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Regular Board of Directors MEETING NOTES

August 12, 2024

Approval of Master Service Agreements

The Board approved five Master Service Agreements with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc., Heart of Texas Utility Design, LLC, M&S Engineering, LLC, McCord Engineering, Inc., and Schneider Engineering, LLC for distribution design and construction management services.

Approval of a Contract Extension for Pole Attachment Application Management Services

The Board approved a contract extension with Davey Resource Group, Inc. for management of BTU's pole attachment permitting process.

Approval of a Right of Way Easement

The Board approved a right-of-way easement to allow construction access to Wellborn Special Utility District to bring water service to the BTU Backup Control Center.

Approval of a Regulatory Pass-Through Charge

The Board approved a specific regulatory pass-through charge for the Transmission Service Real-Time Market Power Supply customer class.



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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



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(979) 822-3777

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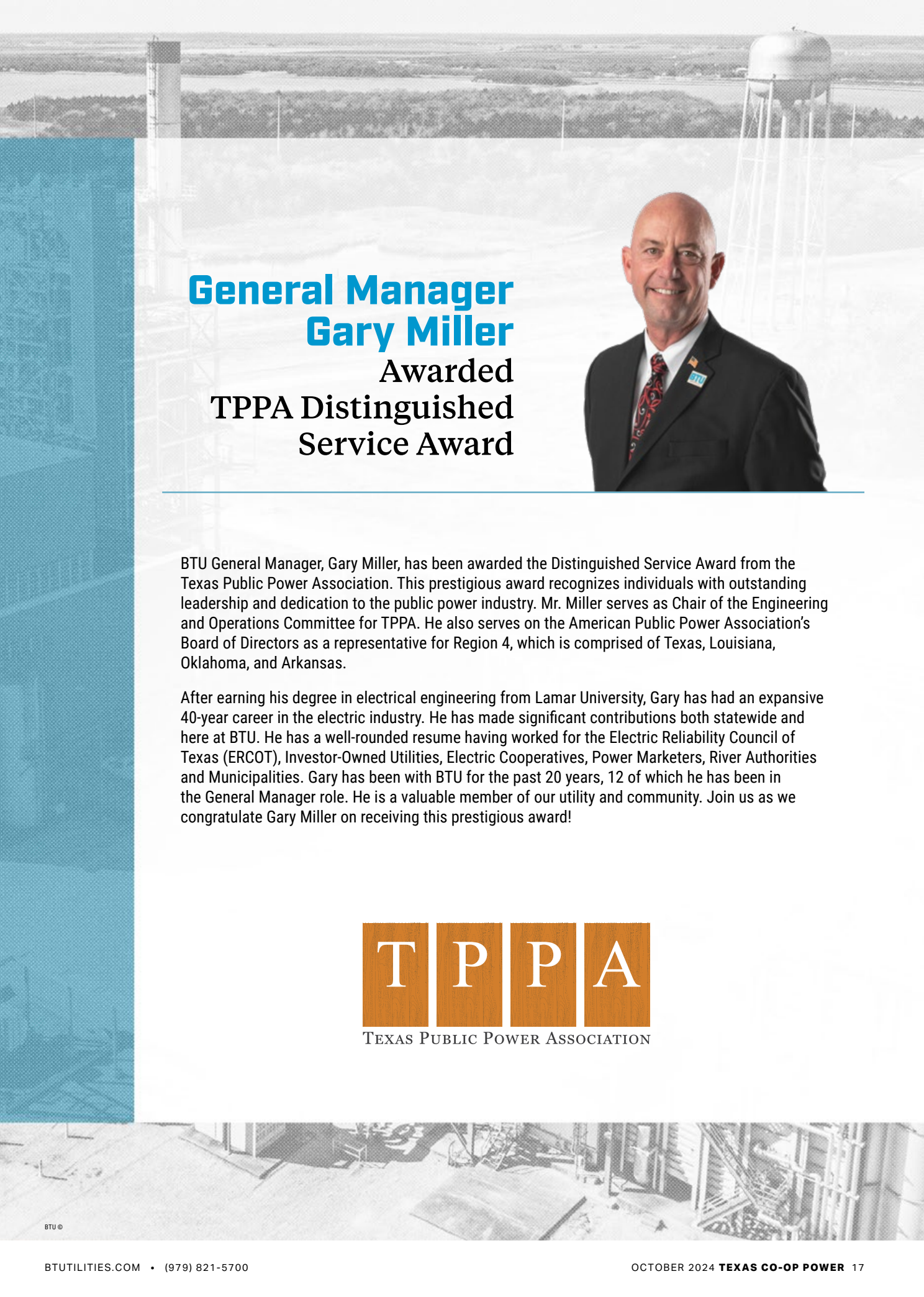


