

Buda City Council



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National Night Out 2010

It's America's Night Out Against Crime!

The "27th Annual National Night Out" (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), will be celebrated in Texas on October 5th, 2010.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

For more information about National Night Out visit www.nationaltownwatch.org or contact the City of Buda at (512) 312-0084.

Happenings in Buda !

While school will be in session soon, it's never too late to make your Fall vacation plans. As we say goodbye to those "hot summer nights," Buda welcomes cool weather with some even "cooler" Fall annual events. For more annual events visit www.discoverbuda.com.



Parish Fiesta 2010
September 26, 2010

Held at Santa Cruz Catholic Church, the weekend festivities feature live music, arts and crafts vendors, Washer Tournament, Annual Texas Hold'em Tournament, games, carnival rides, food and more!

For more information visit www.santacruzcc.org



Fire Fest Texas
October 1-2, 2010

Don't miss this fun-filled weekend benefiting the Buda Fire Department to support the Buda Fire Department's Regional Live Fire Training facility. Events include Firefighter Challenges, Kids Firefighter Challenge, Cook-off, Golf Tournament, Washer Tournament, live entertainment and more! For more information visit www.firefesttexas.com.



Buda Fine Arts Festival
October 1 - 3, 2010

Enjoy fine art, Texas artists and a weekend full of live music and children's events to Buda's Historic Downtown. Proceeds from the festival support student artists from the Buda community by providing an opportunity to show their work and provide scholarships to Hays ISD students. For more information visit www.budafineartsfestival.com.



Calling All Farmers & Gardeners!

Plans are underway to revitalize the Buda Farmers Market!

The Buda Downtown Merchants Group is seeking interested farmers and gardeners to sell their produce and goods.

If interested, please contact Jennifer Denton, Market Manager, at (512) 773-7128 or email budamarketmanager@gmail.com

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Making Buda Better Takes Volunteers to Serve

Planning and Zoning - This Board serves as an advisory Board to the City Council in matters related to ensuring planned and purposeful development of the City of Buda and its extraterritorial jurisdiction, to protect the integrity of our natural resources and neighborhoods, and to enforce State and local statutes and Ordinances; meets twice a month.

Zoning Board of Adjustment - This Board has the authority to hear and decide appeals where the applicant alleges that there is an error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by City staff or the City Council in the enforcement of the City's zoning regulations and ordinances; to hear and decide requests for special exceptions to the City's zoning regulations and ordinances; to hear and decide judicial variances. This Board meets only on an as needed basis at Buda's City Hall.

Historic Commission - This Board serves as an advisory Board to the City Council in matters relating to heritage and historic preservation activities in the City's Historic District, events and projects for the benefit of the City and its Citizens. This Board meets monthly at Buda's City Hall.

Parks & Recreation Commission - This Board serves as an advisory Board to the City Council in matters relating to policies, rules and regulations of a public parks and recreation program. They provide oversight of public playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation centers, and other park facilities. This Board meets monthly at the Buda's City Hall.

Library Commission - This Board serves as an advisory Board to the City Council in matters relating to policies for the operation of the library facilities and services for the City of Buda. This Board meets monthly at the Buda Library.

Buda Economic Development Corporation—Encourages diverse business development and expansion. New business development as well as existing business expansion is a primary focus for economic development in Buda. This policy addresses issues such as infrastructure improvements and partnership fostering which will ultimately positively position the City of Buda to effectively recruit new business as well as help existing business expand.

Local Government Corporation - This Board is responsible for the receiving, investing and disbursing of all funds of the Corporation, accounting for and reporting on all financial activity, coordinating the independent audit, budget development and administration and Project financing for projects on the Cabela's Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone.

Applications may be picked up at City Hall located at 121 Main, Buda, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, or you may access the website at www.ci.buda.tx.us to download a copy of the Boards/Commissions application. You may also e-mail your completed Boards/Commission applications to tmilam@ci.buda.tx.us or give us a call at (512) 312-0084.

