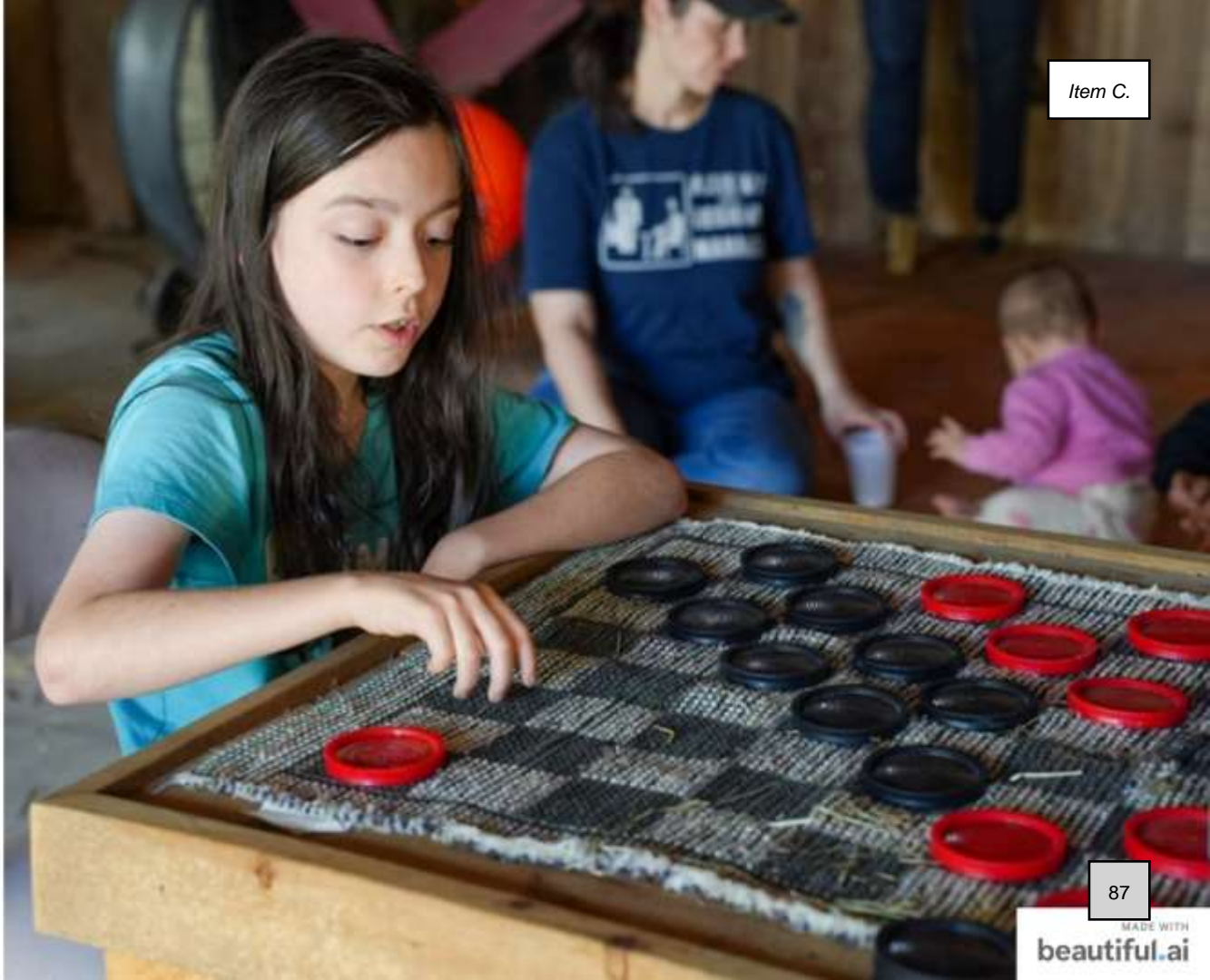
Youth Art Class (24)

Happening This Month:

Open Art Studio - Saturdays

Children's After School Art Classes

Homeschool Art Classes



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# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Facebook Followers: 19,558 (165 increase)

Instagram Followers: 1,945 (31 increase)

Listen to our podcast, 'A Walk in the Park,' on Spotify!

