

the Buda Bulletin

Meeting the Needs of the Citizens

Happenings in Buda

ONGOING

Downtown Buda Farmer's Market
May 14th—October, Downtown Buda
www.budafarmersmarket.com

Summer Reading Program
June—July, Buda Public Library
www.budalibrary.org

APRIL

- 04/07 **First Thursday**
Downtown Buda, 5:00PM—9:00PM
- 04/09 **Louisiana Swamp Thing & Crawfish Festival**
Buda City Park, 11:00AM—11:00PM
- 04/23 **Easter Egg Hunt**
Buda Sportsplex, 9:00AM—11:30AM
- 04/30 **Buda Country Fair & Wiener Dog Races**
Buda City Park, www.budalions.com

MAY

- 05/01 **Buda Country Fair & Wiener Dog Races**
Buda City Park, www.budalions.com
- 05/05 **First Thursday**
Downtown Buda, 5:00PM—9:00PM
- 05/07 **GIMP Workshop**
Buda Public Library, 2:00PM—4:00PM
- 05/07 **Spring Clean-Up**
Buda City Park, 9:00AM—12:00PM
- 05/26 **Summer Reading Program**
Kick-off Celebration "Dig Into a Good Book"
Buda City Park, 5:30PM—7:30PM

JUNE

ONGOING

Afternoon Fun at the Buda Public Library
Mondays 1:30PM and 3:00PM
Kinder thru 2nd grade
Tuesdays 1:30PM and 3:00PM
3rd grade thru 5th grade
Wednesdays 1:30PM—3:00PM
6th grade and Older

Science Club at Buda Public Library
Thursday
1:30PM and 3:00PM—4:00PM
3rd thru 5th grade (Pre-registration required)

Storytime at Buda Public Library
Tuesdays 10:30AM (Toddlers)
Wednesdays 10:30AM (Preschoolers)

- 06/02 **First Thursday**
Downtown Buda, 5:00PM—9:00PM
- 06/03 **Toons & Tunes Summer Series**
Karate Kid (PG)
Buda City Park, 9:00PM

- 06/10 **Toons & Tunes Summer Series**
CONCERT
Buda City Park, 7:00PM
- 06/17 **Toons & Tunes Summer Series**
Shrek Forever After (PG)
Buda City Park, 9:00PM
- 06/24 **Toons & Tunes Summer Series**
Furry Vengeance (PG)
Buda City Park, 9:00PM

JULY

07/04 **Red, White, n' Buda**
Buda City Park, www.ci.buda.tx.us

ONGOING

Afternoon Fun at the Buda Public Library
Hands-on crafts, enrichment activities, and interactive storytimes
Mondays 1:30PM and 3:00PM
Kinder thru 2nd grade
Tuesdays 1:30PM and 3:00PM
3rd grade thru 5th grade
Wednesdays 1:30PM—3:00PM
6th grade and Older

Science Club at Buda Public Library
Thursday
1:30PM and 3:00PM—4:00PM
3rd thru 5th grade (Pre-registration required)

Storytime at Buda Public Library
Tuesdays 10:30AM (Toddlers)
Wednesdays 10:30AM (Preschoolers)

- 07/07 **First Thursday**
Downtown Buda, 5:00PM—9:00PM
- 07/08 **Toons & Tunes Summer Series**
Breakfast at Tiffany's (NR)
Buda City Park, 9:00PM
- 07/15 **Toons & Tunes Summer Series**
The Last Airbender (PG)
Buda City Park, 9:00PM
- 07/22 **Toons & Tunes Summer Series**
Despicable Me (PG)
Buda City Park, 9:00PM
- 07/29 **Toons & Tunes Summer Series**
Yogi Bear (PG)
Buda City Park, 9:00PM

AUGUST

- 08/04 **First Thursday**
Downtown Buda, 5:00PM—9:00PM
- 08/05 **Toons & Tunes Summer Series**
CONCERT
Buda City Park, 7:00PM

Buda Launches New Brand

City encourages residents and visitors to *Breathe Easy Here*

The City of Buda, Texas announced completion of a months-long branding initiative, including both a new logo and tagline for the community.

