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BRYAN TEXAS UTILITIES NEWS

HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

New Year's Day

Thursday, January 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 19

BILL PAYMENT

KIOSKS

Locations accepting credit cards, cash and checks:

HEB	1609 N. Texas Ave.
HEB	725 E. Villa Maria
BTU Drive-Through Open 24 hours	200 E. 29th St.
BTU Drive-Through Open 24 hours	2611 N. Earl Rudder Fwy

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.

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2026 Government-in-Action YOUTH TOUR

The When

Applications are currently being accepted through February 6, 2026.

The trip will take place June 14-21, 2026.

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 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.

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.

Apply online today at btutilities.com/youthtour

KNOW WHAT TO DO BEFORE A FREEZE

When temperatures are expected to drop below 32 degrees, it's important to remember to protect people, pets, pipes, and plants.

Here are some tips to follow ►



Help others winterize:

Check on your family, friends and neighbors who may need help preparing for freezing temperatures.

Ensure outdoor pets have a warm and dry shelter:

If you are cold, so are they.

Protect sensitive plants:

Use frost cloths, old sheets, or burlap to shield outdoor plants from frost. Move potted plants indoors or into a garage.

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.

Disconnect outdoor hoses and cover faucets:

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

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 collect the 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.



While heating your home, be sure to follow these fire safety tips:

- Test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.
- Plug space heaters directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heat sources.
- Remove lint and dust from electric heaters permanently installed in the wall or ceiling.
- Never use an oven, stove top, patio heater, outdoor fire pit or grill to heat your home.
- If you have to use a generator, keep it outside and as far away from your house as possible to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
- If you use a fireplace, make sure it has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from jumping out.

CONSERVATION TIPS

Energy Conservation Tip:

Consider lowering your thermostat temperature during cooler months and utilizing blankets and space heaters to keep yourself warm and usage low.



Water Conservation Tip:

Make sure to drain and turn off your irrigation system if a freeze is in the forecast to avoid costly damages from busted pipes and waterlines.

