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BRYAN TEXAS UTILITIES NEWS

HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

New Years Day
 Wednesday, January 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 Monday, January 20

BILL PAYMENT

KIOSKS

Locations accepting credit cards, cash and checks:

HEB - 1609 N. Texas Ave.

HEB - 725 E. Villa Maria

BTU Drive-Through - 205 E. 28th St.
Open 24 hours

Bring your BTU account number, BTU bill, keycard or reminder letter.

OVER THE PHONE

Payments can be made 24 hours a day via the "e-payment" option by calling 979.821.5700. Account number and credit card required.

ONLINE BILL PAY

To register your account, view, and/or pay your bill online, visit:

btutilities.com

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2025 Government-in-Action YOUTH TOUR



**Applications are
 NOW OPEN!**

The When

**Applications are currently being accepted through February 3, 2025.
 The trip will take place June 15-22, 2025.**

The Where

Students from Texas travel by chartered flight to Washington D.C. for a week of fun-filled days touring attractions and historical sites.

The Why

The idea to send students to Washington D.C. came from President Lyndon B. Johnson, a Texan who advocated for rural electrification and youth development. In 1957, when he was still a U.S. senator, Johnson suggested "sending youngsters to the national capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents."

This notion evolved in the 1960s into a nationwide effort to send young people on organized, fun and educational trips to the nation's capital. Today, electric utilities from nearly every state send more than 1,500 youths to Washington, D.C. each June. Since 1965, more than 50,000 students have toured the capital thanks to their local utilities.

Bryan Texas Utilities (BTU) is committed to powering and empowering the community we serve, and that means providing more than electricity. BTU also works to improve quality of life in the Brazos Valley, which includes investing in the area's young people. We are working to shape tomorrow's leaders by proudly sponsoring three local high school students to attend the Government-in-Action Youth Tour.

The Who

Three local high school students will be chosen as winners for the trip. To be eligible students must be a sophomore, junior, or senior in high school and either live in or attend school in the BTU service territory.

**All applicants must apply online at:
 btutilities.com/youth-tour**

Candidates will be judged on their responses to an essay question, their extracurricular activities, and academic and civic leadership.



Freeze Preparedness

Winter freezes can lead to broken pipes, causing water loss and costly repairs.

Conserve Water and Protect Your Home This Season

It's time to prepare for winter while also keeping an eye on your water usage. Here are some simple but effective tips to save water, money, and pipes:

Water Conservation

Turn off the tap:

Don't leave the water running while brushing your teeth or washing dishes. Cutting your shower time by just a couple of minutes can save gallons of water. If you use a water hose outside, make sure it has a shut off nozzle.

Use appliances efficiently:

Only run full loads of laundry and dishes to maximize water use.

Monitor usage:

Track hourly water usage through your btutilities.com account. Be aware of unusual spikes.

Sign up for weekly Brazos Valley

WaterSmart emails:

This free program provides customized watering recommendations for your lawn based on data from weather stations and rain gauges throughout our area. Visit bvwatersmart.tamu.edu.

Wrap exposed pipes:

Use foam pipe insulation, heat tape, or other insulating materials to cover exposed outdoor pipes, including those in attics, crawl spaces, or garages.

Cover outdoor faucets:

Remove and store garden hoses. Install faucet covers or use foam insulation to protect exterior faucets from freezing.

Drip, don't run:

Only drip faucets in areas where pipes are more exposed to freezing, like those along exterior walls or in unheated garages or attics. Turn the faucet on just enough for water to drip once every few seconds, not a stream. For single-handle faucets, leave it in the "warm" position to keep both hot and cold water flowing. For two-handle faucets, open both sides slightly.

Capture the drip:

Place a container under the dripping faucet to save water to use for other purposes.

Locate your water shutoff valve:

Know where your shutoff valve is in case a pipe bursts, so you can quickly stop the water flow.

Inspect for leaks promptly:

After a freeze, check for leaks both indoors and outdoors. A quick repair can prevent further water loss and damage. Even small leaks can add up.

If you ever have any questions about City of Bryan's Water Services, call **979-209-5900**.

CONSERVATION TIPS

Energy Conservation Tip:

Reversing your ceiling fan to operate in a clockwise direction, at a low speed, will produce a gentle updraft. This forces warm air down into the occupied space from the ceiling.



Water Conservation Tip:

Sweep your driveway, patio, and sidewalk to remove dirt and leaves rather than hosing them off.

