



**BRYAN TEXAS UTILITIES**  
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 Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM

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**Important Numbers**

**Billing/Collections/Connects**  
 (979) 821-5700

**Electrical Outage/Lines Down**  
 (979) 822-3777

**Line Design**  
 (979) 821-5770

**Social Media**

- BryanTexasUtilities
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- cityofbryan

**Regular Board of Directors MEETING NOTES** | February 13, 2023

**Presentation of the BTU Financial Statement for Fiscal Year 2022**

Mr. Will Smith, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the FY2022 audit report performed by Weaver and Tidwell. Both the City and Rural financials received a clean opinion with no material weaknesses to report.

**Approval of a Contract for an Insulator Bracket Replacement Project**

The Board approved a contract with Bianchi Electric, LLC for construction services on the Tabor to Jack Creek Transmission Insulator Bracket Replacement Project.

**Approval of a Contract for Underground Feeder Construction**

The Board approved a contract with Bayer Construction Electrical Contractors, Inc. for underground feeder construction along South College Ave.

**Approval of a Contract for Construction of a 138 kV Transmission Line**

Mr. Randy Trimble, Executive Director of Energy Delivery, presented the bid tabulations for the 138 kV transmission line from the Smetana Substation to the Leonard Road Substation. The Board approved a contract with Utility Construction Services, LLC for construction of the transmission infrastructure. This line is the last piece to complete the West Loop Transmission Project that has been ongoing for more than a decade.



Transformer Replacement



**BRYAN TEXAS UTILITIES KIOSKS**

**WAYS TO PAY** CASH CHECK CARD

Bring your BTU account number, BTU bill, keycard or reminder letter. Payments can be made 24 hours a day via the "e-payment" option by calling 979.821.5700. Account number and credit card required.

**BILL PAYMENT LOCATIONS**

- BTU Drive Thru** – 205 E. 28th St. (Open 24 Hours)
- HEB Grocery** – Tejas Center on Villa Maria
- HEB Grocery** – Texas Ave. & Hwy 21



THE POWER BEHIND YOUR POWER  
**LINEWORKER  
 APPRECIATION DAY  
 IS APRIL 18**

#ThankALineworker

You have likely noticed BTU crews out and about, working on power lines and other electrical equipment in our community. It's no secret that line work is tough—but it's essential. Homes and businesses need power regardless of weather conditions. This month, as we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day, we want to recognize just how crucial these unsung heroes are to daily life.

The work can be heavy, in more ways than one. Did you know the equipment and tools that a lineworker carries while climbing a utility pole can weigh upwards of 50 pounds? That's as heavy as 6 gallons of water. And speaking of utility poles, lineworkers can climb poles up to 120 feet tall.

Lineworkers must be committed to their career—because it's not just a job, it's a lifestyle. The long hours and ever-present risks can truly take a toll. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics lists line work among the 10 most dangerous civilian jobs in the U.S. Safety of employees and customers is BTU's number one priority.

During severe weather events that bring major power outages, lineworkers are among the first ones called. They must be ready to leave the comfort of their homes and families unexpectedly, and they don't return until the job is done, often days later. That's why a lineworker's family must also be dedicated to service. When storms arise, crews may work rotating 16-hour shifts until all customers have been restored. Shortcuts aren't an option, and there is precious little room for error in this line of work.

The job requires years of training and hands-on learning. That's because working with high-voltage equipment requires specialized technical skills, experience and an ongoing mental toughness.

Nationwide, there are more than 120,000 electric lineworkers. BTU employs more than 40 lineworkers, who maintain more than 2,400 miles of distribution across a 650 square mile service territory.

Being a lineworker may not seem like a glamorous job, but it's essential to the life and well-being of our community. Without the exceptional dedication and commitment of these hardworking men and women, we would not have the reliable electricity needed for everyday life.

The next time you see a lineworker, please thank them for the work they do to keep this community powered, regardless of the time of day or weather conditions. After all, lineworkers are the power behind your power. Please join us as we recognize them April 18, and follow #ThankALineworker on social media to see how others are recognizing these critical first responders.

