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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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Regular Board of Directors
MEETING NOTES | **March 11, 2024**

Contract for the Suncrest Street Reconductor Project

The Board approved a contract with Irby Construction Company, Inc. for the reconstruction and reconductor of a feeder on Suncrest Street.

Contract Renewal for BTU Work Zone Traffic Control Services

The Board approved a renewal of a contract with Altus Traffic Management, LLC for traffic control services.

Discussion of Rural Electric System Bond Sale

Mr. William J. Smith, Chief Financial Officer, discussed the recent sale of Bryan Rural Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2024. Mr. Smith commended the underwriters for their efforts, and highlighted the favorable sale rate of 3.95%. Mr. Smith announced that BTU's Rural Electric System rating was upgraded from AA- to AA by Fitch Ratings and Standard & Poor's rating of A+ was affirmed.



BTU KIOSKS

Pay using cash, card or check at any one of our three convenient locations by entering your account number, listed on either your bill or your reminder letter, or by scanning a keycard provided by BTU. Keycards can be requested in the BTU main office.

KIOSK LOCATIONS

- **BTU Drive Thru** – open 24 hours
- **HEB at Texas Ave. & Hwy 21** – open 6am-12am
- **HEB in the Tejas Center** – open 6am-12am

MAY 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SAVINGS

Need a new appliance? If you time it right, you can enjoy a tax-free purchase of qualifying appliances soon. Texas' Energy Star® Sales Tax Holiday occurs in conjunction with Memorial Day weekend annually.

This year it runs Saturday, May 25, to Monday, May 27.

There's no limit on the number of qualifying items you can buy, and you don't need to give the seller an exemption certificate to buy items tax free.

Here are some of the Energy Star® appliances eligible for the tax exemption:

- Air conditioners (with a sales price of \$6,000 or less)
- Refrigerators (with a sales price of \$2,000 or less)
- Ceiling fans
- LED and compact fluorescent lightbulbs
- Clothes washers
- Dishwashers
- Dehumidifiers



During the holiday you can buy qualifying energy-efficient products in-store, online, or by various other means. The purchase date is the date the item is fully paid for, so items purchased with a later delivery date can still qualify.

Keep in mind that appliances purchased for just a few dollars over the allowable amounts will be fully taxed. For example, a refrigerator that costs \$2,050 will be taxed on the entire purchase price, not just the \$50 in excess of the limit. Similarly, if an item's sales price is within the price cap, but an additional delivery fee pushes it over the limit, the entire purchase is taxable. Staying within these guidelines is a small price to pay for a significant discount.

By taking advantage of these sales tax holidays, you can make upgrades that will help you save money on your utility bills and on state and local sales taxes. Visit comptroller.texas.gov for the full details.



MAY IS NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH!

Many people know basic electrical safety such as avoiding touching outlets or appliances with wet hands, not using extension cords permanently, and always having a certified electrician perform any electrical work. However, there is a new hazard that residents should be aware of; lithium-ion batteries.

In today's tech-driven world, lithium-ion batteries power many devices, from smartphones to scooters to electric cars. However, understanding the potential risks associated with lithium-ion batteries is crucial for their safe use.

Lithium-ion batteries can pose safety risks, primarily due to the possibility of thermal runaway—a rapid increase in temperature leading to fires or explosions. This can happen due to overcharging, physical damage, or exposure to extreme temperatures.

Here's what you need to know to mitigate the risks and stay safe:

Use genuine chargers for devices.

Stick to official chargers provided by the device manufacturer. Generic or third-party chargers may not have the same safety features and could damage the battery.

Avoid exposing batteries to extreme temperatures.

Lithium-ion batteries can be degraded by extreme heat or cold. Keep your devices away from direct sunlight and never leave them in your car.





Do not overcharge batteries.

It's tempting to leave your phone or other devices plugged in overnight, but overcharging can stress the battery and increase the risk of overheating. Unplug your device once it's fully charged. Make sure chargers have mechanisms that limit the voltage and current while charging to avoid damaging the battery. Do not charge devices on soft surfaces like beds or couches.

Handle with care.

Avoid dropping or subjecting your devices to physical trauma. A damaged battery is more prone to failure.

Stay informed.

Keep an eye on product recalls and safety notices from device manufacturers. If there's a known issue with your device's battery, take appropriate action to resolve it as soon as possible.

SAFETY TIPS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE OWNERS

Follow charging guidelines.

Use dedicated EV charging stations whenever possible and follow the manufacturer's recommendations for charging times and procedures.

Monitor battery health.

Pay attention to any warning lights or messages on your dashboard that indicate battery issues. Regularly inspect the condition of your EV's batteries and have them serviced as needed.

Avoid full discharges.

Try to avoid letting your EV's battery completely discharge. This can reduce its lifespan and increase the risk of damage.