The new brand features a child on a tire swing suspended from the letter X of the BudaTx logotype, and the accompanying tagline reads, "breathe easy here." The re-branding promotes Buda as a "better place" to raise a family for young professionals who work in the burgeoning Austin-San Antonio Corridor, but prefer to leave the city's noise and hectic pace behind at days end.

According to Buda's Tourism Director, Alisha Burrow, the new logo and tagline embody the ethos of a community that refuses to compromise its history or wholesome lifestyle. Said Burrow, "The tire swing—this quintessentially American icon—captures the essence of our community." adding, "It fits Buda to a tee."

The branding project was part of a 10-year, comprehensive plan initiated by Buda city officials to ensure that future development preserves the lifestyle and values its citizens prefer.

In November, Buda named Dallas-based marketing agency, Aria, to spearhead the brand strategy and creation. Aria, known for its digital-design and consumer brand-experience approach, has been recognized for award-winning work done for Dallas, Addison and Carrollton, as well as its extensive public sector experience.

The process, which, City sources characterized as "highly collaborative," occurred over several months during which focus groups, surveys of Buda citizens, and the input of city leaders informed the branding process.

When asked why Aria was chosen, Burrow said "We wanted an interactive marketing agency known for getting results."



This company's reputation for leveraging emerging and traditional marketing strategies was a big factor." "Aria is also well known for its branding expertise and long history with municipal, economic development, and destination-based clients in Texas. We are very pleased with the end result and our partnership with them." she said.

Rollout of the new logo and tagline will first appear on the water tower in the Sunfield Development Division and as budget permits, will be incorporated in advertising and promotion as well as on City emergency vehicles and other official signage.

Message from the Mayor



Bobby D. Lane
Mayor

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Welcome to the City of Buda's Spring/Summer news bulletin. We have completed most of the renovations to City Hall in our efforts to more efficiently serve our customers.

During the past year we have faced and overcome a number of challenges. The biggest challenge we faced was to balance the budget. The cost-saving measures were painful, but we persevered.

During the last two budget cycles, we trimmed almost \$1million dollars from the budget. However, we were able to maintain staffing, identify ways to improve our employees benefit package and maintain our quality of service. 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.

We are excited to announce two new apartment communities designed and developed for seniors and designated as "affordable housing". The Huntington, located in Sunfield is already close to 50% leased. Creekside Villas in Buda is now pre-leasing. This is indicative of the need for and development of this type of housing.

New home construction permits continue to be requested. Our commercial base continues to grow with the

opening of Logan's Roadhouse Restaurant. Construction is continuing on the U.S. Foods project in Sunfield as well as the Truck Bypass Overpass and the new Main Street overpass both of which should be completed this year.

On behalf of the Council, Management and Staff of the City of Buda, thank you for choosing to make Buda your home or your favorite place to visit and remember to stay a while in Buda, Texas and *breathe easy!*

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor.

Sincerely,
Bobby D. Lane, Mayor

Easter Egg Hunt
April 23, 9:00AM—11:30AM
Buda Sportsplex
The event is free to the public and festivities will include an egg and candy hunt, bouncy castles, face paintings, arts and crafts, trackless train ride, petting zoo, and a rock climbing wall. This event is a joint effort between the City of Buda Parks and Recreation Department, YMCA, and Fellowship Church and sponsored by Austin Telco Federal Credit Union, Fiesta Motors, and Sonic.

Spring Cleanup
May 7, 9:00AM— 12 Noon
Buda City Park
Buda residents are allowed to dump and drop off any unwanted/non-hazardous materials free of charge. A City of Buda utility bill along with a Texas driver's license with a Buda local address must be shown in order to drop off trash at the cleanup site. No tires or hazardous materials can be dropped off.