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City Calendar

August

- 08/02 EDC Board Meeting
- 08/03 City Council Meeting
- 08/05 Historical Commission Meeting
- 08/10 P&Z Commission Meeting
- 08/12 Library Commission Meeting
- 08/17 City Council Meeting
- 08/18 P&R Commission Meeting
- 08/24 P&Z Commission Meeting

September

- 09/07 City Council Meeting
- 09/02 Historical Commission Meeting
- 09/06 EDC Board Meeting
- 09/09 Library Commission Meeting
- 09/14 P&Z Commission Meeting
- 09/15 P&R Commission Meeting
- 09/21 City Council Meeting
- 09/28 P&Z Commission Meeting

October

- 10/04 EDC Board Meeting
- 10/07 City Council Meeting
- 10/12 P&Z Commission Meeting
- 10/14 Library Commission Meeting
- 10/14 Historical Commission Meeting
- 10/19 City Council Meeting
- 10/20 P&R Commission Meeting
- 10/26 P&Z Commission Meeting

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Parks & Recreation	(512) 312-0084
Tourism	(512) 312-0084
Library	(512) 295-5899
Fire Department	(512) 295-2232
Police Department	(512) 312-0084



Message from the City Manager

Buda is a wonderful city. We have a high quality of life and place as any city in the State of Texas. Fortunately, we live in an area that has not been affected as severely by the economic downturn as other parts of the country. However, we too are facing difficult decisions as we continue in the preparation of the City's Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget. Like other cities across America, we are facing the task of providing adequate levels of service to citizens with the threat of less sales tax revenue, flat property tax revenue and slowed development.

While this is a difficult economic time there have been factors to mitigate the effects in Buda. Through citizen input, a fiscally responsible city council with reliable decision making processes over the years and a staff whose goal is to work within existing resources, the city is positioned well in enduring difficult financial times.

As we prepare next year's budget, difficult decisions will go on; however, our goal is to reduce expenditures but operate at the current level of service. City Council and Staff is working diligently to provide savings or in other words to "work smarter" in providing essentials to the citizens of Buda. We are lucky to live in the vibrant Central Texas Corridor. While we have financial challenges ahead, the City of Buda is positioned through sound governance, measured growth and sensible management to sustain in providing an excellent quality of life for our citizens.

Help Conserve Our Water!

Conserve 20 Gallons a Day For 20 Days

It's simple to conserve water when everyone in the house helps out. Just follow the easy steps below and you'll be on your way to conserving 20 gallons a day for 20 days. By conserving what we can inside and outside our homes, we're helping to make sure that Buda has the water it needs for today and for the future.

Create your household's customized "Conserve 20 gallons a day for 20 days" goals from the list below. Print the list on your home computer and post it where everyone in the house can see it. **Start conserving water today!**

Activities List / Water Savings

- Run the dishwasher only when its full: **Conserve: 3 gallons**
- Take 5 minute showers instead of 10 minute showers: **Conserve: 12.5 gallons**
- Fill bathtub halfway or less: **Conserve: 12 gallons**
- Turn water off when brushing teeth: **Conserve: 8 gallons**
- Don't use toilet as a wastebasket: **Conserve: 1.6 - 5 gallons**
- Reduce lawn watering to 1-2x/week: **Conserve: 25 gallons for each day reduced**
- Adjust sprinklers to make sure lawn, not sidewalk, is watered: **Conserve: 12 gallons**
- Use broom, not hose, on driveway & sidewalks: **Conserve: 13 gal/minute**
- Wash cars with bucket and hose with a self-closing nozzle: **Conserve: 13 gal/minute**

Even though Buda is currently not on a mandatory watering schedule, it is very important to conserve water. We are just now entering the hottest months of the year and our water system is already stressed due to excessive watering.

Please be conscious of over watering to help avoid a mandatory watering schedule. If everyone would conserve 20 gallons a day we all would benefit.



Buda Public Library

It has been an awesome summer! Congratulations to all the great readers and thanks to all our wonderful volunteers.

Now, it's back-to-school time! Remember that the Buda Public Library has many services and resources that can help all students. We have access to 50 databases that cover a wide range of topics, including history, health issues, genealogy, science, technology, and many more. You can find information suited for all levels of students. Many articles, books, magazines and newspapers are available in their complete, full-text versions.

All this can be accessed through any internet-capable computer. A library card is the best school supply a student can have! Members of the Buda Public Library also have access to e-books and downloadable audio books.

Through NetLibrary, you can read from your choice of over 28,000 e-books or download any of the 2,863 audio books, all unabridged. There are thrillers, college preparation, mysteries, legal guides, children's books, career handbooks and much more waiting for you! Come see us to sign up for this great resource!

September is Library Card Sign-up month! All you need to get a card is a state-issued identification card and proof of residence. Children under 16 years of age will need their parents to come with them. There's a lot going on here and it's all available for free with your library card.