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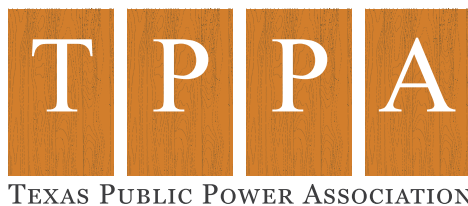
General Manager Gary Miller

Awarded TPPA Distinguished Service Award



BTU General Manager, Gary Miller, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Public Power Association. This prestigious award recognizes individuals with outstanding leadership and dedication to the public power industry. Mr. Miller serves as Chair of the Engineering and Operations Committee for TPPA. He also serves on the American Public Power Association's Board of Directors as a representative for Region 4, which is comprised of Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.

After earning his degree in electrical engineering from Lamar University, Gary has had an expansive 40-year career in the electric industry. He has made significant contributions both statewide and here at BTU. He has a well-rounded resume having worked for the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), Investor-Owned Utilities, Electric Cooperatives, Power Marketers, River Authorities and Municipalities. Gary has been with BTU for the past 20 years, 12 of which he has been in the General Manager role. He is a valuable member of our utility and community. Join us as we congratulate Gary Miller on receiving this prestigious award!



George Bush

High School Public Service Scholarship

The George Bush High School Public Service Scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors in the Bryan/College Station area who exhibit dedication to public service as exemplified by President George H.W. Bush. The scholarship began in 2002 as a joint effort between the George and Barbara Bush Foundation and Bryan Texas Utilities as a means to honor President Bush and his love for serving the community. To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be graduating seniors and plan to attend an accredited college or university. Scholarship Recipients are selected based on their passion for community service and their dedication to academic excellence. These students exemplify leadership in their schools and community. Awarded scholars receive a \$2,500 scholarship. Each high school that produces a winning student also receives a \$1,000 grant to further youth education.

Abraham Guillen, *A&M Consolidated High School*

Abraham Guillen is an A&M Consolidated High School graduate who is devoted to academics, theater, music, his friends, and his family. He studies music composition with Dr. David F. Wilborn and piano with Chris Hoffman. He enjoys the act of creation from bringing characters to life on stage to crafting intricate worlds of music in his own compositions. Most of all, Abraham values the wonderful group of family and friends who have continuously supported him, and he enjoys spending his free time with them. He plans on pursuing a bachelor's degree in music composition, and later a master's and doctorate. He hopes to one day compose scores for film and symphony orchestras. Abraham's hobbies include writing, reading, and spending time in nature, especially at National Parks.

Kyler Wendt, *College Station High School*

Kyler Wendt is a senior from College Station High School. Kyler has been a member of Brazos County 4-H for 10 years where he participated in leadership roles, community service, showed rabbits, goats, sheep, and cattle. He also participated in many contests including livestock judging, livestock quiz bowl and ag product identification. He is a 4-year member of College Station High School FFA where he also serves in leadership roles, and participates in community service, skills demonstration, and meat judging. He is also a member of the College Station High School National Honor Society. Kyler has over 800 accounted hours of service from helping others in his community, statewide, and nationally. Kyler will attend Texas A&M University in the fall of 2024 to major in animal science, and plans to become a cattle embryologist to learn to produce the best genetics to help feed our growing population. Receiving this scholarship will help Kyler achieve his goals. Kyler states that he is honored to receive such a prestigious award.

