





2611 N. EARL RUDDER FWY, BRYAN, TX 77803

Regular Board of Directors MEETING NOTES

January 13, 2024

Rate Ordinance Discussion

Mr. Doug Lyles, Executive Director of Customer Operations, discussed potential improvements to the BTU Rate Ordinance as BTU progresses through a cost-of-service study.

Board Meeting Date Changes

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Board elected to move board meetings from their regularly scheduled dates in March and June. The meetings will occur on March 17 and June 16, 2025.



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



BRYAN TEXAS UTILITIES

205 East 28th Street • Bryan, TX 77803 email: ContactBTU@btutilities.com

btutilities.com

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM

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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

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Looking for fun spring break activities that won't break the bank? Join us at Lake Bryan for an unforgettable getaway! With activities for all ages, there's something here for everyone to enjoy. Whether you're into sports, exploring nature, or simply relaxing, Lake Bryan is the perfect destination for your spring break.

Explore our scenic views at Lake Bryan with more than 20 miles of hiking and biking trails, expertly maintained by the Brazos Valley Mountain Bike Association. Whether you're an experienced adventurer or a casual nature enthusiast, these trails are perfect for everyone. Immerse yourself in the beauty of nature and leave your stress behind. Love flowers? Don't miss the Wildflower Alley Trail—it's a blooming paradise!

If you love the water, bring your boat and enjoy activities like water skiing, tubing, or wake surfing. Don't have a boat? No problem! Paddleboards and kayaks are offered for rent at just \$18 per hour. Each reservation includes personal flotation devices for your safety. Paddleboards are designed for one adult, while kayaks can accommodate two adults or one adult and one child—perfect for a family adventure on the water!

Tent camping and RV spots are available for those who love immersing themselves in the great outdoors. Don't forget to pack your favorite yard games for added family fun on your camping trip! If you're planning a larger gathering, the pavilion is available for rent, providing a perfect spot for group hangouts.



For fishing enthusiasts, bring your gear and enjoy casting a line! The Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife keeps our lake well-stocked with a variety of fish, including bass, crappie, catfish, tilapia, and red drum.

If you're looking for a place to unwind and catch the game, The Cadillac Ranch Bar & Grill is the perfect spot to enjoy a drink while taking in stunning views of the lake. Show your receipt to the gate attendant, and your visit to Lake Bryan is on us!



Spring break doesn't have to break the bank—spending quality time with your loved ones creates memories that last a lifetime. Start making unforgettable moments today at Lake Bryan!

lakebryan.com







2 stories, 39,242 square feet

Board room with seating for 50+

25 ft x 84 ft skylight

43 ft maximum height



2 drive through lanes



4 Electric Vehicle charging parking spaces



3 outdoor spaces for communal gatherings



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Planning for the current and future needs of the citizens of Bryan and the Brazos Valley is a focus for BTU. In the past 20 years, the number of meters served by BTU has risen by 60 percent. This new facility enables BTU to continue supporting the thriving community in the Brazos Valley.

Self-serve kiosk

btutilities.com

PREPARING YOUR GARDEN FOR SPRING

Water is one of our most vital natural resources, essential for meeting our basic needs. Water conservation should be a top priority for everyone around the world, it powers our communities and nourishes our loved ones. This spring, as we prepare our gardens for the warm Texas sun, let's make water conservation a part of our efforts. Here are some helpful tips to guide us in doing our part.

NATIVE PLANTS:

Looking for plants that can thrive during a drought? Consider planting native species. Native plants have deep root systems that extend further into the soil, making them drought-resistant and better equipped for accessing groundwater. These intricate root systems break up compacted clay, allowing water to penetrate deeper into the soil. Additionally, they attract local pollinators, enrich the soil, and reduce runoff, helping to conserve water in the process!



IRRIGATION TIPS:

The most effective way to water your yard is by watering deeply and infrequently. This approach encourages a well-rooted lawn that relies on the water stored in the soil. Aim to provide your lawn with up to 1 inch of water as quickly as possible.

If you use an irrigation system, split your watering time in half and schedule the second cycle an hour later to allow for maximum absorption. For best results, water between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m. to ensure the water soaks into the ground and to minimize evaporation. Watering your lawn this way is especially important because of our dense clay soil, which absorbs water slowly and can lead to runoff into the streets. Overwatering or watering too frequently can oversaturate the soil, reducing its oxygen levels. This results in plants developing shallow root systems that are less drought-resistant.

MULCH:

Mulch is an excellent way to reduce water usage in your garden this spring. It helps conserve soil moisture, meaning you'll need to water your garden less often. Additionally, mulch protects your garden by preventing soil erosion, keeping your plants healthier and your soil intact.