**WHEN STORMS ARISE:**  
 Crews may work rotating  
**16-HOUR SHIFTS**  
 until all customers have been restored

**BTU QUICK FACTS:**  
**40** LINEWORKERS  
**2,400** MILES OF DISTRIBUTION  
**650** SQUARE MILE SERVICE TERRITORY

**APRIL 18**

#ThankALineworker





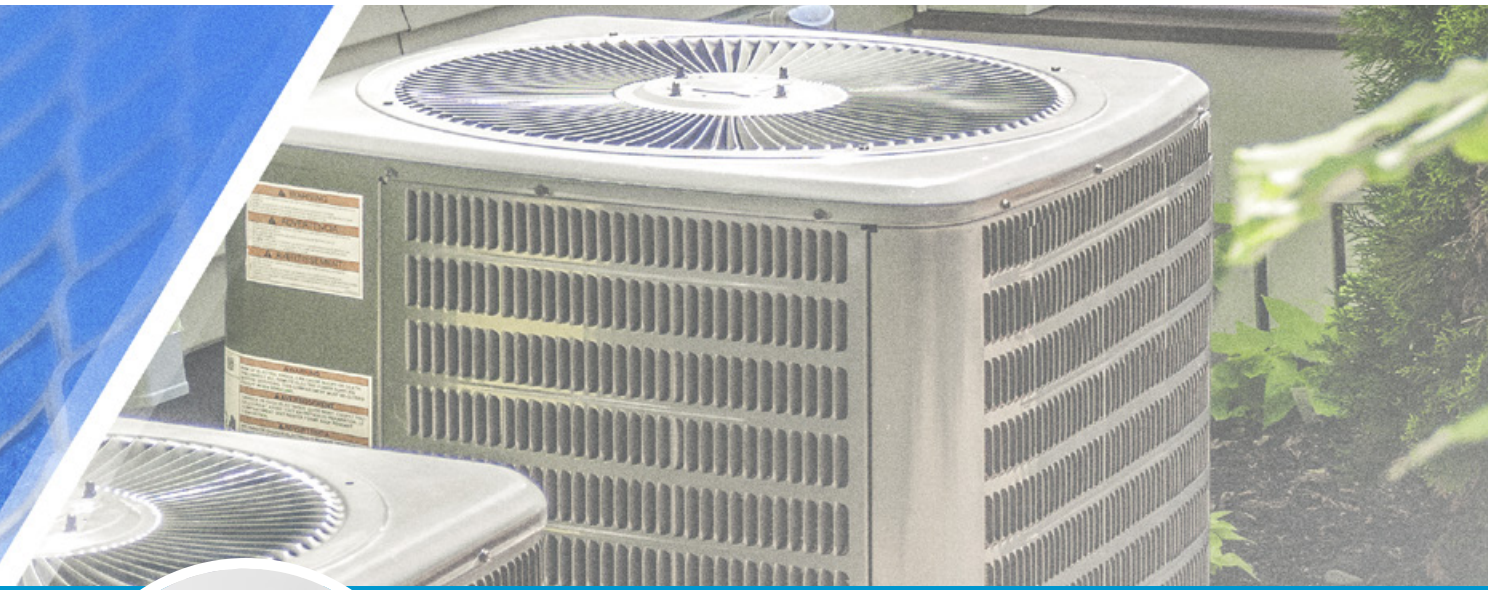
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# MAINTAINING EFFICIENCY

When one considers maintaining a home, keeping it clean or mowing the lawn often come to mind. Maintaining your central heating and air conditioning system should also be of great importance. There are simple actions you can take to care for your air conditioning and heating equipment. Proper maintenance can reduce unexpected breakdowns and can lengthen the life of your system.



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## **ARE YOU TAKING CARE OF YOUR HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM?**

**ADD THESE TIPS TO YOUR HOME MAINTENANCE ROUTINE:**

### **Change air filters regularly**

Replace your system's disposable air filter as recommended the by the unit's manufacturer. Typically, systems advise changing the filters every 1 to 3 months.



### **Have a professional check your system at least twice per year**

The service check should be performed prior to the major heating and cooling seasons, like in the spring and fall. A licensed professional tech will flush the coils, check the refrigerant levels, check the drainage system, and more to ensure the unit is working properly.