Red, White, n' Buda
Independence Day Celebration
with Children's Parade and
Fireworks Show
July 4, Buda City Park
A Children's Parade will stage in the city parking lot across from Garcia's Mexican Restaurant and proceed down Main Street to City Park at 11 a.m. where free children's entertainment, hot dogs, and drinks await. Beginning at 7:00PM at City Park, there will be a free concert with concessions and a large fireworks show at 9:30PM.

For questions relating to the events listed, please contact the Buda Parks & Recreation Department at (512) 312-0084.

City of Buda Receives Municipal Award

Wastewater Treatment Plant of the Year Category 1 Award



The Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT) has awarded the City of Buda Wastewater Treatment Plant with WEAT's Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant of the Year Category 1 Award.

This award is presented to a municipal wastewater treatment plant in Texas that has consistently exhibited outstanding performance of daily activities beyond the normal call of duty. Category No.1 is for plants with flow rates less than 1 MGD.

"The City of Buda is delighted to receive this award," stated Kenneth Williams, City Manager. "This is another example of achieving the City's goal of providing excellent customer services to the citizens of Buda." The Buda plant, managed by the Guadalupe- Blanco River Authority's (GBRA), operates as a "complete mix" activated sludge process.

The plant also maintains a Type I reuse authorization. The plant process consists of rotary fine screen with integral screenings washer and drying auger, influent lift station, an emergency holding pond, aeration basins with fine bubble diffusers, a MLSS splitter box where alum is introduced for phosphorus removal, secondary clarifiers, disinfection with gaseous chlorine, and filtration.

Waste activated sludge is thickened, aerobically digested, and dewatered by belt filter press. Effluent will provide the City of Buda with irrigation water to several parks and water features in the near future. The operators of the City of Buda Wastewater Treatment Plant are also responsible for operating three additional wastewater treatment systems including the Wimberley Plant,

Shadow Creek Collection System and Plant and the Sunfield Plant.

"I am impressed by the extraordinary effort demonstrated by the GBRA management and staff that oversees the City Of Buda's Wastewater Treatment Plant. They deserve our thanks for their outstanding dedication to keeping Buda and Hays County waters clean.

Effective wastewater treatment is the cornerstone to restore and maintain water quality across the state," stated Mike Beggs, Director of Public Works. The award will be given during the upcoming Texas Water 2011 Conference held in Fort Worth, TX.

Managing the Budget

Sales Tax Month-to-Month Comparison

The City of Buda continues to thrive with a healthy, vibrant economy as we have experienced six months of positive growth in sales tax revenues.

Year-to-date, the City of Buda is 9.89 percent or \$149,900.32 above where we were at this point last year.

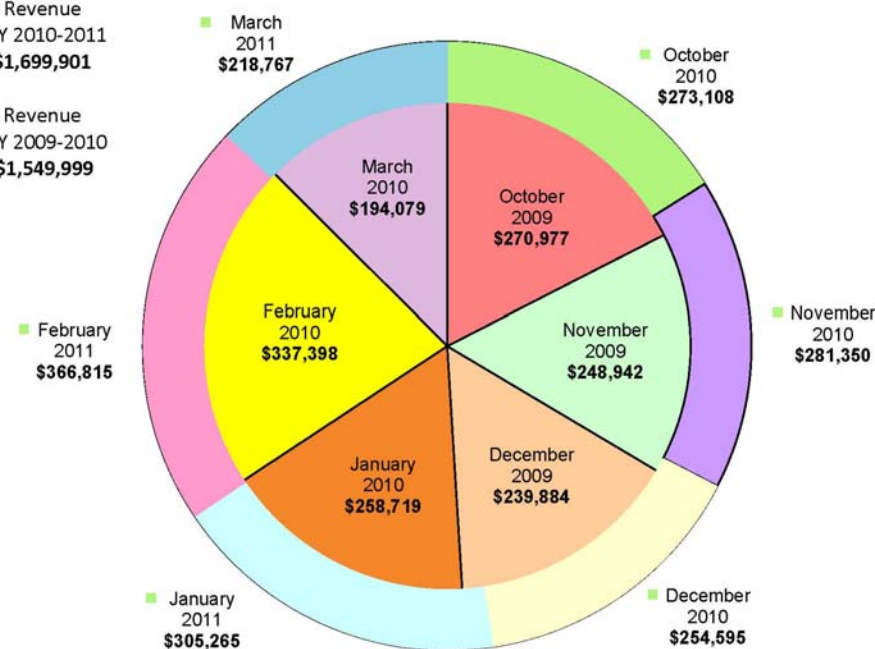
The chart below shows a month-to-month comparison from last fiscal year to this fiscal year with the inner circle representing FY 2009-2010 and the outer circle representing FY 2010-2011.

