



## Regular Board of Directors MEETING NOTES | April 8, 2024

### Contract for Design and Engineering for Rebuilding of a 138kV Transmission Line

The Board approved a contract with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company for the design and engineering of the rebuild of the Greens Prairie to South Switch 138kV Transmission Line Project.

### Contract for Underground Cable Replacements

The Board approved a contract with The Fishel Company for underground cable replacements around the service territory.

### Contracts for Overhead Unit Services

The Board approved contracts with MP Technologies, LLC and Southern Electric Corporation for overhead unit services.

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**Hours of Operation**  
Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM

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### KIOSK LOCATIONS

- BTU Drive Thru – open 24 hours
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- HEB in the Tejas Center – open 6am-12am

### Important Numbers

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(979) 821-5700

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

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

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# Chill Out

## WITH COOL ENERGY TIPS



Ah, summertime—the season of sunshine, vacations, and, unfortunately, higher energy bills. But fear not, dear reader! With a bit of wit and wisdom, you can keep cool without breaking the bank. Grab an ice-cold lemonade, kick back, and let's dive into some sizzling summer energy tips.



### *Fan-tastic savings*

Ceiling fans are the unsung heroes of summer. They do not create cooler air, but make you feel cooler by creating a “wind chill” effect. By using a ceiling fan, you can raise the thermostat by 4 degrees without feeling a reduction in comfort.

### *Shady business*

Install blinds, curtains, or awnings to block out the sun's scorching rays and keep your home cool. Your A/C will thank you!

### *Cook out to keep cool*

Grill outdoors instead of heating up the oven or stove to avoid adding extra heat and humidity to your home on summer days.

### *Heatwave hack*

Set thermostats as high as comfortably possible while you are home and even higher while you are away. It is recommended to set thermostats to 78°F or higher. For every extra degree you lower your thermostat, you can expect to spend 3-5% more on the bill.

### *Seal the deal*

Keep cool air in and hot air out by sealing gaps around windows and doors with caulk or weatherstripping.

### *Bright idea*

Replace all incandescent or CFL bulbs with LED bulbs. They use up to 75% less energy and last longer. They also put off less heat in your home, so your A/C does not have to work as hard.

# HOT

## WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

### FOR FUN IN THE SUN



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As the summer sun blazes overhead, it's time to break out the sunscreen, fire up the grill, and celebrate all the joys of the season. But before you dive headfirst into the fun, it's essential to stay safe under the scorching summer rays. From sunscreen strategies to Fourth of July festivities, we've got you covered with expert advice to ensure your summer sizzles without getting burned.

## SUNSCREEN SAVVY



Protecting your skin from harmful ultraviolet rays is a must for summer safety. Choose a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or higher. Apply it generously to all exposed skin before heading outdoors. Remember to reapply every two hours, especially if you're swimming or sweating. And don't overlook those often-neglected areas like the ears, neck, and tops of feet!

## SUMMER STYLE



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When it comes to summer fashion, think cool, comfortable, and sun-safe. Opt for loose-fitting, light-colored clothing made from breathable fabrics like cotton or linen. Stylish accessories like wide-brimmed hats and sunglasses also provide added protection for your face and eyes.



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## STAY HYDRATED, STAY SAFE

Staying hydrated is key to staying safe in hot weather. Keep a water bottle handy and drink plenty of fluids throughout the day, even if you don't feel thirsty. Avoid sugary drinks and alcohol, as they can contribute to dehydration.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY SAFETY

Fireworks are a time-honored tradition for celebrating our nation's independence. It is essential to enjoy them safely to prevent accidents and injuries. Whenever possible, attend public fireworks displays put on by trained professionals rather than setting off fireworks at home. If you do plan to use fireworks, follow all local laws and regulations – fireworks are not permitted in the City of Bryan or at Lake Bryan. Never allow children to handle them unsupervised. Keep a bucket of water or a hose nearby to extinguish fireworks, and never attempt to relight duds.

The Fourth of July wouldn't be complete without a backyard barbecue, but grilling can also lead to accidents if proper precautions aren't taken. Place your grill in a well-ventilated outdoor area away from flammable materials. Never grill indoors or in enclosed spaces. Keep children and pets away from the grill, and never leave it unattended while in use.



If you will be spending the holiday by the pool, at the beach, or on a boat, it's crucial to prioritize water safety. Never leave children unattended near water, and ensure that they wear properly fitted life jackets when swimming or boating. Avoid alcohol while swimming or boating, as it can impair judgment and increase the risk of accidents.



