

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS *Meeting Notes*

December 11, 2017

Safety Report

Ray Berger, Safety and Training Officer, reported that BTU had no recordable incidents and no at-fault vehicle incidents for the month of November.

Fuel and Regulatory Recovery Projections

Doug Lyles, Chief Risk Officer, provided an update on the fuel and regulatory recovery projections through September 2018. At this time, no rate change is recommended.

Lake Bryan Dam Repairs

Wes Williams, Division Manager of Production, presented bid tabulations for a variety of repairs to the Lake Bryan Dam including the road and south dam crest repairs, upstream slope repairs, relief well repairs, and the installation of a new inclinometer on the south crest. The Board unanimously passed a motion to award the contract to Rebel Contractors, Inc.

General Manager's Report

Gary Miller, BTU General Manager, informed the Board that BTU has been cleared of six potential violations that were identified in the February 2017 NERC/TRE audit of transmission and critical cyber infrastructure activities. As a result, BTU has passed the NERC/TRE audit with no issues. Mr. Miller commended BTU staff for their efforts to ensure that BTU is performing as required, proving adherence to regulations, and for representing their departments through this process.

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Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Doug Lyles, Chief Risk Officer

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Kean Register, City Manager
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Billing/Collections/Connects
(979) 821-5700

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(979) 822-3777

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(979) 821-5770

TOP 5 REASONS TO LOVE BTU

- 1. We are experienced!** A seven-member Board of Directors has oversight of BTU operations. Members of the Board are appointed by the City of Bryan City Council and must have specific experience for each position such as an accountant, attorney, or engineer.
- 2. We want to help save you money!** BTU offers an incentive program, SmartHOME, for residential energy efficiency projects that focus on the building envelope. Customers can receive incentive payments for upgrading windows, attic and/or wall insulation, or installing solar screens. Visit btutilities.com to see if your project is eligible.
- 3. We offer many options!** BTU offers a number of payment options for our customers. Bills can be paid online with a recurring card or through a one-time payment, automatic bank draft, pay by text, over the phone, at one of our three remote kiosks, at our drive-thru, in our lobby, and mailed to our P.O. Box. We also offer a budget billing option that allows customers to pay the same amount every month by calculating the average from previous years. This option is great for those on a fixed income or those who would like to know exactly what to budget for utilities each month.
- 4. We are prepared!** BTU has completed the installation of Automated Meter Infrastructure (AMI) throughout our service territory. If your power goes out, we know about it instantly so crews are able to respond quickly. BTU also has an online outage map that shows locations and status of outages. You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter for timely updates about outages and community events.
- 5. We care!** BTU is invested in our community and here are just a few examples:
 - Each year BTU organizes a drawing competition for local elementary students and their artwork is featured in our themed calendar. This has become a favorite tradition for students and the community.
 - BTU hosts an essay contest and sends three students each summer on a ten-day, all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. These are trips of a lifetime!
 - Last year, BTU donated an exhibit to the Brazos Valley Children's Museum. Similar to a Lite-Brite, the Illumination Station is an LED lit board with colored pegs that can be inserted to help develop coordination and creativity in our youngest citizens.

In addition to these, BTU employees spend hundreds, if not thousands, of hours each year volunteering in our great community. We are committed to making our community the best place to live, work, and raise families!





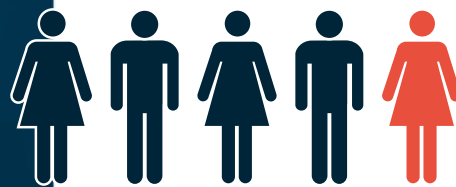
COMMUNITY

22ND ANNUAL KBTX FOOD FOR FAMILIES FOOD DRIVE

On December 6, 2017, the 22nd annual KBTX Food for Families Food Drive took place to help stock the Brazos Valley Food Bank during one of the most important times of the year—the holidays. Since the drive began, BTU staff have worked the first shift of the day, 5:30 to 7 AM. During this time, BTU employees assist with unloading and sorting donations at the Brazos Center in addition to presenting a monetary donation of \$1,000 and food collected by the staff. This event has become a tradition that staff members look forward to each year. BTU departments compete to see who can collect the most food to donate, and there is always a large turnout the morning of the drive to assist.

