

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting Notes

April 9, 2018

Safety Report

Safety and Training Officer Ray Berger presented the April Safety Newsletter, which focuses on April being Distracted Driving Month. A short video clip demonstrating common driving distractions, produced by Continuous Improvement Team 4, was also shown.

Five Year Capital Improvement Plan for Non-Competitive Budgets

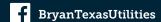
General Manager Gary Miller presented a proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for all BTU Divisions. The proposed budget reflects a \$10.5 million overall increase as compared to last year's five year CIP plan.

Transmission and Distribution Operating Report

Executive Director of Energy Delivery Randy Trimble discussed system outages for the month of March. The majority of issues occurring in both the Rural and City systems took place during a spring severe weather event.



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

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Billing/Collections/Connects (979) 821-5700

Electrical Outage/Lines Down

(979) 822-3777 Distribution/Line Design

(979) 821-5770



Celebrating the restoration and revitalization of one of Downtown Bryan's **crowning achievements**.

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Spring is here, which means it is time to schedule routine maintenance and inspections for your HVAC system.

Maintenance should be completed at least twice per year, especially before the major heating and cooling seasons. Services should be performed by the appropriate licensed personnel to identify any potential issues.

According to the United States Department of Energy, heating and cooling accounts for approximately half of a home's energy usage. Since it is such a large user of energy, it is important to properly maintain your HVAC system. System air filters should be changed on a monthly basis to prevent dust buildup. Buildup on the filter can cause your system to work harder and more frequently, raising your costs and reducing the lifespan of your system. It can also cause uneven heating and cooling throughout your home, and an abundance of allergens in the air.

There are some additional steps you can take to help keep your HVAC system running efficiently. Vacuuming the air vents regularly to prevent buildup and making sure that furniture and other items are not blocking air vents or returns in your home will help keep your unit functioning properly.

These simple steps will help prolong the life of your HVAC system and keep it running efficiently.

More Ways To Save This Summer:

- Keep your thermostat set at 78 for optimal efficiency.
- Close blinds and drapes to keep your home cooler.
- Only use ceiling fans when you are in the room! They provide a wind chill effect, which makes you feel cooler, but they don't reduce the temperature of a room.
- Cook outside on the grill to keep the heat out of your home.



The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) is predicting record-breaking peak usage this summer, driven primarily by the booming Texas economy. This, in addition to the recent retirement of older generating units, could lead to a tighter electric reserve during these warm months.

SMALL CHANGES TO YOUR REGULAR ROUTINE CAN HELP KEEP STRAIN OFF THE ELECTRIC GRID!

- Avoid running electric appliances such as dishwashers, washing machines, and dryers during the peak hours of 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Turn off all unnecessary lights
- Keep your thermostat as high as comfortably possible, especially during peak hours
- Utilize power strips for small appliances, and turn the strip off when those items are not in use
- Rely on your microwave or slow cooker to prepare meals during peak hours
- Reduce the temperature of your electric water heater to approximately 125 degrees

You can stay informed of the current status of the electric grid by downloading the ERCOT app on your Android or Apple devices! In addition to seeing how much energy is being used at any given time, it will also tell you when conservation is needed.





The goal of BTU's **SmartHOME** program is to encourage energy efficiency improvements that help customers reduce energy costs, and at the same time, reduce BTU's need to purchase or generate additional energy.

APPROVED MEASURES







REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- **Complete SmartHOME** application
- Before and after pictures of your project

Email your documents to smarthome@btutilities.com or mail them to PO Box 1000 | Bryan, TX 77805

Copies of project-related invoices (materials and labor)

FAQ

How much will I get back?

Your rebate will be between 10% and 25% of your total project cost. Incentive payments are calculated based on the type of energy efficiency upgrade(s) completed.

How will I get my rebate?

A check will be mailed to the address provided on your application.

How long does it take to receive my rebate?

Please allow 4 weeks for processing and approval from the time your completed application is received.

You can now apply for the **SmartHOME** program online!

Visit www.btutilities.com to access the online application and for more information on program requirements.



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By Elisabeth Reyes

Lake Bryan is your local recreation destination! The opportunities for warm weather fun are endless at Lake Bryan, and include fishing, boating, cycling, camping, swimming, and live music at the Lakeside Icehouse.







Lake Bryan covers 829 acres with a maximum depth of 45 feet and is stocked with a variety of fish including largemouth bass, catfish, crappie, tilapia, carp, and sunfish. The more than 12 miles of hiking and biking trails that surround the lake are popular with families, students, and groups such as the Brazos Valley Mountain Bike Association.

Utilize the maps and names of the trails, that can be found online, to determine whether you would like a leisurely ride around Sunset Strip or Peaceful Woods, or a more adventurous excursion on the Roller Coaster or Turbo Road trails.

With bike trails and access to large open areas, the lake has played host to a number of fun runs, bike races, obstacle runs, sorority and fraternity events, and even a circus! It is also home to both the Texas A&M Crew Team and Sailing Team.

The lake is also the perfect venue for your next birthday party, family reunion, or corporate event. A pavilion can be rented online or by phone to host events within the park. There is also a camping area reserved solely for use by the Boy and Girls Scouts of America.

Visit for the day, or stay a while at either our RV sites or traditional camping sites! Both are in close proximity to grills, picnic tables, and trash receptacles. The lake's location, just minutes from Texas A&M University and Downtown Bryan, is perfect for your next "staycation."

> Make Lake Bryan your family's stop for outdoor fun this summer!