Facebook Highlight - Coach Carl

Post Reach: 5,914

Post Views: 12,288





# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Trash Bash – April 5
- Bunny Daze – April 12





# BRICK PROJECTS

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LOBBY REMODEL  
CONSTRUCTION:  
IN PROGRESS

HVAC  
CONSTRUCTION:  
SPRING 2026

DEHUMIDIFICATION  
SYSTEM  
CONSTRUCTION:  
FALL 2025

INDOOR POOL  
REPLASTER & SAND  
FILTERS  
CONSTRUCTION:  
FALL 2025

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:  
PLAY AREA  
FURNITURE  
SIGNAGE  
POOL DOORS  
POOL SLIDE STAIR TOWER  
PARKING LOT STRIPING

MEETING ROOM AV &  
WOMENS LOCKERS  
MEETING ROOMS - IN  
PROGRESS  
LOCKERS - COMPLETED

# BRICK MEMBERSHIPS - MONTH OF FEBRUARY

\*Staff does not have the historical membership data for the month of February and has been working with SmartRec to extract that data. This number will be updated in the April presentation.

11,161

FY 2025

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# ALL PROGRAMS - FEBRUARY

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FY 24

**126**

PARTICIPANTS

FY 25

**275**

PARTICIPANTS



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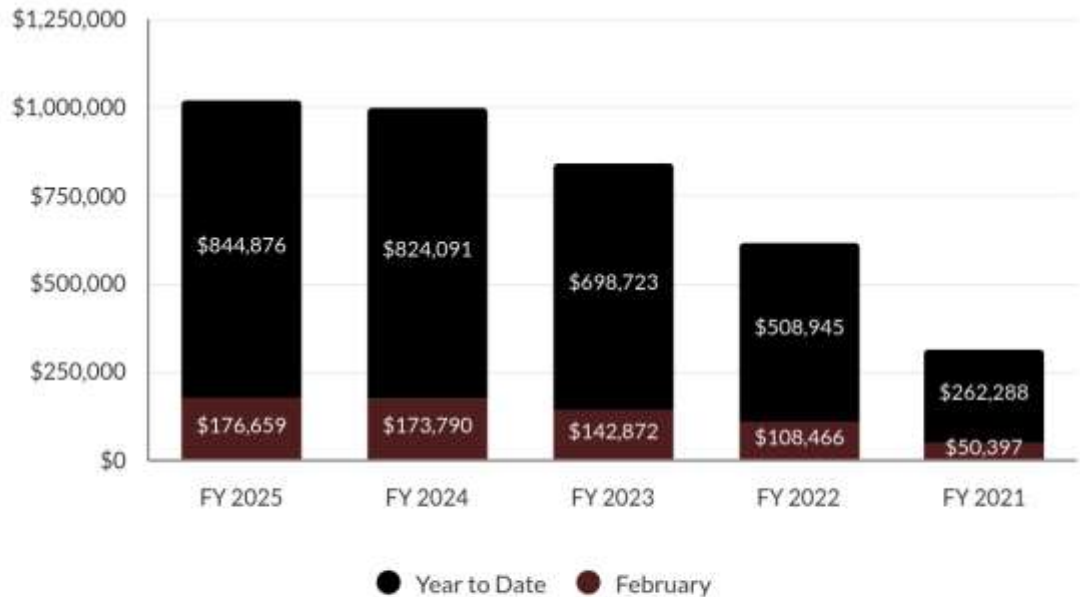