The Food Bank serves as a resource for community members that find themselves in need of assistance in order to provide regular meals for themselves and their families. To assist children who rely on free and reduced lunch during the school week, the Food Bank offers a backpack program that ensures they have meals through each weekend.

We appreciate the hard work and dedication of the Food Bank staff to provide our community with these essential items and look forward to participating in the Drive for many more years to come.



FOOD INSECURITY IMPACTS: 1 IN FIVE

individuals in the Brazos Valley, according to the Hunger in America study conducted in 2014.

In our community, *over 50 percent of children and 28 percent of seniors don't have regular access to food*, and many families are forced to choose between buying food and paying for other essentials such as medical care, transportation, utilities, and housing.

**50%+ CHILDREN
28% SENIORS**

THE QUEEN *Theatre*

Restoring a Cornerstone of Historic Downtown Bryan



Downtowns in the early days were known as the epicenters of commerce, where people travelled for hours to spend the day, the night, or the weekend “on the town.” They were the place to sell your wares and to stock up on groceries, dry goods, and other needs. But as communities evolved into cities and their footprints began to expand, not all downtowns were able to maintain that sense of community and eventually faded into the distant memories of yesteryear.

For Bryan, downtown is anything but a distant memory. The community is fortunate to have a bustling downtown, deemed a Texas Cultural District in 2014, with a commendable balance of reminiscing the early days and an eclectic mix of arts, culture, dining, and boutique shopping. Soon though, one of the most iconic cornerstones of downtown Bryan will reopen to the public for the first time since the late 1970s, as grand as ever: The Queen Theatre.

The Queen is recognized far and wide for its rotating crown lighting up its block of downtown and the marquee celebrating engagements, anniversaries, and special events. The Queen was built over 100 years ago and like many theatres of its kind, fell into disrepair as ownership changed, competition among attractions increased, and the city grew beyond the historic downtown.

In 2010, the Downtown Bryan Association (DBA) purchased The Queen. The once iconic, art deco era theatre was severely dilapidated. The interior had been exposed to the elements from a hole in the roof and the upper levels had collapsed to the ground floor. The process of restoration began with the heavy-laden task of shoveling truckloads of debris out of the theatre, all done with the help of gracious volunteers.

By 2011, the vintage neon facade had come back to life and the exterior of The Queen was fully restored through donations. The DBA continued to raise funds over the next six years with the goal of opening the theatre as a multi-purpose event venue. Speaking to the kindred spirit of the Bryan community, local contractors donated labor and materials to finish reframing the theatre and in 2017, a construction loan to complete the renovations was secured. At the same time, the decision was made to bring The Queen back true to its roots as a movie theatre and expand its offering as a rental for businesses and groups seeking conference, seminar, and meeting space. In addition, the first-floor lobby will serve as a visitor center, providing personal interaction with residents and visitors wishing to learn more about downtown Bryan, and the DBA will office on the upper floors.

“Historically, the Queen was never an ornate theatre similar to other Art Deco era movie houses, but the DBA is making sure that period touches will evoke the hallmark style of the 1930’s,” shares DBA Executive Director Sandy Farris. “Light fixtures, finishes and decorative touches will create an atmosphere like nothing else in the area.” With a goal of opening in late March or early April 2018, programming will include classic movies from the 1930’s through the early 2000’s, as well as concerts and other live entertainment. The newly restored venue will also host the Red Wasp Film Festival May 5th, an annual event sponsored by The Arts Council, that attracts short film and independent film makers from across the world.