By saving water, you're conserving one of our most precious resources while preparing your garden for the hot Texas summer ahead. For more tips on lawn irrigation and water conservation, scan the QR code or visit:



bvwatersmart.tamu.edu

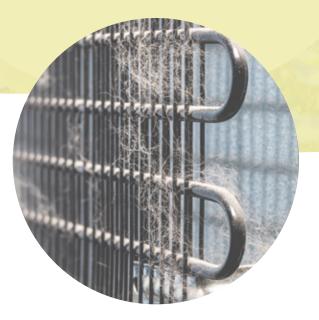


SPRING INTO ENERGY SAVINGS

Spring has sprung, and it's time to shake off the dust—literally and figuratively! While you're busy scrubbing and tidying, why not "clean up" your energy usage, too? Here's how to make your spring cleaning energy efficient and lighten your bill.

CHILL OUT WITH YOUR FRIDGE

Your fridge works hard, but those dusty coils in the back or on the bottom? They're freeloaders! Give them a gentle wipe down or use forced air to blow the dust off to keep your fridge cool without working overtime.





LIGHTING GLOW UP

Still rocking those old incandescent bulbs? Swap them out for LEDs and watch your energy

savings brighten your mood.

SEAL THE DEAL

Drafts are like uninvited housequestsannoying and costly. Seal them up with weatherstripping or caulk. It's any easy and cost-effective DIY project.





Flip the switch on your ceiling fan to spin counterclockwise this spring. It's a breeze to do and will keep you cooler without cranking up the AC.



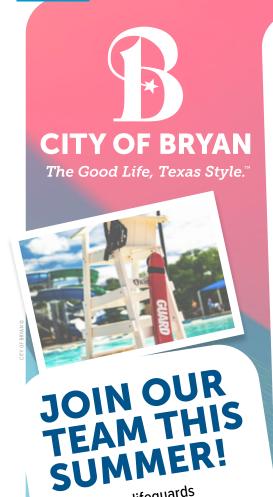
Your air conditioner deserves some TLC, too. A professional tune-up will have it operating at maximum efficiency - just in time for the Texas heat.



Clean up your energy habits this spring!

For more energy-saving tips, visit our website btutilities.com/home-energy-tips.





We're hiring lifeguards and cashiers for our pools, instructors for swim lessons, and camp counselors. Enjoy flexible schedules and competitive pay.

Ages 16+ can apply.

Learn more and apply:

bryantxjobs.com 979-209-5060



UPCOMING EVENTS

Destination to Paradise Dance (ages 55+)

Friday, March 14 / 7 – 10 p.m. Presale tickets are \$10 per person or \$15 at the door **Brazos Center**

Michael Hearne's Big Barn Dance **Music Festival**

Thursday, March 27 – Saturday, March 29 / Times vary General admission and three-day VIP packages are available Historic Downtown Bryan & Travis Bryan Midtown Park

Downtown Bryan Street & Art Fair

Saturday, April 5 / 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Free admission Historic Downtown Bryan

Blue Bunny Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 12 / 9 - 11 a.m. Free admission Sue Haswell Memorial Park

City of Bryan Open House

Thursday, April 24 / 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free admission Legends Event Center

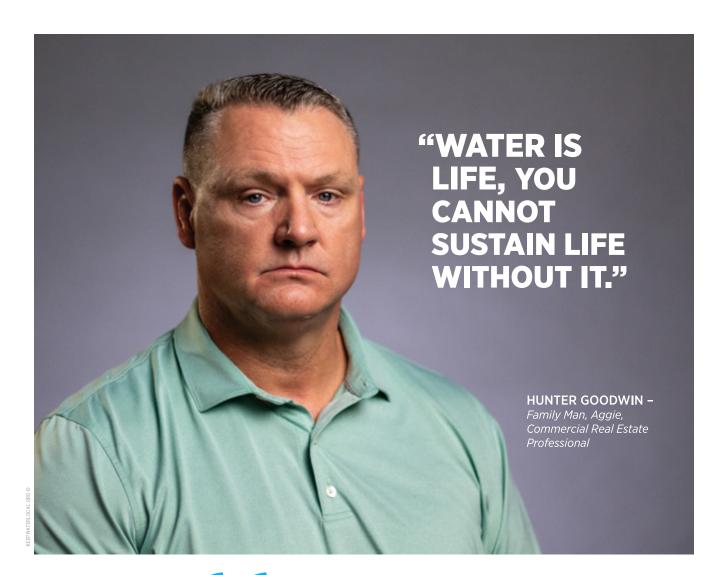
Household Hazardous Waste and Computer Collection

Saturday, April 26 / 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free for Brazos County residents Texas A&M University Services Building

Family Campout

Saturday, April 26 (begins at 3 p.m.) -Sunday, April 27 (ends at 9 a.m.) \$7 per person before April 25 or \$10 at the park Austin's Colony Park

bryantx.gov/calendar



Back in 2011, we had droughts that killed 100 year-old oak trees. So, I think we must be very judicious, bright, intelligent and smart. And, if there's one message that I want to get across to the to the public, it's water issues are becoming a real challenge."

"I don't care how much money you have or how connected you are and how cool you think you are, how we steward our resources is something that deeply concerns me. Especially as we're looking at making foolish decisions of giving our precious water away to create a tax base and jobs outside of our own boundaries, it's absurd, to be candid.

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