Plan for Emergencies.

Familiarize yourself with the location of your EV's emergency disconnect and learn how to safely exit the vehicle in the event of a battery-related emergency.

Dispose of old batteries properly.

When it's time to replace your device or EV battery, don't toss it in the trash. Lithium-ion batteries can cause fires during transport. Instead look for locations where batteries can be recycled or collected at a household hazardous waste site.



By following these tips, you can enjoy the convenience of lithium-ion batteries while minimizing the associated risks. **Remember, safety always comes first.**

BTU SPOTLIGHT

A GROWING BUSINESS



The old adage, “leave it better than you found it,” has been embodied by Caleb Barnett. As a junior in high school, Caleb and his younger brother started BCS Junk Removal in March of 2022. The pair filed for an LLC in the fall of 2022, and Caleb bought his brother's share in the company early last year. Caleb saw a need for the community to be cleaned up and got to work. In just two years, BCS Junk Removal has grown from two brothers with a small utility trailer to seven employees, three trucks and multiple dumpsters. BCS Junk Removal specializes in trash and debris clearing and disposal, dumpster rentals, and live load dumps.

When asked what prompted him to become an entrepreneur at such a young age, Caleb pointed to his family. “I was raised around business,” Caleb said. His parents and uncle both own their own businesses. He also previously worked at Wiggins Watermelons and David’s Jewelry & Coin Exchange where he cultivated his sales skills. Caleb’s love of sales is evident in his excitement regarding customer interactions. “It’s all about how good you are communicating with others. Customer service is very important,” he said. “I strive to treat customers like they are the best person on Earth.”

Unsurprisingly, Caleb’s entrepreneurial spirit and servant attitude led to him being selected as a participant in the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce’s Junior

Leadership Brazos Program in 2023. The program identifies young leaders that are brought together to learn more about the community. They get a behind-the-scenes look at how our community operates in areas such as local government, financial institutions, law enforcement, and more. Caleb said he had the opportunity to meet the “movers and shakers” of the community. He enjoyed his experience so much that he sought out Chamber of Commerce staff and offered to sponsor a student the following year while still enrolled in high school himself. When the opportunity arose for the 2024 Junior Leadership Brazos Class, he did just that. He hopes to continue to “pay it forward,” and sponsor more students in the future.



Each day, Caleb clears junk and drives himself, schedules his staff, and plans for his growing business while still tackling schoolwork. He will graduate in May from Bryan Collegiate High School, and will be attending Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi at the RELLIS Campus with hopes to study Business Management. In the future, he plans to take a back seat from the daily physical work to focus more on the management of his business in order to complete his degree. Long term, Caleb looks forward to continuing to grow BCS Junk Removal as well as investing in other small businesses and real estate. Caleb says he will always be involved in the service industry; helping people is what he enjoys the most.

2024 SUMMER EVENT SCHEDULE



Slide into Summer

Sunday, May 26

1 – 7 p.m.

Child (ages 4-11): \$2
Adult (ages 12+): \$3

Bryan Aquatic Center

Moonlight in the Park *featuring "Angels in the Outfield"*

Thursday, June 13

6 – 10 p.m.

\$10 per vehicle

Sue Haswell Memorial Park
Baseball Field

World's Largest Swim Lessons

Thursday, June 20

1 – 2 p.m.

Free admission

Bryan Aquatic Center

Drive-In Movie *featuring "Despicable Me" & "Minions"*

Friday, June 28

6:30 – 10 p.m.

\$15 per vehicle

Bryan Regional
Athletic Complex

First Responders, Frontline Workers, and Military Appreciation Day

Thursday, July 4

1 – 7 p.m.

Free admission
with valid ID

Bryan Aquatic Center,
Henderson Harbor
& Sadie Thomas Pool

Dive-In Movie *featuring "Finding Nemo"*

Friday, July 26

8:30 – 11 p.m.

\$5 per person

Bryan Aquatic Center

Float into Fall

Sunday, Aug. 4

1 – 7 p.m.

Child (ages 4-11): \$2
Adult (ages 12+): \$3

Bryan Aquatic Center



LEARN MORE:
bryantx.gov/parks
979-209-5528



AQUATICS

POOLS



Bryan Aquatic Center 3100 Oak Ridge Drive | 979-209-5222

Diving board, waterslides, and recreational swim activities are limited to the summer season, while lap swim is year-round.

Spring / Jan. 2 – May 24

Lap Swim

Monday – Friday:
5:30 – 8:30 a.m. / 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. / 6 – 8 p.m.
Saturday: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

Water Aerobics Hours

Monday – Friday: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
If weather permits, daily admission fees apply.