“There are still many members of our community who recall seeing movies at The Queen before it closed down in the late 1970’s. We’ve heard from many of them about their experiences, and we can’t wait to get the doors open and begin a new generation of memories for everyone,” shares Sandy Farris.



To learn more about the Downtown Bryan Association, visit downtownbryan.com.

To follow the progress of the restoration and revitalization of The Queen Theatre, follow them on Facebook [@TheQueenTheatre](https://www.facebook.com/TheQueenTheatre).



Mayor's Downtown Impact Award

The Mayor's Downtown Impact Award, created in 2000, celebrates progress in Bryan's oldest business district, while recognizing those who go above and beyond to contribute to this progress. Recognized as a Cultural District in 2014, Downtown Bryan has seen overwhelming success with First Fridays and other special events while continuing to grow, offering additional amenities for residents and visitors alike. This award serves as a way to recognize those who continue to invest time, effort, and resources into making Bryan an even better place to visit and to call home.



Mayor Andrew Nelson (*center*) with 2017 winners; Sandy Farris (*left*) - Downtown Bryan Association; Cynthia Christner (*right*) - Square One

Square One Event Center and Loft serves as a premiere, locally-owned venue perfect for hosting rehearsal dinners, retirement parties, bridal showers, brunches, and more in historic Downtown Bryan. This popular event center is located on the ground floor of a quaint building constructed in the 1920s and the cozy loft apartment above the event space features its own private entrance, fully furnished to accommodate you and several guests for that perfect get-a-way. Valued patrons have described the Square One Event Center as "absolutely beautiful" with a staff that is "so helpful and accommodating." Guests that have stayed in the Square One loft have been equally as enthused, sharing the loft was "spacious and clean" and "close to the best of Downtown Bryan." Learn more about this unique event space and loft at www.facebook.com/sq1bryan.

With a mission to create, cultivate, and showcase the commerce, culture, and community of our historic downtown, the Downtown Bryan Association works with local business owners. From hosting monthly First Friday events, seasonal celebrations, the signature Texas Reds Steak & Grape Festival, and revitalization of The Queen Theatre, Downtown Bryan has become a favorite for residents, students, and visitors alike. The wide variety of locally-owned eateries, boutiques, and live music showcases coupled with a family-friendly atmosphere has earned national attention. Recently, Expedia ranked Bryan as one of the top 25 best places for holiday shopping across the United States, highlighting our historic downtown. People from across the world travel to see this Texas Cultural District and experience a piece of why life is better in Bryan. Learn more about Historic Downtown Bryan and the Downtown Bryan Association at www.downtownbryan.com.



City Course *at the Phillips Event Center*

The new Bryan municipal golf course, the City Course at the Phillips Event Center, is now open for play to the public. The City Course is located at 1929 Country Club Drive in Bryan. To reserve your tee time for play or to become a member, please contact the Phillips Event Center Pro Shop by calling 979.776.0133.

The rate structure previously approved by the Bryan City Council for the former municipal golf course will carry forward to the new City Course at the Phillips Event Center. The City will continue to offer individual, senior, and student (collegiate) memberships as well as family and corporate packages and non-member, guest daily rates. All first responders and active military guests receive the use of a cart complimentary with their green fee.

A grand opening celebration of the City Course was hosted on January 18th in conjunction with the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours at the Phillips Event Center. The City honored the donor, Mr. Wallace Phillips, and commemorated the official opening of the new municipal golf course.

Mr. Phillips graciously donated the 107-acre golf course located on Briarcrest Drive to the City with the Bryan City Council formally accepting the donation on December 12, 2017. In addition, the City Council purchased the large practice green and driving range located on the Clubhouse property and will lease approximately 6,000-square feet of building space to provide a Senior Center for special activities and programs.

Learn more about the City Course,
practice green, and driving range at:
bryantx.gov/golf.

Learn more about the
Phillips Event Center, Pro Shop,
Country Club, and other amenities at:
phillipsevents.com.



CITY COURSE
AT THE PHILLIPS EVENT CENTER