Melanie Sweet, *College View High School*

Melanie Sweet graduated from College View High School, and is attending Texas A&M University to study Visualization. Melanie grew up in the Bryan/College station area and regularly volunteers at First Baptist Church in Bryan as a livestream videographer for their services and special events. Melanie graduated second in her class, was very active in class leadership, and participated in multiple academic competitions. Over the last four years she served as the secretary, vice president, and president of the school's SkillsUSA chapter cabinet. In the district level competition of SkillsUSA, she received first place in Prepared Speech, third place in Quiz Bowl, and second place in 3D Visualization and Animation three separate times. She is also a member of the school's chapter of National Honors Society, and has participated in yearbook as the Copy Editor and the United Way Youth Leadership Cabinet.

Jackelynn Martinez, *James Earl Rudder High School*

Jackelynn Martinez graduated from Rudder High School and is attending Texas A&M University to pursue a degree in Aerospace Engineering. During her freshman year, she was isolated at home with no means of transportation or service opportunities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, during Jackelynn's sophomore year, despite the difficulties adapting to high school, she became involved with activities on the Rudder campus and in the Bryan-College Station area. Opportunities such as volunteering at a local elementary school or Habitat for Humanity have taught her the value of perseverance and assistance. Jackelynn fosters personal values, commitment, and the joy of giving back to her community. Jackelynn says it's an honor to have received this prestigious scholarship and she is grateful for the financial assistance. This scholarship will allow Jackelynn to continue her education and commitment to her community.

Jack Smith, *Travis B. Bryan High School*

Jack Smith graduated from Bryan High School and continues a family tradition by becoming an Aggie! He currently is enrolled at Texas A&M University's Mays Business School. After pursuing his bachelors degree, Jack plans on attending law school. He hopes to use his knowledge and education to help others as a practicing attorney. Jack states that this scholarship is a huge blessing and will help him achieve his goals. At the end of his 8th grade year, along with his fellow students, he had to move to online schooling due to COVID-19 pandemic. This experience taught Jack the value of engaging with others and how significant others can be in your life. He has carried this appreciation with him the past four years during his time in marching band, which gave him leadership opportunities as a section leader, chaplain, and drum major. Jack plans to use the skills he has learned in his future work as attorney.

Eduardo Romero, *Bryan Collegiate High School*

Eduardo Romero is a college student at Texas A&M Corpus Christi. He graduated in May from Bryan Collegiate High School. After receiving his bachelors in finance, he plans on pursuing a master's degree. This award brings Eduardo closer to his goals of being the first college graduate in his family. This award highlights the importance of leadership and serving the community. Eduardo has lived up to that expectation with over 300 hours of community service. He held many leadership positions while at Bryan Collegiate, such as Vice President of his class council and committee chairperson of the National Honor Society. Eduardo says receiving this award is an immense honor, and it will help him pursue his educational goals.

Justin Hruska II, *Snook High School*

Justin Beaux Hruska, II (J. Beaux) is a graduate of Snook High School where he was active in National Honors Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and FFA. While attending school in Snook, he enjoyed playing varsity football, basketball, golf, and running track. Aside from the busy school schedule, J. Beaux actively participated in 4-H at the local, county and district levels. He is a member of the SPJST Lodge #9 in Snook and is a lifelong member of the snook Brethren Youth Fellowship. He also loves helping with his church's Vacation Bible School. Throughout his involvement in organizations and clubs, J. Beaux has participated in a large variety of community service projects and citizenship activities. He enjoys doing for others and believes this is the key in finding the meaning of life. J. Beaux is currently attending Texas State Technical College in Waco. He plans on pursuing a degree and license in plumbing and pipe fitting with a hope to one day own a water well drilling company.

Katherine Ortgies, *Allen Academy*

Katherine Ortgies, a recent graduate of Allen Academy, has been honored with the prestigious Bush Scholarship for her outstanding academic achievements and exemplary leadership. Finishing in the top 5 of her class, Katherine served as the Student Government President and school ambassador, demonstrating her dedication to serving her peers. Beyond academics, she excelled as a chair violinist in the school orchestra and garnered statewide recognition for her prowess in volleyball and golf.

