

Buda City Council



From left to right: Ron Fletcher (Place #1); Kelly Allen (Place #2); Sandra Tenorio (Place #3); Bobby Lane (Mayor); Tom Crouse (Place #5); Cathy Chilcote (Place #4); Scott Dodd (Place #6)

Parks & Recreation: Historic Stagecoach Park Opens

The City of Buda is pleased to announce the grand opening of the Historic Stagecoach Park. Residents and guests are invited to spend the morning or afternoon strolling along the trails, enjoying the memorial garden and wildflower meadow, and learning more about the park's green features.

Stagecoach Park is a safe, 51 acre nature park that adheres to the need for sensitivity to the environment, preservation of wildlife habits, and awareness regarding its impact on the surrounding area.

All areas of the park, along with its trails, playground area, fishing pond, and amphitheater is open to be enjoyed by all,

servicing purposes to host weddings, reunions, small events, and other activities. Located off Loop 4 in Buda, the park is equipped with restrooms, water and electricity. At the entrance to the park sits Stagecoach House and the old Onion Creek Post Office.

These two historic facilities will be renovated as part of the Historic Stagecoach project that has been primarily funded through grants from LCRA, Texas Parks & Wildlife, and Hays County.

For more information about Historic Stagecoach Park or to reserve the Park for your event, please contact the Buda Parks & Recreation Department or call (512) 312-0084

Volunteer for the City Board & Commission Openings

The Buda City Council will be accepting completed Boards/Commissions application forms from Buda Citizens interested in serving on the **Historic Preservation Commission, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the Library Commission.** These Commissions meet on various days of the month, either regularly, or on an as needed basis.

Applications may be picked up at City Hall located at 121 S. Main, Buda, during normal business hours, Monday through Thursday 7:30 am – 5:00 pm, and on Fridays from 7:30 am – 4:00 pm or you may access the website at www.ci.buda.tx.us to download a copy of the Boards/Commissions application.

Please forward your applications to Toni Milam at tmilam@ci.buda.tx.us, P. O. Box 1218, Buda, Texas 78610 or call City Hall at 512 312-0084.

City Calendar

May

- 05/03 EDC Meeting
- 05/04 City Council Meeting
- 05/06 First Thursday, 5:00 -9:00 p.m., Downtown Buda
- 05/06 Historical Commission Meeting
- 05/08 Buda Clean Sweep
- 05/11 P&Z Commission Meeting
- 05/13 Library Commission Meeting
- 05/18 City Council Meeting
- 05/19 P&R Commission Meeting
- 05/25 P&Z Commission Meeting
- 05/31 Memorial Day Observed
Buda City Offices Closed

June

- 06/01 City Council Meeting
- 06/03 First Thursday 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., Downtown Buda
- 06/03 Historical Commission Meeting
- 06/07 EDC Meeting
- 06/08 P&Z Commission Meeting
- 06/10 Library Commission Meeting
- 06/15 City Council Meeting
- 06/16 P&R Commission Meeting
- 06/22 P&Z Commission Meeting

July

- 07/6 City Council Meeting
- 07/1 First Thursday 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., Downtown Buda
- 07/01 Historical Commission Meeting
- 07/04 Red, White n' Buda
Fireworks begin at dusk.
City Park
- 07/5 Independence Day Observed
Buda City Offices Closed
- 07/8 Library Commission Meeting
- 07/13 P&Z Commission Meeting
- 07/20 City Council Meeting
- 07/21 P&R Commission Meeting
- 07/27 P&Z Commission Meeting

Submit your Events!

Do you have an event or activity happening in Buda?

Submit your event for inclusion on the City of Buda website.

Visit www.ci.buda.tx.us

to complete the event submission form!



the Buda Bulletin



Mayor's Message

Welcome to the City of Buda's first quarterly bulletin. We are in the midst of some major changes at City Hall. These changes should improve services to our citizens. Part of the change is our new City Manager, Mr. Kenneth Williams came on board in September 2008.

Since that time we have faced a number of challenges. Through the guidance by the city council and Mr. Williams' leadership, we have been able to meet these challenges while improving our internal systems.

We continue to identify opportunities to enrich the quality of life in Buda, knowing there is a special feeling to calling Buda home. We admire those that have gone before us and helped establish Buda as a viable city. We are also thankful for the citizens of Buda and others who continue to support the City's activities and its mission.

There are always opportunities to serve—whether as an employee, volunteering to serve on a board, commission, running for a council place, or in other volunteer capacities. Becoming involved in your community is rewarding and fulfilling. We hope you enjoy this inaugural bulletin. Get on board and enjoy the ride!



