



# City of Burton

## News

### **Water Well #5 Updates**

A pre-construction meeting was held on Thursday, May 22 here at City Hall. The staff of C. Miller Drilling as well as some of their subcontractors; the city's engineer on this project, Bradley Loehr with BEFCO Engineering; staff with Langford Community Grant Management; staff with the Texas General Land Office; City Hall staff, the city's Utility Contractor as well as the Mayor were present for an overview (and the details) of the drilling of Water Well #5.

Please note this – This project ***does not*** have a date specific timeline of events! (ex. On this date, this will happen.)

But we can let you know what to look for over the next few weeks – prep work at the water plant; sign boards being posted; equipment and supplies arriving.

The City of Burton will do its best to keep our residents informed about any updates we receive regarding the drilling process when/as it becomes available to us. Any and all information will be posted/given to –

- \*The City of Burton's website. [Cityofburton-tx.gov](http://Cityofburton-tx.gov)

- \*EverBridge – The city's reverse 911 system.

- \*The Brenham Banner Press

- \*KWHI

- \*The City of Burton – Burton City Hall Facebook Page. This is the ***ONLY*** Facebook page where the City of Burton will post information on social media.

*If you need to update your contact information with the City of Burton, then please do so immediately so that you can stay connected and informed.*

### **Loose Animal Concerns**

Recently, there has been a HUGE uptick in the number of stray cats and dogs in town. While the City of Burton does have an Animal Control Ordinance - 20191112, it is a bit dated in terms of "capture and impoundment". Even as the city works to update ordinances, hire a credentialed ordinance officer, etc, this Ordinance remains in effect. We are asking our residents for their assistance with this ordinance.

IF you are a pet parent, please know that –

+ALL dogs and cats over the age of 4 months must be vaccinated against rabies in accordance with state law. It is unlawful to own, possess, or have control over dogs or cats in violation of that requirement.

+Dogs are not permitted to roam town. They must be kept in a fenced yard or pen **or** on a leash if walking town with you.

+Cats are permitted to run at large *only* if such cat is wearing identification (like a collar with an ID tag on it). Cats without collars may be considered feral.

IF you are a property owner and are concerned for the safety and well-being of the strays here in town AND would like to assist in finding forever homes for these strays, please call City Hall so that we can walk you through that process. (This is where the “capture and impoundment” information is important to know as things have changed in this area of the ordinance.)

The City of Burton **does not** have an animal control officer on staff or on-call. The Brenham Animal Shelter **does not** send their employees outside of the City of Brenham to trap and re-home animals.

Like you, we at City Hall love animals and we would much rather see these strays re-homed in places where they can be loved and cared for. There is a process in place so that you can help make that happen.

Please contact city staff about how to assist these strays. City Hall is staffed Mondays – Thursdays, 9:00am-3:00pm.

We look forward to working with you to help us with this ongoing issue.

*(Previously posted on The City of Burton – Burton City Hall Facebook page on May 21, 2025)*

### **Be Hurricane Aware**

Hurricane Season has begun. Please make sure that you are ready for any storm or emergency. This includes keeping extra water on hand.

More information about emergency supply lists can be found at – [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

**FREE** waterproof document bags are available here at City Hall until the supply runs out. They are courtesy of the Texas General Land Office. (Yes. The same office that awarded the City of Burton a grant for Water Well #5.)

### **Take a Walk About...**

Dove-tailing on the preparing for storms piece above, we would like to encourage you to Take a Walk About...your property! With **ONLY** your eyes – find the electrical box on the side of your house (it may be on a pole nearby). Again, with **ONLY** your eyes – follow the large electrical wire from that box to the power line source at the street. IF that wire runs through tree limbs or vegetation that needs evaluation/trimming, please call Bluebonnet Electric and let them know!

Bluebonnet hazard line – 800-949-4414.

*NOTE: Article addresses the City of Burton Mitigation Goal #6 to “Develop and implement a tree removal program”. Other ways to accomplish mitigation goal already in process.*

### **It's going to get HOT, HOT, HOT- er!**

Please check on your neighbors!

If you find that your neighbor does not have adequate air conditioning in their homes, please contact Burton Bridge Ministry for assistance in securing a fan for them.

Burton Bridge Ministry Office – 337-3370

*NOTE: Article addresses the City of Burton Mitigation Goal #9 “Provide free fans to vulnerable populations, including the elderly and those without adequate air conditioning in their homes”. Burton Bridge Ministry has received a grant that covers this purpose. Thank you to Burton Bridge!*

### **City Council Meetings**

City Council Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm unless otherwise noted.

City Council Minutes are posted to the city's website after they have been approved by the City Council. You can find the city's website at [www.cityofburton-tx.gov](http://www.cityofburton-tx.gov). Both Council Minutes and the Mayor's Reports are posted under the “Government” drop-down tab.

### **City Official Contact Information**

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact City Hall. City employees, as well as the Mayor, are here Monday – Thursday 9am-3pm. The phone number is 289-3402. To reach the mayor –

Karen Buck - [burtonmayor@cityofburton-tx.gov](mailto:burtonmayor@cityofburton-tx.gov)

You may also reach out to the elected officials serving on your City Council.

Nathan Kalkhake – [nathankalkhake@yahoo.com](mailto:nathankalkhake@yahoo.com)

Jeff Eckhardt – [jeffeckhardt5@gmail.com](mailto:jeffeckhardt5@gmail.com)

Paul McLaughlin – [palmmclaughlin@gmail.com](mailto:palmmclaughlin@gmail.com)

Macey Tidwell – [macey.grimm@yahoo.com](mailto:macey.grimm@yahoo.com)

Tommie Gilmon – [mrstgilmon.022@gmail.com](mailto:mrstgilmon.022@gmail.com)

### **Utility Bill Payment Options**

There are a variety of ways to pay your water bill –

PAPER – Receive a paper bill in the mail. Mail or bring payments to City Hall.

PHONE – Use the over-the-phone payment number – 1-888-401-1891

ONLINE – Use the website. [www.cityofburton-tx.gov](http://www.cityofburton-tx.gov).

PAPERLESS/e-BILL/AUTO-PAY – Use the following link –

<https://nexbillpay.net/burtoncityutilities/BillPay/SignIn>