Committed to community service, Katherine volunteered over 100 hours with the National Charity League, showcasing her compassion and commitment to making a difference. She is currently attending Texas A&M University to pursue a degree in Public Health on the pre-medical track. Katherine has already earned acceptance into the TAMU School of Public Health Honors Program and the Broad Street Society. With her sights set on becoming a physician, Katherine's future is bright with promise and potential.

Charis Coleman, *Brazos Christian School*

Charis Coleman is a college student at Texas A&M University and a recent graduate from Brazos Christian School. Charis has always loved helping others and has found way to do so in her church, school, and community. She has led worship for her high school and her church youth group. Charis was also very involved as a sports manager for Brazos Christian's soccer and volleyball teams. She has participated in a special needs camp called Joni and Friends, and is actively serving in the nursery at her church. Alongside these things, Charis spends time sewing blankets and giving the proceeds to help prevent human trafficking as well as help those who are recovering from the effects of being trafficked. Charis is honored to receive this award and is so thankful for the opportunity.

Madeline Boehm, *St. Joseph Catholic School*

Madeline Boehm is a college student at Texas A&M University and a recent graduate of St. Joseph Catholic School. She hopes to obtain an undergraduate degree in Visualization, and eventually receive her master's degree. Madeline aspires to be a full-time animator and graphics designer, with a focus on creating children's animated movies. Throughout high school, she enjoyed sports, playing guitar, piano, singing, and art. Madeline also dedicated her time to volunteering in a multitude of different ways, such as coaching a young girls' volleyball team and teaching music to kids at vacation bible school. Each and every day, Madeline strives to positively impact the lives of others through hard work, service, and dedication. This scholarship will contribute immensely to her hopes and dreams of accomplishing her life goals at Texas A&M, and Madeline will continue to give back to the community that has so graciously given to her.

Bryce Nucker, *International Leadership of Texas*

Bryce Nucker is a recent high school graduate of the International Leadership of Texas school in College Station. He is currently attending Texas A&M University in Galveston. Bryce is pursuing his bachelors of science in Maritime Business Administration and intends to pursue a master's as well. In high school, Bryce participated in many extracurriculars that prepared him for college. He was the Vice President of the Academics Success Program (ASP). In this role he helped assist his fellow classmates with college application processes. He believes this role will have prepared him for after college where he plans on joining the maritime industry. He wishes to use the knowledge obtained from college to help him start ventures in the real estate industry. This scholarship will help make his aspirations a reality, and he encourages others to apply for the George Bush High School Public Service Scholarship as well.

A NEW NATIONAL PASTIME?

Pickleball, a sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong, is sweeping across the nation. With its simple rules and engaging gameplay, pickleball has quickly become a favorite pastime for many in Bryan, finding a home in the city's well-maintained parks and under the enthusiastic leadership of the Brazos Valley Pickleball Association (BVPA).

In the post-COVID pandemic resurgence of outdoor activities, pickleball has become familiar to most Americans. However, its birth occurred in 1965 when Washington State Congressman, Joel Pritchard and businessman Bill Bell, set up a makeshift game on a badminton court using ping-pong paddles and a plastic ball. Two years later the first pickleball court was constructed near Pritchard's home. The sport grew primarily in Washington State and it wasn't until 1990 that pickleball had gained popularity in all 50 states. After slowly growing for decades, pickleball has been one of the fastest-growing sports in America since 2020.

The City of Bryan has fully embraced the pickleball craze, offering a variety of facilities for players to enjoy. With over 26 courts scattered across the city, players can choose from both indoor and outdoor options. The Bryan Tennis Center leads the way with 12 covered and lined pickleball courts, while Neal Recreation Center and Legends Event Center provide multiple air-conditioned indoor spaces for comfortable play. Outdoor courts are available at Austin's Colony Park, Bonham Park, Bryan Regional Athletic Complex, and Tiffany Park. Additionally, Schulman's Movie Bowl Grille, set to open in early 2025 at Travis Bryan Midtown Park, will feature both indoor and outdoor pickleball courts. This growing infrastructure is particularly significant as Bryan prepares to host the Texas Amateur Athletic Foundation's Summer Games of Texas in 2025 and 2026.

