## **BRYAN TEXAS UTILITIES**

## **BOARD MEETING** NOTES

THE BTU BOARD OF DIRECTORS MET ON MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016 AND DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

### **OPERATIONS**

Gary Miller presented the safety statistics for the previous month, stating BTU had two recordable incidents and no at fault vehicle incident for the month of July. Mr. Miller discussed the circumstances of the two incidents with the Board and stated BTU's current incident rate is 2.65 for Fiscal Year 2016 to date.

All departments are having safety meetings, either as a separate group or combined with other groups. Employees have utilized the Safety Calendar and it has helped improve overall safety meeting attendance.

### **FINANCIAL**

Joe Hegwood presented the financial report and highlighted several items illustrating net revenues, and operating and capital costs of the City and Rural systems. Net revenue is over budget to date this year due to the elimination of power plant construction financing, lower departmental O&M and the reclassification of an Atkins 7 improvement to capital. BTU's Capital Improvement Program spending in the City system is currently under budget due primarily to the timing of transmission and distribution feeder work. BTU's Capital Improvement Program spending in the Rural system is slightly under budget due to project timing.

### TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION REPORT

The SAIDI (System Average Interruption Duration Index) and SAIFI (System Average Interruption Frequence Index) report for the month of July was presented. Mr. Trimble stated the outages, which occurred in both City and Rural systems, were mostly due to equipment failure.

SAFETY: For Work. For Home. For Life.



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### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mr. Paul Turney, Chairman

Mr. David Bairrington, Vice Chairman

Mr. Bill Ballard, Secretary

Mr. Buppy Simank, Ex-Officio

Mr. Carl L. Benner

Mr. Flynn Adcock

Mr. A. Bentley Nettles

Mr. Art Hughes

### **GENERAL MANAGER**

**Gary Miller** 

### **GROUP MANAGERS**

**Randy Trimble David Werley** 

#### **DIVISION MANAGERS**

**James Bodine Bill Bullock Shawndra Curry** Ken Lindberg Vicki Reim **Scott Smith James Tanneberger Wes Williams** 

Doug Lyles, Chief Risk Officer

#### **CITY OF BRYAN**

Kean Register, City Manager Joe Hegwood, CFO Bernie Acre, CIO

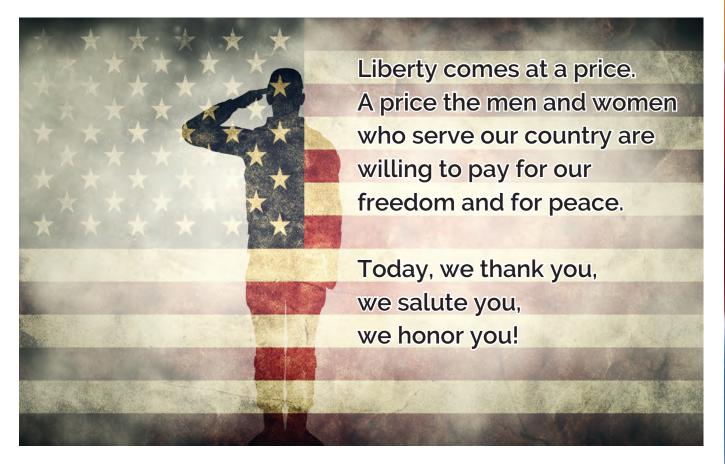
### Important Numbers

**Billing/Collections/Connects Electrical Outage/Lines Down**  (979) 821-5700

(979) 822-3777

**Distribution/Line Design** (979) 821-5770

## VETERAN'S DAY - NOVEMBER 11



# BTU is proud to have 20 active duty and retired military members on staff.

Veterans hold a special place in our hearts and minds. They put their lives on the line to protect our way of life, and our families. Veteran's Day, and every day, we can show our appreciation. Here a just a few easy ways to say "thank you".

#### **BUY A VET A CUP OF COFFEE.**

#### PAY A VET'S RESTAURANT TAB.

**HIRE A VET.** Hiring a vet – or the spouse of active duty military - is a good move. If you're a vet looking for a job, or you would like to post a job, check out vet-specific job boards like **hireveterans.com** or through **military.com**.

**SAY THANKS.** This is so easy to do and it means so much.

It's important to say "thank you", but there's more we can do for those whose sacrifices help preserve the heritage of freedom. We can strive to make sure they can find work, look out for the families of the fallen, and pray for those currently serving in our armed forces, to return home safely to their families and friends.

# SERVICE AWARDS BANQUET

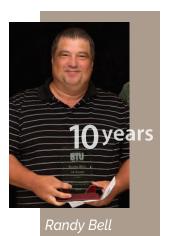


Pride in what we do was very apparent at this year's banquet, held in August, as 21 staff members were presented with their Service Awards. Congratulations to all of BTU's staff and board members for helping make a difference in our community.

















