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O'Neil Street in southeast Burnet receives new curb and gutters and pavement during the street improvement project.

## Street improvements underway

In May of 2006, the citizens of the City of Burnet passed a bond issue authorizing improvements to several streets in the City. The \$2m bond was slated to be used to resurface and repair/replace streets and the related infrastructure.

A study, developed prior to the bond issue, identified streets based on street condition, age of the street and the amount of traffic flow over its surface to determine which streets were most in need

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## Parade of Homes to feature The Ranch at Delaware Creek

The Building Industry Association of the Highland Lakes has slated The Ranch at Delaware Creek, Highway 281 South in Burnet, for their 2007 Fall Home Tour.

The parade, to be held on the first three weekends in October, is the premier home event for the highland lakes area. The tour will feature seven fully furnished and fully landscaped, custom built homes.

The Ranch at Delaware Creek is a planned mixed-use community developed by Black Wolf Partners, Ltd. The master planned community includes residential home-sites, multi-family sites and commercial parcels situated along Highway 281 between Marble Falls and Burnet.

Tickets are available on the BIA website at [www.bia-highlandlakes.com](http://www.bia-highlandlakes.com). Purchase of a wrist band will provide unlimited access to all seven homes. Daily wrist bands are sold for \$5/per day or visitors can purchase an event band which will be good for the entire nine day event. Call the BIA at 830.798.2266 for additional information.

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## New Officers Join Force

Two new police officers and an animal control officer have been added to the City of Burnet police force. According to Captain Paul Nelson, Officers **Mark Shaffer** and **Keith Smith** joined the force in September.

In addition, **Kim Wilson** has signed on as the Animal Control Officer for the City.

Mark and Keith are new to the City but Kim is a returning employee.

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City of Burnet observes the following holidays.

**New Year's Day**-January 1<sup>st</sup>

**Martin Luther King Day**-  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in January

**Good Friday**-Friday before  
Easter

**Memorial Day**-Last  
Monday in May

**Independence Day**-July 4<sup>th</sup>

**Labor Day**-1st Monday in  
September

**Veterans Day**- Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>

**Thanksgiving Day**-4<sup>th</sup>

Thurs in November

**Friday after Thanksgiving**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in November

**Christmas**-December 25<sup>th</sup>

Holidays falling on a Saturday are typically taken on Friday. Holidays falling on a Sunday are typically taken on Monday.

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of improvement. Streets were rated from “A” through “F” with “A” being the streets in the best condition and “F” being those in most need of repairs. Engineers rated 30 street segments with an “F” constituting approximately 11,800 ft in total length. Street segments were made up of one block or several blocks depending upon the street.

The repairs have been divided into three phases with the “F” segments primarily in Phase I and the “D” and some “C” segments in the remaining phases. Unless unforeseen problems arise during the improvements, plans are for the bond issue to fund for all three phases.

According to Public Works Director, Danny Lester, work has been completed on approximately 30% of the “F” rated streets.

Streets receiving “F” for at least one segment included Main, Boundary, McNeil, Taggard, Willow, Live Oak, Marble, Brier, Hamilton Creek West, West, White, Sure Cast, Seventh, Vanderveer, Rhomberg, Clark, Short, Willow, Elm, Kerr, Post Mountain, Blackburn, Valley and Lamar.

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Buchanan, including those at Silver Creek First Baptist Church, have rallied together to complete our home's remodeling project by donating financially and contributing endless hours of time and labor. The blessings do not end there. John Hoover, Roy Smith and the other Hoover's employees, have also helped make that dream come true. Our community is surrounded by caring and compassionate people. Many years ago, we called our property at ELB “paradise” the first day we saw it. What a joy it will be to return home one day to “paradise.” Like The Wizard of Oz's Dorothy said, “there's no place like home.” Well, there's no place like Burnet.

Thanks to all of you for your prayers and support. The blessings are truly endless. May God continue to bless us all during Lee's recover days ahead.

Diana Armour

Mr. Steele,

I had called today to inquire about information gathered by Burnet Police Dept concerning an accident I was involved in on 8/5/07. I wanted to let you know that I did receive a call from Paul Nelson and he was extremely helpful. I also wanted to compliment your EMS, Fire, Police officers on scene and First Responders for performing an outstanding job.

Thank you,  
Scott Dady

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

The **City Council** regularly meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at the City Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. *Watch the web page for changes to the schedule and special meetings.*

The **Burnet Tourism Alliance** regularly meets the first Monday of the month at 3:00 pm. at City Hall.

The **Planning & Zoning Commission** regularly meets the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers.

The **Historical Board** meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the City Meeting Building, 303 E. Jackson.

The **Airport Advisory Board** meets at 3:00 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the FOB terminal, Burnet Municipal Airport.

Check the web site at [www.cityofburnet.com](http://www.cityofburnet.com) for special meetings and changes in meeting dates and times.

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For information on using the City Meeting Building at 303 E. Jackson Street contact the City Secretary at 512.756.6093, Ext. 209.

# Making History



## Fort Croghan Day, Genealogy and Cultural Arts team up

Fort Croghan Day has celebrated the living history of life at a Texas frontier fort for many year. The second weekend in October offers an opportunity for visitors to experience what it was like

to make butter in a churn or create your own rope. It's a chance to see real live cowboys and Indians and to watch a blacksmith pound out steel over a coal forge.

This year, the Burnet County Heritage Society, which sponsors Fort Croghan, has teamed up with the Burnet County Genealogical Society and the Burnet Cultural Arts Festival to make the second weekend in October full of interesting and exciting activities.

Visitors can attend a genealogy conference or listen to Hank the Cow Dog as told by author, John Erikson. For more information on these activities go online at [www.fortcroghan.org](http://www.fortcroghan.org), [www.bcafburnet.org](http://www.bcafburnet.org) or call 512.756.1800.