With continued growth we anticipate to see a direct reflection in sales tax revenues. Remember to shop Buda!

Total Sales Tax Revenue Year-to-Date FY 2010-2011 (outer chart): **\$1,699,901**

Total Sales Tax Revenue Year-to-Date FY 2009-2010 (inner chart): **\$1,549,999**

Sales Tax Comparison Year-To-Date



Boards & Commissions

Planning and Zoning

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

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. Meets only on an as needed basis.

Historic Commission

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; meets monthly.

Parks & Recreation Commission

Serves as an *Advisory Board* to the City Council in matters relating to policies, rules and regulations of a public parks and recreation program. Provides oversight of public playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation centers, and other park facilities; meets monthly.

Library Commission

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; meets monthly.

Buda EDC

Encourages diverse business development and expansion. New business development as well as existing business expansion is a primary focus for economic development in Buda. 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

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.

Boards & Commissions Meetings

APRIL

- 04/04 EDC Board
- 04/05 City Council
- 04/07 Historical Commission
- 04/12 Planning & Zoning Commission
- 04/14 Library Commission
- 04/19 City Council
- 04/20 Parks & Recreation Commission
- 04/22 *Easter Observed*
City Offices Closed
- 04/26 Planning & Zoning Commission

MAY

- 05/02 EDC Board
- 05/03 City Council
- 05/05 Historical Commission
- 05/10 Planning & Zoning Commission
- 05/12 Library Commission
- 05/17 City Council
- 05/18 Parks & Recreation Commission
- 05/24 Planning & Zoning Commission
- 05/30 *Memorial Day Observed*
City Offices Closed

JUNE

- 06/02 Historical Commission
- 06/06 EDC Board
- 06/07 City Council
- 06/09 Library Commission
- 06/14 Planning & Zoning Commission
- 06/15 Parks & Recreation Commission
- 06/21 City Council
- 06/28 Planning & Zoning Commission

JULY

- 07/04 *Independence Day Observed*
City Offices Closed
- 07/05 City Council
- 07/07 Historical Commission
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AUGUST

- 08/01 EDC Board
- 08/02 City Council
- 08/04 Historical Commission
- 08/09 Planning & Zoning Commission
- 08/16 City Council
- 08/17 Parks & Recreation Commission
- 08/23 Planning & Zoning Commission
- 08/30 City Council

City Council Elections

Thursday, April 14
Last Day to register to vote for the May 14 election

Monday, May 2
Early voting at Buda City Hall
7:00AM to 7:00PM

Tuesday, May 3—Friday, May 6
Early voting at Buda City Hall
8:00AM to 5:00PM

Saturday, May 7
Early voting at Buda City Hall
10:00AM to 3:00PM

Monday, May 9
Early voting at Buda City Hall
7:00AM to 7:00PM

Tuesday, May 10
Last day of early voting at Buda City Hall
8:00AM to 5:00PM

ELECTION DAY
Saturday, May 14
Polls open from 7:00AM to 7:00 PM

Making Buda Better Takes Volunteers to Serve

Applications may be picked up at City Hall located at 121 Main Street 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.

Buda Public Library

Join the Summer Reading Program

Looking for some free, educational, and fun activities in which to involve your children this summer? Look no further than the Buda Public Library. Plans are underway at the library for creating enrichment events for the youth of our community that they won't want to miss.