### **Keep outdoor unit clear of debris**

The outdoor condenser unit should be kept clear of any grass, weeds, dirt or other debris. All vegetation should be kept at least 3 feet from all sides of the unit. Debris and clutter can make your unit work harder, reducing its lifespan.



### **Give your system a break**

Try to keep thermostat settings moderate. Overworking your system can cause issues and reduce its lifespan. Typical central heating and cooling systems have a lifespan between 15 and 25 years.

DESTINATION  
**BRYAN  
 TEXAS**

When you stay at a hotel, you may have noticed a hotel occupancy tax (HOT) listed on the bill at the end of your stay. Most assume this is another way for the hotel to collect revenue, however HOT funds actually benefit the local city and county government and state government. At the local level, HOT revenues may only be used to directly promote tourism and the convention and hotel industry. Funds may be used to support organizations like destination marketing organizations (DMO) or convention and visitors bureaus (CVB). DMOs and CVBs are non-profit entities that provide marketing, tourism and visitor services for designated areas.

In Bryan, HOT funds are partially used to support Destination Bryan, the DMO for the City of Bryan. Destination Bryan has a full time staff of seven employees and an executive director overseen by a three-member Board of Directors. Their purpose is to share Bryan's unique story and encourage visitors – and locals – to take part in all that the city has to offer.

**Destination Bryan divides up their efforts into three main objectives:**

## General Marketing.

Destination Bryan staff are deeply rooted in the community and promote local businesses, attractions and events to those looking to visit the area or to those who already call Bryan home. A quick survey of their website reveals a bevy of content with titles like, “Top 30+ Things to Do in Bryan, Texas” and “12+ Restaurants, Bars & Pubs with Outdoor Patios in Bryan, TX”. Residents and visitors can enjoy year-round fun with the organization's entertainment guides for just about every season or holiday and how to celebrate them in Bryan. Destination Bryan shares stories of local Bryan legends and how their contributions have made the area an outstanding and flourishing community. The group also works with local businesses, non-profits and community organizations to promote and support their events. Destination Bryan has been involved with events such as the Fiestas Patrias parade hosted by Fiestas Patrias Mexicanas of Bryan/College Station, events held by the Children's Museum of the Brazos Valley, the Juneteenth parade and celebration hosted by the Brazos Valley African American Heritage and Cultural Society, the Boonville Heritage Days held by the Brazos Valley Natural History Museum, and many more.



## Events.

Destination Bryan plans and hosts its own events, such as the signature First Fridays. On the First Friday of every month, the streets of Historic Downtown Bryan are transformed into a community stage that showcases live music, art demonstrations, unique performances, and interactive events and activities. First Fridays are not only a great opportunity for visitors to experience what makes Bryan a unique destination but also give community partners a chance to engage with residents to bolster community pride and involvement. First Friday was created in 2005 as a free, family-friendly event and over the years has continued to evolve into a multi-faceted production that promotes Bryan's Cultural and Music Friendly Designations. While attending First Friday, you can find freshly made goods and products sourced and manufactured locally by the Brazos Valley Farmers Market, listen to local musicians or performers, visit with Downtown merchants and retailers, or peruse the Art Loop to view arts of all mediums curated in Bryan. Perhaps the greatest aspect of First Fridays is the event's ability to bring people together from all walks of life. By hosting an ever-changing slew of performances and activities, the all-encompassing event appeals to members from all corners of the community. First Friday also hosts numerous non-profits from around the Brazos Valley to help provide a platform for their causes and in doing so, hopes to create greater connectivity within our communities. Overall, First Friday in Downtown Bryan is a one-of-a-kind event that allows residents and visitors to get a snapshot of the abundant aspects that make Bryan such a great community. First Friday is truly an event you certainly do not want to miss while visiting the BCS area. Destination Bryan also hosts several annual events such as the Downtown Bryan Street & Art Fair in the spring, the Hullabaloo Music Festival in the summer, and the Downtown Bryan Holiday Stroll & Lighted Parade in the winter.



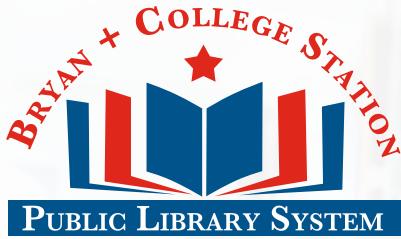
## Group Business.