### NOTES FROM CITY HALL

Congratulations to **Burl and Cindy Young** at the birth of their grandson, Wyatt Spencer Young, on September 17. Cindy is a code enforcement officer for the City and Burl is the warehouse manager at the Public Works Department.

Congrats also go out to **Emily King** on the birth of her baby boy, Cal Robert King born on August 17. Emily work at Galloway Hammond Recreation Center.

Our sincerest condolences to **Council Member, Linda Turner**, at the death of her nephew, Justin Boswell; to **Crista Bromley** at the death of her mother-in-law, Hermina Bromley; to **Addis Haines** at the death of his granddaughter, Amber Haines; and to **Dee Wills** at the death of his mother Betsy Wills.

We also send our condolences to the families of Tex Robertson, long time supporter of the Galloway-Hammond Recreation Center; and to the family of Mary Ann Benton, wife of former Mayor and Councilman Howard

Benton at the death of their family members.

Best Wishes for a speedy recovery to **Lee Armour** and to Mary Wessels at their recent illnesses. Lee works for the Department of Public Works and Mary is the mother of **Cindy Young**, code enforcement officer for the City.

Congratulations to the following officers on their promotions to Corporal with the Burnet Police Department; **Jason Davis** (with the PD since July 2004) and **James Briggs** (with the PD since Oct. 2006).



## Letters to City Hall

September 12, 2007

Dear Mayor Smith,

I wanted to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your service to the State of Texas.

Your service to the people of Burnet County during the recent floods is to be commended. You can be proud of the impact and influence your hard work has had on our community.

I just wanted you to know of my gratitude and thank you for the correspondence you shared with my office. If my staff and I can be of more assistance, please feel free to contact us at my Capitol office.

May God bless you and the great state of Texas!

Sincerely,

Jimmie Don Aycock

State representative, House District 54

To City of Burnet: Mayor Alan Smith  
 Manager Mike Steele  
 All Council Members

I would like to express my deepest, most sincere gratitude for the support that we received during the flooding. Certain members of your staff were instrumental in aiding to restore our everyday normal operations. Though this letter does not do justice to the role that they played, I hope that each of them are individually recognized and the City of Burnet should be extremely proud of these men, who willingly gave their utmost effort to unselfishly assist a neighboring city in need.

We lost entire sections of water and sewer mains, along with our raw water line. This meant that the water plant was unable to receive water, and worse, that it was unable to produce water. Our entire city was out of water and Marble Falls crews were under extreme pressure to restore the water as quickly as possible. With limited manpower in tackling a distribution disaster of this magnitude, the City of Burnet's experience, knowledge and physical ability greatly helped to facilitate a sense of control on the situation. As each task was completed, it brought us closer and closer to reaching a "normal running" state of operations. I hope that each one of these men are commended and realize how much we appreciated each and every one of their contributions. I further hope that everyone listed on this page receives a copy of this letter so that it will remind them of what can be accomplished when we are truly tested.

\*\* Danny Lester, Steve Lance, Robert Smith, Jay Everett, Dewain Everett, and Thomas Escamilla \*\*

Gratefully,

Harper Wilder, Supt. Water & Wastewater

City of Marble Falls

*Letter to the Editor—Burnet Bulletin, 8/1/07*

Dear Editor.

I have lived in the Granite Shoals and Marble Falls area for 12 of the last 14 years. I have been through 2 tornadoes and the recent flood. I must say that the wide-spread damage of the flood was far greater than either of the other storms. I still see new signs of the devastation every day as I drive through town, and I know that what I see is only the tip of the ice berg. For those of you who only saw the pictures, you have no real scope of the nature of devastation.

As the waters receded my wife and I drove through the towns to check on friends in low-lying areas. We saw National Guard troops guarding the bank, Red Cross workers setting up shop, and citizens assessing the damage. We also saw something that amazed me: everywhere we went, there were City of Burnet dump trucks and utility trucks. Now, the National Guard is paid to come into disaster areas, as is the Red Cross. Neighbors help neighbors clean up after tragedy. But for the city of Burnet, which was short-staffed as well, and also was feeling the effects of the rains, to dedicate their time and resources was above and beyond the call of duty. I never heard the mayor of Marble Falls acknowledge this gift of service, though I am sure he did. But it is not just the city government that needs to be thanked. The citizens who had limited services for a few days in order to allow public works crews to help their neighbors to the south must also be thanked. For 2 or 3 days we continued to see Burnet work crews in Marble Falls, which is a testament to the city and its leaders!

So, from a citizen in the southern half of Burnet County, please accept my sincere and heart-felt thanks to the people of Burnet for showing what a neighbor truly is!

Thank you,

Michael J. Quist

*Letter to the Editor—Burnet Bulletin, 8/29/07*

Dear Editor:

Sometimes people come into your life for a reason. We now have a much clearer understanding of why that happens. On July 4, my husband's thorough exam by "Dr. G" at Seton Highland Lakes ER led to a future diagnosis of AML, Acute Myeloid Leukemia. I feel his immediate action most likely saved my husband's life. We are profoundly blessed to have this service available in our area with such a dedicated SHL staff, including volunteers.

During the first month at Seton Medical Center in Austin, Lee received numerous blood transfusions. The City of Burnet immediately stepped into action, sponsored a blood drive and he received credit for 79 badly needed units and 65 blood drive coupons from Burnet High School.

More blessings...

Special thanks goes to City Manager Michael Steele, Burnet City Council, Danny Lester and all the Public Works departments and the City Hall staff for their extraordinary support to Lee's recovery. He is looking forward to returning to work one day to unite with this dedicated team.

God's blessings continue to surround us daily. Through unconditional love, our precious friends at East Lake

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