One way to participate is by joining the summer reading club; a club with a twist. Participants read anything anywhere anytime. The only requirement: students or parents, depending on the age level, keep track of either the titles read or the time spent reading. The Buda Public Library offers two vital reading clubs during the summer; the Texas Reading Club and Texas Teen Reads, which encourage and motivate children and teens to read for pleasure. This year's Texas Reading Club theme is 'Dig into Books' and the Texas Teen Reads theme is 'Going Global'.

The goals of the Texas Reading Club and the Texas Teen Reads are to encourage the children and families of Texas to read for pleasure, to help children maintain and improve their reading skills, to encourage them to become lifelong readers and library users, and to establish reading as a foundation for academic success. Participants in the reading club (open to children of all ages) keep track of their reading on colorful reading logs provided by the library.

Members earn prizes by completing and returning logs to the library.

In addition to the reading clubs, the Buda Public Library also offers enrichment programs for students throughout June and July. Monday through Thursday, parents can look forward to the Buda Public Library providing age-appropriate activities for their children. Pre-registration for June events begins Monday, May 16th. Acrylic painting, scrapbooking, pastel painting, and exploring fossils and dinosaurs are just a few of the great programs you can expect to see this summer.

More information about the reading clubs and other summer programming events will be forthcoming as final plans come together.

Visit us online at the Library's website www.budalibrary.org, view our library blog at www.budalibrary.wordpress.com, or visit our Facebook account at Buda Public Library.

You may call the Library at (512) 295-5899. Library hours are Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

City Welcomes New Staff

Chance Sparks, MPA, AICP City Planner

Chance will conduct the daily operations of the Planning Department, a division of the Community Development Office of the City of Buda. Mr. Sparks is a graduate of Texas State University—San Marcos with a Bachelor of Science in Geography specializing in Urban and Regional Planning and a Masters of Public Administration from Texas State University—San Marcos specializing in Urban and Environmental Planning.

Marti Bolsen Director of Finance

Marti will conduct the daily operations of the City of Buda finances and budget. Ms. Bolsen is a graduate of Baylor University with degrees in Public Administration and Economics.

Stephanie Hernandez Administrative Assistant

Stephanie will assist the City Manager conducting administrative tasks. Ms. Hernandez past experience includes the City of Austin administrating offices of the Police Chief and the City Manager.

Rene Revilla Crew Leader

Rene will assist the Public Works Department as Crew Leader. Mr. Revilla past experience includes the City of Murphy and he is a TCEQ licensed Water and Wastewater Distribution Operator and also has Code Enforcement certification.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Marjorie E. Martinez Room Dedication Ceremony

April 16, 2:00PM

Friends of the Library reception will follow the ceremony. Refreshments will be available until 4:00PM.

Reading Club Kick-Off Celebration

May 26, 5:30PM—7:30PM

Join us at City Park in downtown Buda as we kick off the Texas Summer Reading Program. Families are invited to attend this free fun event that includes train rides, balloons, crafts and refreshments.

Dinosaur George

July 21, 2:00PM

Join Dinosaur George as he brings his collection of authentic dinosaur fossils and his vast knowledge of all things prehistoric.

Simple Machines Workshop

June 18, 2:00PM

Julian Franklin Productions presents a fun hands-on simple machines workshop for kids

Reading Club Awards Program

August 11



Main Street IH 35 Overpass Construction

The contractor is scheduled to close Main Street under IH-35 beginning on April 3 for up to 60 days. Traffic on IH-35 will be detoured to the new lanes on the outside of the existing lanes. The frontage roads on both sides of the overpass will remain open. The intersection will be open Wiener Dog weekend.

During this 60 days the contractor will demolish the existing IH-35 Main Lane bridges, construct the new bridges and Texas Turnarounds. Main Street between the frontage roads will be reconstructed and raised to remove the dip under IH-35. The project is scheduled to be completed at the end of this year. For questions, please call the Engineering Department at (512) 312-0084.