The park's courts are often bustling with players, from beginners learning the ropes to seasoned players refining their skills. Outdoor players can be found enjoying a game early in the morning or late in the evening, taking advantage of the cooler hours of the day. The accessibility of these parks has made it easy for Bryan residents to join in on the fun, whether they're seasoned athletes or just looking for a new way to stay active.

The Brazos Valley Pickleball Association (BVPA) has played a pivotal role in the sport's growth in Bryan. The group organizes regular games,



Austin's Colony Park

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clinics, and tournaments, fostering a strong sense of community among players. BVPA's efforts go beyond just playing the game. They are focused on growing the sport and making it accessible to all. According to association president, Joe Hegwood, their mission is "to provide fun, fellowship, and fitness through the promotion and growth of pickleball in the Brazos Valley Community."

One of the reasons pickleball has taken off in Bryan is its appeal across all age groups. The sport's low-impact nature makes it ideal for older adults looking for a fun way to stay active, while its fast-paced gameplay attracts younger players seeking a new challenge. Families can often be seen playing together, enjoying the opportunity to engage in a shared activity.

Whether you're a novice or a competitive player, BVPA offers something for everyone. The association frequently hosts beginner clinics, where new players can learn the basics in a supportive environment. For those looking to take their game to the next level, BVPA offers advanced clinics and competitive play. It's this spirit of togetherness that has made pickleball more than just a sport in Bryan—it's become a key part of the community fabric. If you're interested in joining the pickleball movement in Bryan, there are plenty of opportunities to get started. Visit the City of Bryan or BVPA websites to reserve a court, attend a clinic, or get connected with other players.

As the sport continues to grow, Bryan's commitment to providing excellent recreational opportunities is evident. With the support of the City of Bryan and the BVPA, pickleball is sure to remain a favorite pastime for many years to come. So, grab a paddle and join in on the fun—Bryan's pickleball community is waiting for you!



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[Brazosvalleypickleball.org](https://brazosvalleypickleball.org)

[Bryantx.gov/pickleball](https://bryantx.gov/pickleball)



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HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER 2024

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TRUNK OR TREAT SO KIDS CAN EAT

Saturday, Oct. 26

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Bryan High School parking lot

Admission: Five canned goods

Activities: Trunk-or-treating, inflatables, train rides, face painting, a photo booth, food vendors, and more.

HALLOWEENTOWN

Sunday, Oct. 27

3 – 6 p.m.

Historic Downtown Bryan

Admission: Free

Activities: Trick-or-treating, a costume contest, photo stations, a kids' dance floor, and more family-friendly fun.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Wednesday, Oct. 30

6 – 8:30 p.m.

Legends Event Center

Admission: Free

Activities: Trunk-or-treating, costume contests, raffles and more.



GOURD TIMES AHEAD:

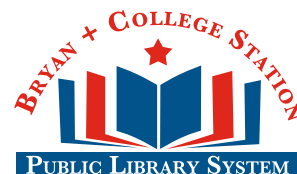
Halloween fun for everyone

Whether you're a trick-or-treater, a book lover, a crafty spirit, a ghost hunter, or a young ghoul looking for some festive fun, there's something for everyone.

Spooktacular times await at your library

The Bryan-College Station Library System has a variety of activities to enjoy throughout this spooky season, here's just a preview:

- Hallow Reads Challenge through Beanstack
- Pumpkin Decorating Days & Contest
- Halloween-themed Book Clubs & Storytimes
- Crafts: Paper Mosaic Pumpkin & Embroidery Hoop Spider Web
- Little Kids Spooky Carnival
- Ghost Hunts at the Carnegie



For the complete details, visit bcslibrary.org and follow them on Facebook.