Message from the City Manager

With the advent of spring comes a time of renewed expectations and vision. Doing so while embracing the pleasant memories of the past that make our community so desirable to live provides a distinguishing attribute to the residents of Buda.

Citizens of Buda enjoy a quality of life unlike that of few cities in the State of Texas. We enjoy the best of many worlds which includes our quaint and quite rural area that is located a mere 15 minutes from the heart of the Capital of Texas. The Texas Hill Country and the wonderful waterways to our south certainly add to the mystique of identifying a vision for our town that is unequalled.

As a city government we strive to assure that this unique quality of life is maintained with the goals of supplying the essentials of an infrastructure system with quality streets, parks and library. An environmentally compliant water, wastewater and trash collection system along with an essential public safety system is all goals of the city. While being fiscally responsible, we encourage creative planning in the development of our city.

The City of Buda's mission is to "Meet the Needs of the Citizens". We choose to embrace this mission as we provide the services that are needed by our taxpayers. We look forward to keeping you informed in the Buda Bulletin in the coming months about the activities of your city government.

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Be Counted!

The 2010 Census is an important part of supporting the City of Buda's growth. Census questionnaire mailings and interviews will occur March through July 2010.

Counting concludes in September 2010 and must be sent to the president by December 31, 2010.

To learn more, contact City of Buda at (512) 312-0084.

Contact Us!

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Municipal Court	(512) 295-2562
Parks & Recreation	(512) 312-0084
Tourism	(512) 312-0084
Library	(512) 295-5899
Fire Department	(512) 295-2232
Police Department	(512) 393-7896

(Hays County Sheriff Department)

Chief Kidd to formulate the City's first Police Department

The City of Buda is proud to announce the hiring of Bo Kidd as the first Police Chief in starting its own city police department. The City decided some months ago to implement the in house department after contracting with the Hays County Sheriffs Department to provide the service for several years.

Chief Kidd is due to start work in Buda on April 1, 2010 with much of his early preparation being licensing, budgeting, logistics formulation of policy and procedures, housing the department, equipment purchase and hiring.

The high growth rate of Buda, increasing contract costs and the ability to manage its own law enforcement agency were factors in the City deciding to develop its own department. The City of Buda is currently working with Hays County as to perform a smooth transition from one agency to the other.

Chief Kidd previously served as Chief of Police/Captain for the Buda Patrol and served an integral part in developing the agreement between Hays County and the City of Buda for the current contract to provide law enforcement by Hays County.

He served 16 years with the Hays County Sheriffs Department as Captain, Sergeant and Detective and attended Southwest Texas State.

Please contact Kenneth Williams, Buda City Manager, at (512) 845-0368 with questions or comments.

Library News

Greetings from the Buda Public Library. We want to invite you to visit Buda's library, and get your free library card today. With your library card, you can enjoy the many resources the library has to offer such as our great selection of books, movies, and magazines.

Plans are underway for creating a fun-filled summer reading program. Entertainers have already been booked such as the award winning paleontologist, Dinosaur George.

Whether you are looking for a great read, accessing the Internet or attending an enrichment event, the Buda Public Library has something for you.

Call (512) 295-5899 or check us out at www.budalibrary.org.

Tourism

Buda is the place to be this spring! The weather is perfect, and there are many opportunities in Buda this month to soak in some sunshine!

Discover all that Buda has to offer—with extraordinary hotels, a variety of unique stores for great shopping, restaurants to max whatever you are craving, and one-of-a-kind events that the whole family can enjoy.

Whenever you come to Buda, a wonderful experience is guaranteed!

Engineering & Planning

Main Street— IH 35 Overpass Construction

The Engineering Department is coordinating with the Texas Department of Transportation on the reconstruction of the Main Street Overpass on IH-35.

The Overpass will be raised approximately 8' in height, the low area under the overpass will be raised to ground level and the entrance and exit ramps will be reconstructed. There will also be new traffic lights installed on Main Street at Old San Antonio Road and both sides of IH-35.

Rebel Drive Water & Wastewater Line

The Engineering Department is working on the right of way acquisition and design of a 12" waterline and 8" wastewater line.

The 12" waterline will extend south from the Rebel Drive along FM 967 and the east to connect to the booster station at Well #3 in the Bonita Vista Subdivision. The wastewater line will extend south from the Bella Vita development on FM 967 to south of Windmill Way.

Lifschutz Drainage Improvements Project

The Engineering Department is overseeing the drainage improvements by the City of Buda Public Works Department. Public Works has been constructing the Lifschutz Phase 4 Drainage project on the north side of Goforth Road.