Holiday Closures

March 29 – 31

Delayed Openings / Swim Meets

May 4 & 11

Summer / May 25 – Aug. 11

Lap Swim

Monday – Friday: 5:30 – 7:30 a.m. / 12 – 8 p.m.
Saturday – Sunday: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Recreational Swim

Tuesday – Sunday: 1 – 7 p.m.
Closed on Mondays for cleaning and in-service.

Water Aerobics Hours

Tuesday – Friday: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
If weather permits, daily admission fees apply.

Delayed Openings / Swim Meets

May 25
June 1 & 15
July 13



Henderson Harbor 1200 Ridgedale St. | 979-209-5221

Recreational Swim / May 25 – Aug. 11
Monday – Sunday: 1 – 7 p.m.



Sadie Thomas Pool 129 Moss St. | 979-209-5606

Recreational Swim / May 25 – Aug. 11
Monday – Friday: 1 – 5 p.m.
Saturday – Sunday: 1 – 7 p.m.



LEARN MORE:
bryantx.gov/pools

ADMISSION

Daily Admission

Child (ages 4 – 11): \$2

Adult (ages 12+): \$3

Pool Passes

	Resident	Non-Resident
25-Punch Pass	\$40	\$48
Annual Individual	\$200	\$240
Annual Family (4 people)	\$350	\$420
Each additional member	\$30	\$36
Replacement Pass:	\$5	\$5

RENTALS

Rentals are on a first-come, first-served basis outside of public hours. Reservations can be made by calling 979-209-5222 or 979-209-5528, or in person at the Parks and Recreation Department Office or Bryan Aquatic Center.

Bryan Aquatic Center

	Resident	Non-Resident
2 hours for 100 or less	\$250	\$300
<i>Each additional hour</i>	<i>\$125</i>	<i>\$150</i>
2 hours for 101 – 200	\$300	\$360
<i>Each additional hour</i>	<i>\$150</i>	<i>\$180</i>
2 hours for 201 – 300	\$400	\$480
<i>Each additional hour</i>	<i>\$200</i>	<i>\$240</i>
2 hours for 301 – 400	\$500	\$600
<i>Each additional hour</i>	<i>\$250</i>	<i>\$300</i>

Henderson Harbor & Sadie Thomas Pool

	Resident	Non-Resident
2 hours for 100 or less	\$225	\$270
<i>Each additional hour:</i>	<i>\$110</i>	<i>\$132</i>
2 hours for 101 – 200	\$275	\$330
<i>Each additional hour</i>	<i>\$110</i>	<i>\$132</i>

Summer Swim Lessons

During the first class, instructors ensure participants are placed in the correct level for success. Waterbabies and Preschool classes run for 30 minutes, while Youth and Adult Levels meet for 45 minutes each day. We guarantee 8 out of 10 lessons, even in inclement weather or due to factors beyond control.

Ages: 6 months+

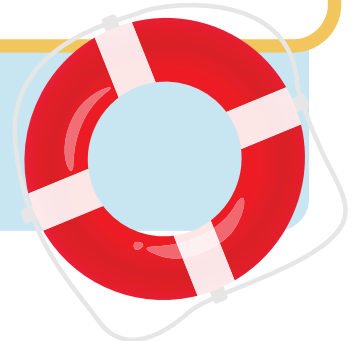
Registration: May 1 – July 22

Fees: Resident: \$40 / Non-Resident: \$50

Location: Bryan Aquatic Center (BAC) and Sadie Thomas Pool (STP)

Session	Dates	Days
1	June 3 – 14	Mon. – Fri.
2	June 17 – 28	Mon. – Fri.
3	July 8 – 19	Mon. – Fri.
4	July 22 – Aug. 2	Mon. – Fri.

Times	Classes	Pool
8 a.m.	Waterbabies, Preschool 1 – 3, Youth 1 – 6	BAC
9 a.m.	Waterbabies, Preschool 1 – 3, Youth 1 – 6	BAC
10 a.m.	Waterbabies, Preschool 1 – 3, Youth 1 – 6	BAC
11 a.m.	Waterbabies, Preschool 1 – 3, Youth 1 – 6	BAC
Noon	Adult	BAC
5:30 p.m.	Waterbabies, Preschool 1 – 3, Youth 1 – 3	STP
6:30 p.m.	Youth 4 – 6, Adult	BAC
6:30 p.m.	Waterbabies, Preschool 1 – 3, Youth 1 – 3	STP
7:30 p.m.	Waterbabies, Preschool 1 – 3, Youth 1 – 3	STP



JOIN OUR TEAM!

We're hiring lifeguards and cashiers for our pools and instructors for swim lessons. Enjoy flexible schedules and competitive pay. You must be at least 16 years old. If you become certified through us and are hired as one of our lifeguards, we'll refund the cost of your certification at the end of the summer.

Learn more and apply: bryantxjobs.com