From slathering on sunscreen to savoring the sights and sounds of the Fourth of July, remember to prioritize your health and well-being while enjoying all the season has to offer. So go ahead, embrace the sunshine, and make this summer your safest and most memorable yet!

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Your donation directly supports utility assistance, ensuring that struggling families can afford essential energy services.

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Join the program to help neighbors in need. Putting our pennies together can create a significant impact.

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Donors can choose to round their monthly bill to the next highest dollar or donate a fixed amount each month. Funds are distributed through our partner, Catholic Charities of Central Texas.

Together, let's ensure that no one is left in the dark. Enroll in Bryan Texas Utilities' PowerShare Program and brighten the lives of low-income families in our community.



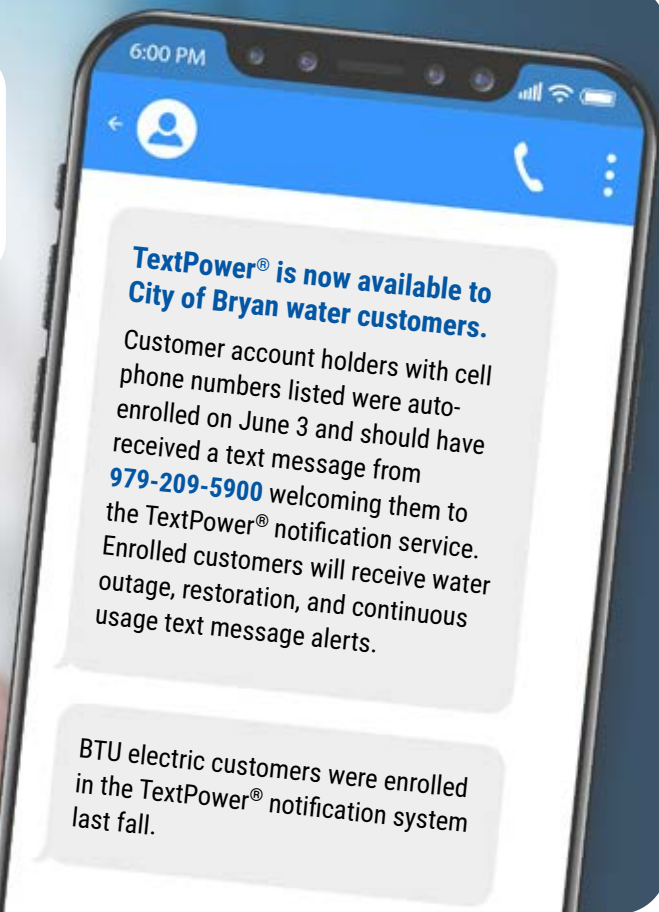


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# FREE MOSQUITO DUNKS FOR RESIDENTS

Looking to safeguard your property against pesky mosquitoes? The City of Bryan's mosquito abatement program provides free mosquito dunks to residents who visit the Municipal Service Center at 1111 Waco Street. The center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., supplies are limited.

These environmentally-friendly dunks help reduce the mosquito population and the risk of mosquito-borne diseases when placed in standing water.

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**Looking for ways to make the most of your summer in Bryan?** Whether you're new to town or a longtime resident, here are 12 fun activities to add to your bucket list:

**1**

Rent a kayak or paddleboard and explore Lake Bryan's waters or hike its scenic trails, perfect for fishing or camping adventures.

**2**

Engage in summer learning at the Children's Museum of the Brazos Valley, offering hands-on activities for kids.

**3**

Immerse yourself in historic research materials, artifacts, records, genealogy, and special collections at the Carnegie History Center.

**4**

Uncover Lake Walk's attractions, including walking trails, ponds, live entertainment, food, and an observation tower offering the best sunset views.

**5**

Cool off at splash pads in Tanglewood Park, Tiffany Park, and Gloria Sale Stephen Sale Park, ideal for picnics and family fun.

**6**

Discover the rich heritage of African Americans at the Brazos Valley African American Museum, showcasing archives and artifacts.

7



Make a splash at Bryan Aquatic Center, Henderson Harbor, and Sadie Thomas Pool, offering water fun for all ages.

9



Connect with science, nature, and cultural history at the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History.

10



Visit Travis Bryan Midtown Park for its sports attractions or take a leisurely stroll down the walking trails.



8

Enjoy the lively atmosphere of Historic Downtown Bryan with a variety of shopping, dining, and entertainment options.



11



Start a literary adventure at Clara B. Mounce Library and Larry J. Ringer Library through their summer reading program that is open to all ages.



12



Experience the magic of an outdoor movie night with the Bryan Parks and Recreation Department featuring familiar favorites.

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