A new driveway culvert has been built across the new drainage ditch in the Buda Business Park. The existing drainage ditch is being widened and deepened to increase the runoff capacity. A new regional detention has also been constructed in the parkland area of the Ashford Park Subdivision. This phase of the project is scheduled to be completed by the Summer 2010 depending on weather.

Comprehensive Plan Update

Staff is currently working on an update to the City's comprehensive Plan with the assistance of Halff Associates.

City of Buda Welcomes New Staff

Brian LaBorde, ACM/City Planner

Brian will conduct daily operations of the Planning Department and oversee the Community Development Department of the City of Buda. Mr. LaBorde is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Political Science and a Master of Public Administration.

Chris Ruiz, Finance Director

Mr. Ruiz will conduct the daily operations of the City of Buda finances and budget. Mr. Ruiz is a graduate of Texas State University with a Bachelor of Finance.

Jack Jones, Parks & Recreation Director

Mr. Jones will conduct the daily operations of the parks and recreation activities and duties. Mr. Jones is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Recreation, Parks and Tourism Sciences.

Alisha Burrow, Tourism Director

Alisha will conduct the daily operations of tourism and marketing initiatives to promote the City of Buda. Ms. Burrow is a graduate of Hendrix College with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Masters of Business Administration in Marketing from the University of Phoenix.

Jennifer Bannach, Animal Control Officer

Jennifer will deal with all animal control issues occurring in the City limits including patrol, answering complaints, and enforcing the City's animal control ordinance. Ms. Bannach is a certified Texas Advanced Animal Control Officer.

Annexation

Based on City Council direction, staff completed the annexation process for the Park 35 South subdivision on November 9, 2009. The City completed four (4) full purpose annexations for a total of 202.029 acres. The total area of the City limits is now 3,244.159 acres. Staff will be initiating annexation process for the area located east of I35 and west of FM 2001 south of Overpass Road.

City Hall & 100 Houston Street Remodel Project

The Engineering Department has completed the design of a remodel project to provide additional office space for the Engineering, Planning, Parks, Tourism, City Secretary and Finance Departments as well as the City Manager. Included in the project is an upgrade to the City Council chambers.

Development Projects

The Engineering Department oversees the construction of various commercial and residential developments in the City.

New Developments

The City issued Site Plan Development Permits for:

- The Huntington Senior Apartments in the Sunfield MUD on the east side of IH-35 have begun construction on 120 apartment units. Construction is estimated to be complete by December 2010.
- Stonefield Subdivision Sections 2, 3 & 4 have broken ground on the east side of IH-35 north of Hillside Terrace Drive.
- Silverado Phase II has been approved for construction of utility improvements
- Creekside Villas Senior Apartments has started construction just west of Onion Creek on FM 967

Permits and Applications

The Planning Department has received and processed the following applications from January – March, 2010.

Zoning	- 1
Annexation	- 0
Preliminary Plan	- 0
Final Plat	- 2
Site Plan	- 5
Residential Building Permits	- 79

Public Works

Emergency Management Exercise

The City of Buda held their Emergency Table Top Exercise on February 3rd as part of being in compliance with the National Incident Management System, which better prepares the City and county in the event of an emergency. The tabletop exercise provided an ideal environment for learning, discussing, and identifying issues that may not be as obvious when players are physically separated in an emergency, and was an excellent opportunity to compare what participants can actually expect to do with an what is written in the local emergency plan.

School Zone Signs

The City Of Buda Public Works Department will be installing a new school zone on North Main Street. The new school zone will be located East of Santa Cruz Catholic Church land West of Kids Academy at 100 feet each with flashing lights. The speed limit will be

set at 25 mph between the hours of 7:20 a.m.—8:00 a.m. and 2:45 p.m.—3:30 p.m. As a reminder, cell phone use is prohibited in school zones.

Animal Control

The Animal Control department reminds all residents that dogs have to be physically restrained by a fence or leash on the owner's property at all times. Hays County does not recognize a Buried Electric fence as a form of physical restraint. Cats do not have a restraint ordinance. They are allowed to roam on the owner's property, but once off the property, they are subject to impoundment. Pets need to be registered within the City limits. To obtain a registration, you will need to apply for the registration and submit a current proof of rabies vaccination. The City registration needs to be affixed to the animal by a properly fitted collar. For information concerning animals, contact your Local Rabies Control Authority (LRCA) or Animal Control for your area.

Employee of the Quarter

Don Mendoza, Water/Wastewater Department

This past quarter, Employee Don Mendoza, who works in our water/wastewater department, was selected as our Employee of the Quarter. The once a quarter gathering is a time where all of our employees are given an opportunity to ask the City Manager questions, and to see other employees that they might not get to see on a regular basis. Next time you see Don, congratulate him on a job well done! Who's it going to be next?