# BRICK REVENUE

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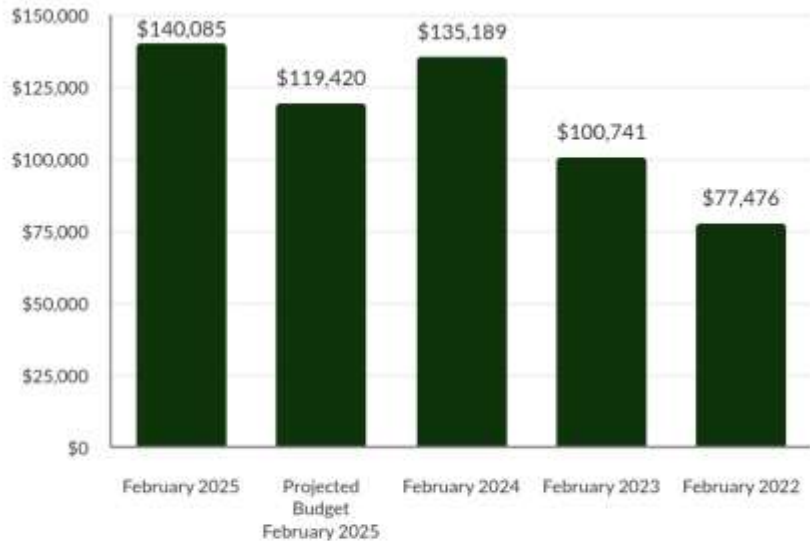
This chart reflects revenue for the current month as well as year to date.



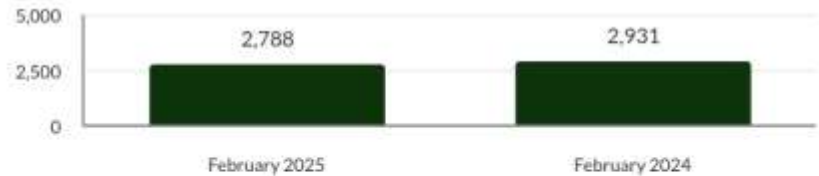
# Hidden Creek Golf Course- February Comparisons

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### February Revenue



### Rounds Played in February



### Playable Days \* updated criteria with partial days



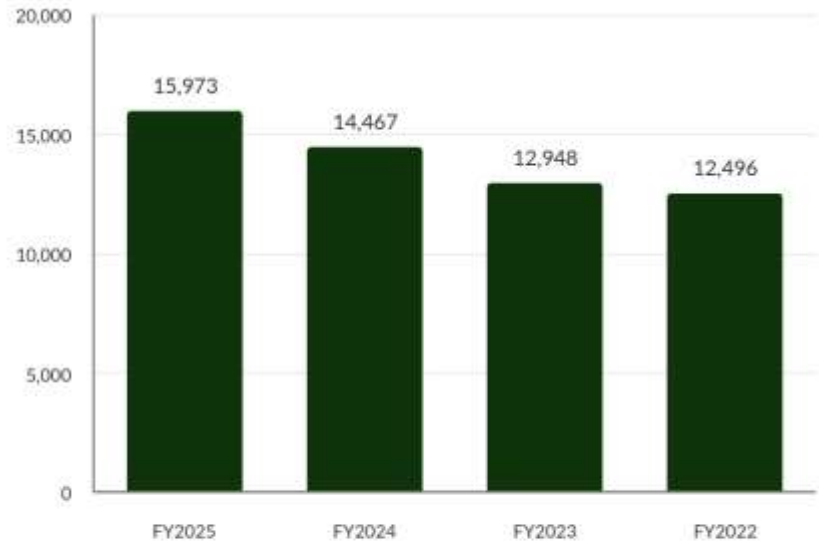
# Hidden Creek Golf Course- Year to Date

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### Revenue YTD October -February