The City of Buda Recycles and So Should You!



We have a new recycling bin located just south of City Hall in the parking at the corner of Main and Houston Streets. Please contact the Public Works Department for any questions.

Buda Police Department

Enhancing the Quality of Life in Buda

Since the inception of the Buda Police Department, property crimes (i.e. Burglaries, Criminal Mischief) have been reduced by more than 50%. This was one of the foremost goals the department established for its 1st year; to prevent and reduce crime.

Another Department goal was to establish a reserve program and utilize volunteers in the community. City Council approved and established a reserve division in March of 2011. The Police Department is currently reviewing volunteer applicants and expects to have several reserve officers on board by year's end.

The Police Department also has enlisted the help of two volunteer chaplains (Don Muchow & Paul Goeke). The Chaplaincy Program is intended to provide guidance, counseling, and comfort in times of crisis to personnel and citizens alike.

The Buda Police Department is located at the City Hall Annex Building located on 100 Houston Street. Phone number is (512)312-1001.



Mission Statement

As members of the Buda Police Department our mission is to enhance the quality of life in the City of Buda through a proactive and professional level of community-oriented police service; to maintain a strong commitment to excellence; to ensure safety through accountability; to treat all persons with respect, dignity, and equality; and to build partnerships with the community to meet current and future challenges.

Buda Parks & Recreation

City of Buda Awarded Hays County Parks Grants

On December 7, 2010, Hays County Commissioners approved \$310,000 in matching grant funding for the Bradfield Park trails project, trailhead and downtown trail connector and \$140,000 for a skate park to be located south of the elevated water tower on FM 967/Loop 4 just south of the downtown area.

With the City match from the Parks Capital Fund, the total budget for the trails project will be \$610,000 and the budget for the skate park will be \$280,000.

The City of Buda would like to thank Hays County Commissioners for allocating grant funding for these projects that were considered top parks priorities by the Buda City Council.

It is anticipated that design work on the skate park will begin this summer with public input meetings steered towards youth who would use the skate park and design work on the trail project will begin this winter.

Employee of the Quarter

Crystal Andrews, Buda Police Department

This past quarter, Employee Crystal Andrews 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 Crystal, congratulate her on a job well done! Who's it going to be next?

Buda Comprehensive Plan

Creating A Vision for the next Decade

Buda's Comprehensive Plan Update, now in its final stages, is creating an exciting vision for the Buda of the future. Based on extensive citizen input received over the past few months, the plan envisions a city where connectivity, both by car and by walking or riding a bicycle is enhanced.

It envisions an expansion of the City's historic downtown, and the creation of new mixed use "nodes" throughout the City where fun, walkable places can be created that combine unique housing, restaurants, shops and businesses.

These would be connected to nearby neighborhoods to make it easy to visit nearby shops or restaurants. The plan envisions creating more street connections between neighborhoods so that major streets can be kept more quiet and "small-town friendly", rather than becoming huge major roadways.

The plan also notes the importance of addressing needed civic facilities such as an expansion of the library and considering the creation of a civic center.

Finally, the plan envisions trails that connect from one end of Buda to the other and that allow for access the downtown, schools, parks and to many beautiful areas along Onion and Garlic Creek.

Extensive input was received as part of the planning process, with the Citizen Survey generating almost 600 responses. An initial public meeting was held in early November of 2010 to gather feedback on what was most important, and a second meeting was held on March 10th to discuss ideas and strategies generated from all of the input.

During those two meetings, attended by almost 200 residents of the City, the city's small town character, its great schools and parks and its green environment were repeated mentioned as key elements to preserve as Buda grows.

Infrastructure and transportation needs created by the growth of the City were noted as the key challenges to Buda over the next 10 years.



Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting

Take a few minutes and look at the Comprehensive Plan website at budatx-plan.wordpress.com/. A link can also be found on the City of Buda's Homepage. Presentations and ideas that are being considered are shown there, as well as summaries of all the input that the plan has generated.