Destination Bryan leverages local event centers to bring conferences or sporting events to Bryan. Large sport tournaments, conferences and events bring sales tax and HOT revenues to the City of Bryan. The residents benefit from the influx of funds from external sources. The newly opened Legends Event Center in Midtown Park in Bryan is a gem in the area. The 120,000+ square foot facility offers ample spaces for indoor sports such as volleyball, pickle ball or basketball. The facility boasts sixteen volleyball courts, eight basketball courts, a gaming arena and e-sports space, party and meeting rooms, an outdoor patio, and recreation lake. As an example of the level business an event center such as Legends brings to the area and the work that Destination Bryan does, a national college basketball recruiting tournament put on by Adidas is scheduled to be held there later this month.



**With the endless events and entertainment opportunities in Bryan, how do you find your favorite pastime?**

Visit Destination Bryan's website, **[destinationbryan.com](https://destinationbryan.com)** to peruse their community events calendar. You will never have to leave the dreaded, age-old question of, "what are we going to do this weekend?" unanswered again.



## The Bryan + College Station Public Library System connects our community to a universe of knowledge and possibilities

Row-by-row the shelves cover the floor, each one containing its own universe. New worlds are born amid these shelves where the past, the present and the future coexist. Spanning three locations across two cities, a Bryan + College Station Public Library is a place of research, exploration, and discovery for all ages.



### Books on demand

Like little windows to the world, books connect us to new places and ideas. From the person looking to learn something new, to the avid reader looking for their next novel, with more than 175,000 books to discover; the library system has something for everyone!

The library system's vision statement is: *"To engage, enlighten, empower and inform lifelong learners in the Brazos Valley."* In the 21st Century, that also means meeting those lifelong learners on their own platforms and on their own schedules.



For those not inspired by the crisp smell of aged paper and the weight of a hardback book, the library provides access to thousands of e-books and e-audiobooks, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The vast digital collection also includes an agreement with the Harris County Public Library, and a program called E-Read Texas.

Additionally, Bryan ISD, College Station ISD and International Leadership of Texas (Brazos area) students can access the library and school's collection of reading titles through Sora: The Student Reading App.



## Discover the past

Utilizing funds from Andrew Carnegie's Library funding program, the City of Bryan constructed its first library in 1903, and today, it is the oldest Carnegie library in Texas that is still used for its original intended purpose. At the Carnegie History Center, you can dive into the archives to relive the past. Walk through Historic Downtown Bryan with vintage photos, wind down the Brazos River along a historic map, look into your own family history with local records or utilize [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com).

As the community's needs grew so did the library system, eventually leading to the construction of Clara B. Mounce Library in 1969, and College Station's Larry J. Ringer Library in 1987.



## More than just books

With an ever-growing community, the library system hosts children's story times, book clubs, crafters, teen fan clubs, game nights, and so much more throughout the year for all ages.

Need homework assistance? Check out Tutor.com. Interested in learning a new language? Explore lessons with Pronunciator, where you'll get access to 163 different language courses. Looking to become a U.S. Citizen? ProCitizen online citizenship classes are available in both English and en Español. Want help with your taxes? The library system hosts events for that, too!

Even more resources are available with LearningExpress Library that offers test preparation (GED, SAT/ACT, TOEFL iBT, GMAT, GRE, CLEP, LSAT, the citizenship test, and more), homework help, career information, job application guidance and help with computer skills.

Library card-holders can stream hours and hours of commercial-free movies and documentaries through Kanopy. There are also databases of newspapers and magazines, the Job and Career Accelerator, and the Hobbies and Crafts Reference Center; the list truly goes on and on.

The best part? All you need to access all of these resources is a library card, which is free to Brazos County residents!

To discover all that the Bryan + College Station Public Library System offers for yourself, visit [bcslibrary.org](https://bcslibrary.org) or stop by one or all of the locations:

**Clara B. Mounce Public Library**  
Downtown Bryan, 201 E. 26th St., Bryan

**Carnegie History Center**  
Downtown Bryan, 111 S. Main St., Bryan

**Larry J. Ringer Library**  
1818 Harvey Mitchell Pkwy. S., College Station