Saundra Watson

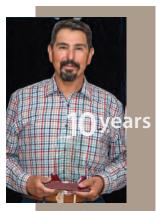
# MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE



NOT PICTURED: Corey Welch - 5 Years Jerry Ellard - 10 Years Micah Koite - 10 Years







Benjamin Rodriguez



Karol Morales





Brandon Scamardo







Greg Gomez

## TACKLE HOME PROJECTS SAFFLY

Do-it-yourself projects offer a great way to save money and learn new skills. But before you tackle that home improvement project, practice safety measures to avoid injury while getting great results.

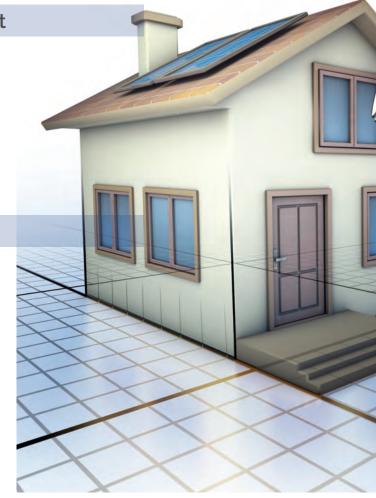
## Score Points with Safety Equipment

Just like a helmet and pads are required on a football field, safety items are essential for DIY tasks. Read and follow the directions for every power tool you use. Wearing safety glasses, ear protection and gloves, as well as tying back loose hair and securing loose clothing, are all important steps toward keeping you safe. If you rent a tool, ask the store for safety tips.

### Look Up, Down, and All Around

For outside projects, first check the area where you will be working. Identify potential hazards and take time to avoid or correct any problems. Don't forget to look up for power lines, and avoid using long poles or ladders within 10 feet of overhead wires.

Will your project involve digging? Postpone for a day and call 811 before you dig, even if you think you know where underground lines may be. The 811 service will mark all undergound lines in your area for free before you start work. To prepare for an indoor project, make sure you know the location of outlets, electrical wiring, wall studs and other electrical and structural elements before you fire up a saw or swing a sledgehammer.



### Make Sure the Power is Off

When performing any electrical repairs, make sure the power is off. And after you're absolutely sure you've disabled power to the right appliance or outlet, check it again. Always consult with an licensed electrician before attempting any electrical work.

### Avoid a Disaster

Water and electricity don't mix, so avoid running cords through wet areas. Inspect cords for fraying or damage before use, and be sure outlets can handle any extra load from power tools. Overloading outlets can lead to more than a shock - fire hazards could result from demanding too much from an electrical system.

### Invest in a Good Ladder

A sturdy step ladder will make lots of quick fixes easier, from changing lightbulbs to painting a room, to cleaning gutters, or replacing a smoke alarm battery.

## Keep a First Aid Kit Handy

Be sure your first aid kit is well stocked and handy. Injuries happen, and you want to be able to handle those cuts and scrapes quickly and easily.

### Stay Aware of Others Around You

If you're working with others, make sure you know where they are at all times to prevent accidents or injuries. Be aware of who enters your work area, and keep children and pets away from tools and projects.

### Be Realistic

If a job seems like it might be too much to handle, leave it to a professional. Take into consideration heavy lifting, expensive tools that will ony be used once, and whether you really have the time or skills required. That way, you won't be tempted to skip safety measures.

## Don't Step Away From Power Tools

Keep power tools out of the reach of children and be sure to unplug the tool before you leave the room.



## HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Little kids, big kids we all love Halloween!
Keep your trick-or-treaters
safe with these safety tips:



### Pedestrian injuries are the most common injuries to children on Halloween, remind trick-or-treaters:

- o Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going
- o Remember reflective tape for costumes and trick-or-treat bags
- o Carry a cell phone for quick communication
- o Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk
- o If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic
- o Never cut across yards or use alleys
- o Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks. Never cross between parked cars or out driveways
- o Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing trick-or-treaters
- o Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity

## HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL IN BRYAN

# BRYAN PARKS AND RECREATION PRESENTS HOWL-O-WEEN FESTIVAL & PAW PARADE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 BUZZ HAMILTON PARK - DOG PARK 5PM - 8PM FREE



## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and for the 3rd consecutive year, BTU staff is working to raise funds for the American Cancer Society.



In 2016, an estimated 246,660 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with 61,000 new cases of non-invasive (in situ) breast cancer.

About 2,600 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in men in 2016. A man's lifetime risk of breast cancer is about 1 in 1,000.

source: BreastCancer.org

BTU conducts an internal breast cancer awareness hat sale to raise money for the American Cancer Society. For every hat sold, BTU matches dollar for dollar.

In 2014, \$1,500 in caps sold Donation to American Cancer Society: \$3,000

In 2015, \$1,000 in caps sold Donation to American Cancer Society: \$2,000

TOTAL DONATION FOR LAST 2 YEARS: \$5.000