Strategies on how to accomplish the goals of the plan will be presented to the City Council in the next few weeks.



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HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday—Thursday
7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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Utilities	295-8845
Streets & Maintenance	312-2876
Municipal Court	295-2562
Parks & Recreation	312-0084
Tourism	312-0084
Buda Public Library	295-5899
Fire/EMS	295-2232
Police	312-1001



Bobby Lane
Mayor



Ron Fletcher
Place #1



Todd Ruge
Place #2



Sandra Tenorio
Place #3



Cathy Chilcote
Place #4



Tom Crouse
Place #5



Scott Dodd
Place #6

A COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The City of Buda's newsletter represents the City Council's continued commitment to keep the community updated on important issues, including city government and services.

This newsletter is published twice a year in print and online. Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

Public Service Announcement from Public Works

Be Part of the Solution to Storm Water Pollution

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

Each time it rains, water washes over our streets, driveways, and yards picking up pollutants along the way and flowing into our storm drains. This runoff may contain pollutants such as motor oil, yard clippings, pet waste, litter, lawn chemicals, anti-freeze, or other toxins, which can pollute our water supply as well as clog pipes and culverts which can lead to flooding.

Known as "Non-Point Source Pollution", it is the largest threat to our waterways today. Sometimes pollutants are dumped directly into storm drains by neighbors who don't know any better.

Contrary to popular belief, most storm drains are not connected to treatment systems. Whatever enters the drain is discharged directly, untreated into local waterways!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The storm drain inlets on your street are being marked with a colorful marker, like the one shown here, with a pollution prevention message. You can help by using the following tips to prevent pollution:

- Properly dispose of hazardous waste and recycle used motor oil.
- Use fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides sparingly and follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Keep yard waste, trash, and dirt off the street and out of the gutters.
- Clean up after your pets.
- Wash your car at a car wash facility or park your car in the grass before you wash it.
- Spread the word about protecting our waterways from polluted runoff.



Remember to report any illegal dumping into the City of Buda storm drains to the Public Works Department at (512)-312-2876.

Message from the City Manager



City of Buda Vision Statement

Guided by Citizen input, City Council leadership, and administration by Staff, we will provide an organization that offers an excellent Quality of Life for the Citizens of Buda

Kenneth Williams
City Manager

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The City of Buda's vision statement is our inspiration and the framework for all of our strategic planning. This answers the question, where do we want to go? Although uncomplicated, this statement articulates our dreams and hopes for Buda. This reminds of what we as employees are trying to accomplish. The goal is to provide an excellent quality of life for the citizens of Buda, not for just the next year or two but for many years into the future.

Likewise, our mission statement identifies our purpose for existence—"Meeting the Needs of the Citizens." This statement is the first and last consideration of any employee who is evaluating a strategic decision. The questions asked are. Does this meet the needs of the citizens of Buda? Is this the best possible outcome for Buda?

If these questions are answered in the positive, we will feel comfortable in moving forward. This statement is the first and last consideration of any employee who is evaluating a strategic decision. While we are determined toward providing a positive environment with an "excellent quality of life" we have not forgotten that which is important to residents.

The City continues to maintain a low municipal tax rate while reducing our budget over the last two years. This has been done while improving services in key areas such as Public

Safety, Community Development and Parks and Recreation.

A new five year comprehensive plan which will provide orderly development/growth for the city while preserving our small town feel will be complete by May. All of this remains true to our mission. In analyzing long term needs, the City of Buda has a stable water source and with ongoing planning, will provide a long term water resource for decades into the future.

Transportation issues are being addressed with an improved west side FM 1626 on the horizon, I-35 intersections and overpasses being reconstructed for pass through and east side traffic flows along with recommendations from the new comprehensive plan as to deal with changing traffic patterns in the Old Town Area. Preserving our identity is important to us.

In short, the City of Buda exists for the citizens of Buda and our employees are here to meet residents' needs. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or suggestions that you may have.

Enjoy the Spring!

Sincerely,
Kenneth Williams, Buda City Manager