For questions, please contact Melinda Hodges, Library Director at (512) 295-5899 or Librarian@budalibrary.org.

Employee of the Quarter

Missy Keen, Utility Billing Specialist

This past quarter, Employee Missy Keen, who works as the City's Utility Billing Specialist, was selected as our Employee of the Quarter. Missy has spent the last 3 1/2 years dedicated herself to the citizens of Buda. The workload has no doubt quadrupled with the growth seen in Buda, but she never complains, and still today continues to provide the highest level of customer service the City of Buda residents have come to expect.

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 Missy, congratulate her on a job well done! Who's it going to be next?

Branding Buda— Ariamedia Selected To Brand Buda

The City of Buda has awarded Ariamedia, a Dallas-based firm to help the community establish a brand which bridges a variety of interest groups and presents a common theme.

"Ariamedia is considered one of the leading firms in branding municipalities," stated Alisha Burrow, City of Buda Tourism Director. "Ariamedia not only provides powerful new tools for observing customer behavior, but they will also help market smarter, deliver more efficiently, and react quicker by leveraging hard metrics and analytics to fuel insight and innovation."

The firm was one of 14 which submitted proposals for the branding project in July. City staff reviewed the proposals and narrowed the list to three. Each of those companies gave presentations to City Council on August 3.

The project is expected to take 13 - 18 weeks to complete "and will articulate a clear, consistent, and recognizable voice and personality that efficiently and effectively conveys the uniqueness, focus, and values of Buda to its key stakeholders."

For more information about the City of Buda's city marketing/branding initiative, please contact the City of Buda at (512) 312-0084.

Buda Police Department

After the new Buda Police Department gets underway, it will be backed up with federal support toward equipping police cruisers with computers, which will allow first responders to communicate more easily with other local, state, and federal agencies, such as the Texas Criminal Information Center and the National Crime Information Center. These new computers will also assist with the dissemination of information related to illegal activities more quickly. Federal funding is the result of the efforts of U.S. Congressman Lloyd Doggett, who announced House Subcommittee approval of his request specifically for the Buda Police Department.

"What's happening in Buda is an important part of what has made Hays County the 15th fastest growing county in the Nation and a place that families can feel safe calling home. This federal support for local law enforcement is a part of enhancing that security," said Rep. Doggett. "Ensuring this important new part of Hays County law enforcement has the tools needed to keep the streets safe for our families is one of my top priorities, and I look forward to working with Chief Kidd and Mayor Lane in the future." Buda Police Chief Bo Kidd said: "Congressman Doggett reached out to offer support to us even before the Buda Police Department is officially operating. When a small town gets a new police department, it usually takes five years to get all the equipment it needs to operate, and this funding will be an immense help in expediting that timeline and getting us up and running more quickly." Mayor Bobby Lane added, "The timing couldn't have been better."



Buda Mayor Bobby Lane, Chief of Police Bo Kidd, and U.S. Congressman Lloyd Doggett discuss federal support of local law enforcement at the new Buda Police Department.

Buda Embarks on an Update of the Comprehensive Plan

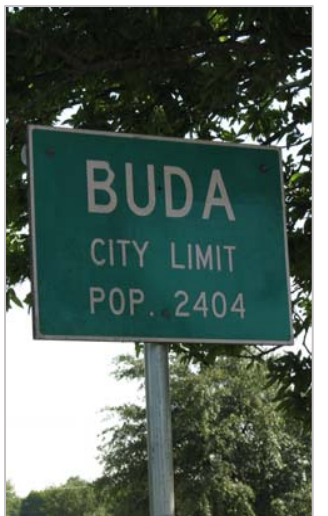
The City of Buda has begun the process to update the citywide comprehensive plan, last updated in 2002. The City has faced tremendous growth in the past decade, and that growth is anticipated to continue over the next decade.

The Comprehensive Plan Update will evaluate where Buda is today and look at components of the city such as downtown, parks, city infrastructure, and quality of life. The plan will help develop a citizen-created vision for how the city grows over the next 10 to 20 years.

Based on this vision and trends of today, the plan will make recommendations to accommodate and manage future growth.

Your participation is needed! There will be several opportunities to get involved throughout the process, including visioning and issues meetings, open houses, and a citizen survey.

Check out the project website at www.budatxplan.wordpress.com to get more information about the process, find out how to get involved, and review documents produced throughout the process.



A city limit sign shows the population in 2000 was estimated at 2,404. Today, Buda's population is estimated at over 6,000.