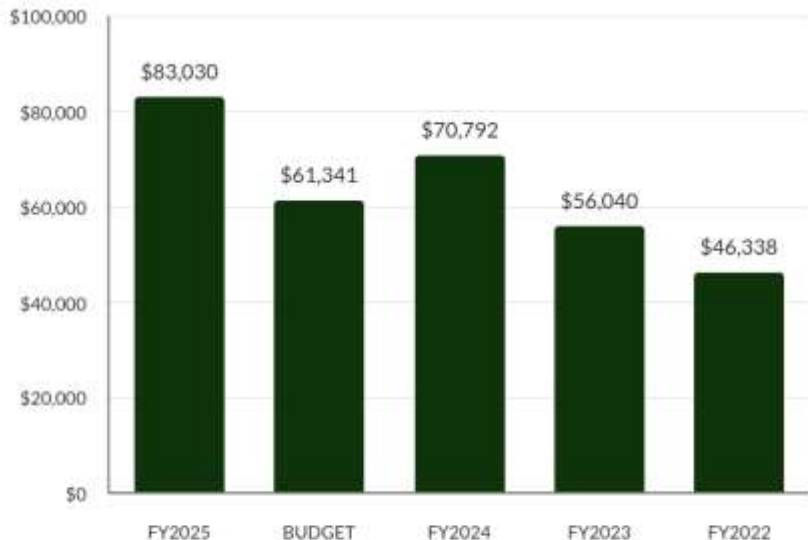
### Rounds Played YTD October - February



# Hidden Creek Golf Course- Pro Shop and FB Revenue Year to Date

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### Pro Shop Revenue YTD October - February



### Food and Beverage Revenue YTD October - February

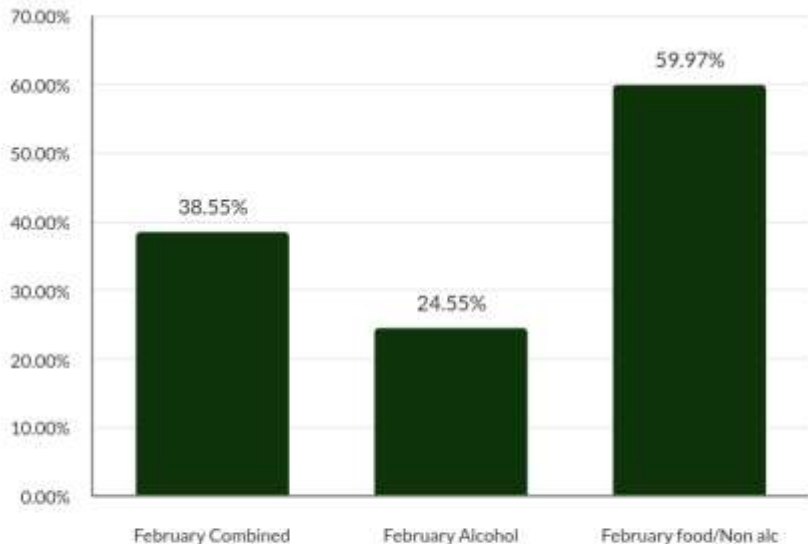




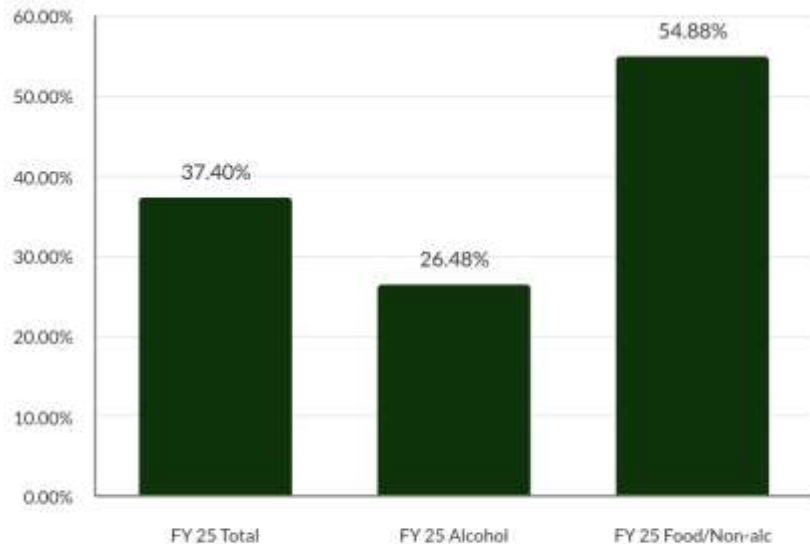
# Hidden Creek Golf Course- Food and Beverage Cost of Sales Percentages

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### Food and Beverage Cost of Sales % by Department