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY POWERED

Tree Trimming and Vegetation Management

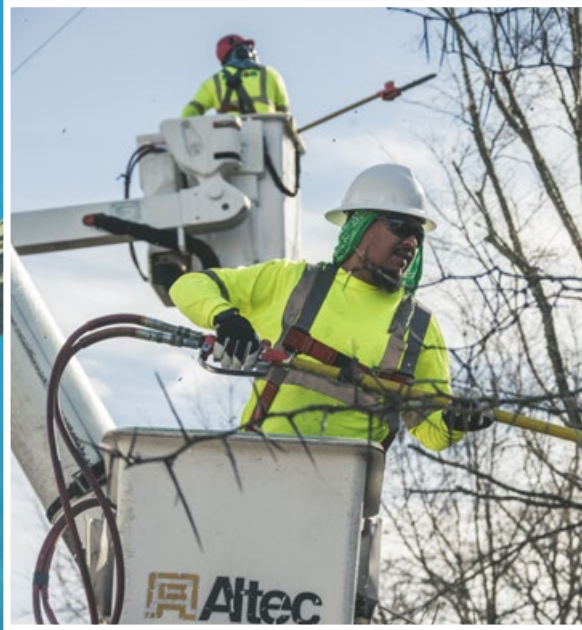
At Bryan Texas Utilities (BTU), our mission is to provide safe, reliable, and efficient electrical service to our community. One key aspect of maintaining this service is our comprehensive tree trimming and vegetation management program. This initiative ensures that our power lines remain clear of obstructions, reducing the risk of outages and enhancing overall safety.

Why Tree Trimming is Essential

Trees are a vital part of our environment, offering shade, beauty, and improved air quality. However, when they grow too close to power lines, they can pose serious risks. Falling branches or trees during storms can damage power lines, leading to prolonged outages and potential safety hazards. Regular tree trimming helps prevent these issues by keeping vegetation at a safe distance from our infrastructure. BTU proactively clears the right-of-way to lessen the threat to system safety and reliability.

Our Tree Trimming Practices

BTU follows industry best practices for tree trimming, ensuring that we balance safety, reliability, and environmental care. Our skilled crews use specialized equipment and techniques to prune trees in a way that promotes healthy regrowth. We aim to create a safe clearance zone around power lines while preserving the natural beauty of our community. Some factors that determine the method of trimming include the branch structure, the position in the right-of-way, and the proximity of the lines. Industry accepted principles of proper arboriculture are practiced to prevent damage to trees. With nearly 2,100 miles of overhead transmission and distribution line to maintain, BTU has a 4-5 year "trim cycle" to ensure that we adequately trim vegetation throughout our entire service territory, which includes all of Brazos, and parts of Burleson, and Robertson counties. BTU employs a certified utility arborist that oversees all vegetation management activities. Prior to work beginning in your area, you will receive a door hanger on your front door, or gate, to inform you that crews will be on your property. A number will be provided should you have questions or concerns about their presence.



How You Can Help

While BTU takes care of vegetation management within the right-of-way, we encourage our customers to assist by maintaining trees and shrubs on their property, especially those outside the designated clearance area. Customers are responsible for maintaining the service line that connects to their home. Branches that contact the service line, also known as a “service drop”, running from the utility pole to your meter are not pruned by our crews. At your request, BTU will disconnect the service line and move it clear of the limbs to allow you or your contractor to safely prune, or remove, the tree. Here are a few ways you can help mitigate vegetation issues:

Plant Wisely: When planting new trees, consider their mature height and distance from power lines. Choose species that will not grow too tall or wide and plant them far enough away from utility lines.

Regular Maintenance: Keep an eye on the trees and shrubs near your home. Regularly prune branches that are growing too close to power lines, but always prioritize safety and consider hiring a professional arborist for trees near electrical lines.

Be Safe: Never attempt to trim or remove trees near power lines yourself. This can be extremely dangerous. Always contact BTU or a professional tree service with experience in working near utilities.

Report Issues: If you notice trees or vegetation encroaching on power lines, report it to BTU. We will assess the situation and take appropriate action to ensure safety and reliability.



Our tree trimming and vegetation management program is a collaborative effort between BTU and the community. By working together, we can maintain a reliable power supply and preserve the natural beauty of our neighborhoods. We appreciate your cooperation and commitment to helping us keep Bryan powered and safe. For more information about our tree trimming practices and how you can help, visit the BTU website or contact our customer service team.