### Food and Beverage Cost of Sales % Combined YTD

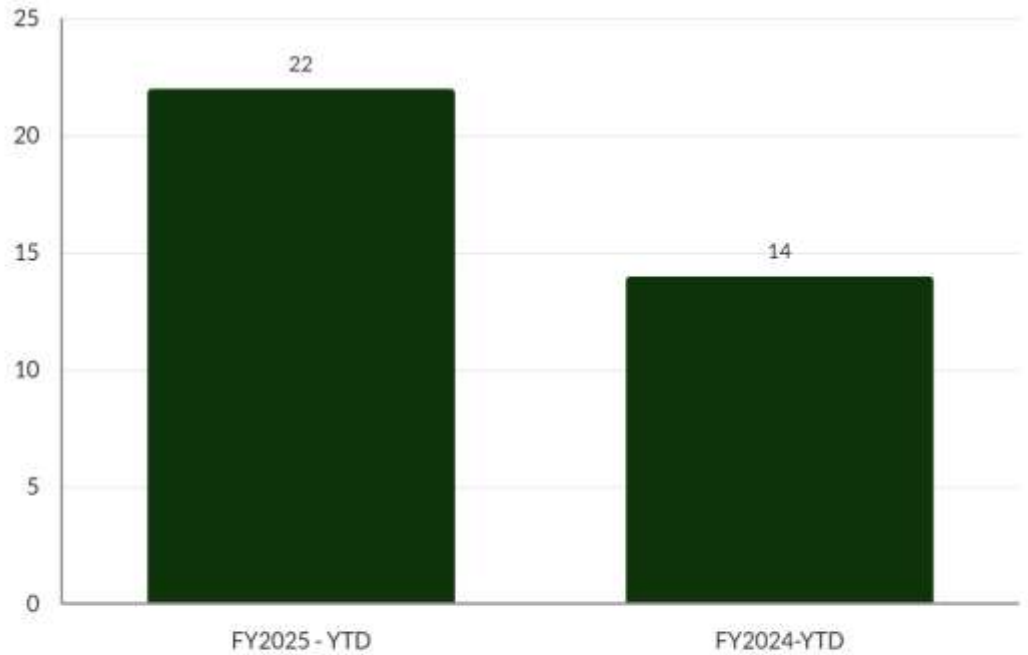


# Hidden Creek Golf Course- Tournaments

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Tournaments YTD

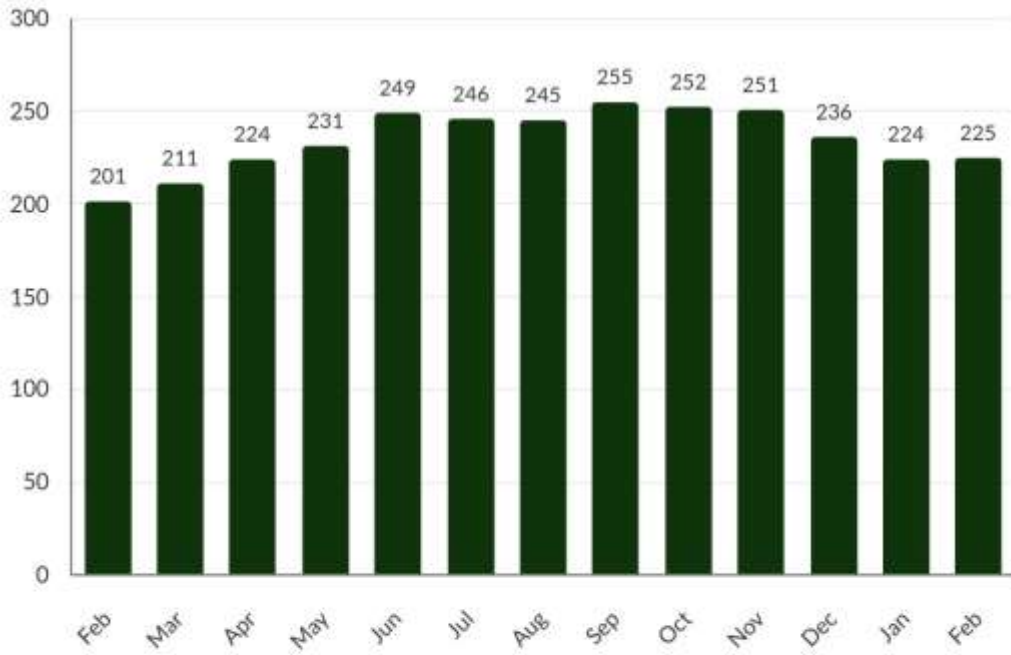


# Golf-Memberships

— 225 Current Members

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Players Club




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# CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATES

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**SCOTT STREET TRAILHEAD**  
COMPLETE




**CHISENHALL TURF CONVERSION**  
COMPLETE - RIBBON CUTTING TBA



**YOU'RE Invited!**  
**CENTENNIAL RIBBON CUTTING**

DATE: MARCH 26, 2025  
TIME: 6 - 7 PM  
LOCATION: 1100 SCARLET SAGE PKWY

THE CITY OF **BURLESON** | Parks and Recreation



**CENTENNIAL PARK**  
RIBBON CUTTING SCHEDULED MARCH 26





# CAPITAL PROJECTS Item C. UPDATES

**PARKS MASTER PLAN**  
*REVIEWING DRAFT*  
*ADOPTION GOAL:*  
*JUNE 2025*

**SHANNON CREEK**  
*BID GOAL:*  
*MARCH 2025*

**GREEN RIBBON**  
*AFA EXECUTED, WORKING*  
*THROUGH TXDOT*  
*APPROVAL OF DESIGN*

**COMMUNITY PARK**  
*UNDER DESIGN REVIEW*

# PARKS DIVISION: *AWARD HIGHLIGHTS*

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SOUTHWEST PARK & RECREATION TRAINING INSTITUTE:  
INNOVATION



DFW DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION:  
ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

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# PARK PARTNERSHIPS: *UPDATE*



BISA: *SPRING 2025 OPENING DAY*



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KBB: *TRASH BASH & ADOPT A SPOT*



BISD: *FRAZIER CAREER DAY*



FWMBA: *TRAIL SIGNAGE UPDATE*



BYA: *2025 SPRING OPEN*

# PARKS OPERATIONS: *WINTER WORK WRAP UP*

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**CURRENT YEAR: 165 OF 228 TASK COMPLETED**  
**LAST YEAR: 109 TASK COMPLETED**

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# PARK OPERATIONS: *BY THE NUMBERS*

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## PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS

# 32

6 MINOR REPAIRS

BARTLETT - WAKEFIELD - CINDY - WARREN (2) - ELK RIDGE

## GRAFFTI ABATEMENTS

# 6

PLAZA RESTROOMS (3) - CINDY PARK (3)



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# Feedback?





THE CITY OF  
**BURLESON**  
TEXAS  
Parks and  
Recreation

**SUNDAY      MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY**

		1	2	3	4	5
		OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL HOMESCHOOL P.E. RF CHILDREN'S ART & ARCHERY GYMNASTICS TAEKWONDO	OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL SPORTIES FOR SHORTIES	HOMESCHOOL P.E. RF CHILDREN'S ART GYMNASTICS TAEKWONDO	OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL RUSSELL FARM CHILDREN'S & HOMESCHOOL ART CLASS & FIRST FRIDAY FIELD TRIPS	RUSSELL FARM OPEN ART & ADULT CULINARY CLASS & SHOW ME HOW FAIR
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SPORTS 101 SPORTIES FOR SHORTIES WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE TEEN'S SELF DEFENSE	OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL HOMESCHOOL P.E. RF CHILDREN'S ART & ARCHERY GYMNASTICS TAEKWONDO	OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL SPORTIES FOR SHORTIES	HOMESCHOOL P.E. RF CHILDREN'S ART GYMNASTICS TAEKWONDO	OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL RUSSELL FARM CHILDREN'S & HOMESCHOOL ART CLASS	RUSSELL FARM OPEN ART & FRIENDS & FAMILY ART CLASS BUNNY DAZE	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30			
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