



**BRYAN  
TEXAS  
UTILITIES**

## REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS *Meeting Notes*

**October 14, 2019**

### The Board approved the following contracts:

- Primary overhead unit services – Echo Powerline, LLC
- Secondary overhead unit services – Southern Electric Corporation of Mississippi
- Primary underground unit services – Bayer Construction Electrical Contractors, Inc.
- Secondary Underground Unit Services – Kasparian Underground, LLC
- Engineering services for converting overhead electric facilities to underground along Texas Avenue from State Highway 21 to Dodge Street – McCord Engineering, LLC
- Engineering services for design of BTU FY21 distribution CIP projects – M&S Engineering, LLC
- Construction services for FY20 CIP projects – Primoris T&D Services, LLC, Power Line Services, Inc., Bayer Construction Electrical Contractors, Inc.
- Construction services for overhead-to-underground distribution conversion along William J. Bryan Parkway from State Highway 6 to Texas Avenue – Primoris T&D Services, LLC
- Renewal for tree trimming and line clearance – Nelson Tree Service, Inc.



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### Hours of Operation

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

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### CITY OF BRYAN

Kean Register, City Manager  
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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**

**BRYAN TEXAS UTILITIES  
KIOSKS**



**SAVE TIME,  
SKIP THE LINE.**

Bring your BTU account number, BTU bill, keycard or reminder letter.

### WAYS TO PAY



**CASH**



**CHECK**



**CARD**

### VISIT ONE OF OUR CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

**BTU Drive Thru**  
205 E. 28th St.  
Open 24 Hours

**HEB Grocery**  
Tejas Center on Villa Maria  
Open 6 a.m. - Midnight

**HEB Grocery**  
Texas Ave. & Hwy 21  
Open 6 a.m. - 11 p.m.

### SOCIAL MEDIA



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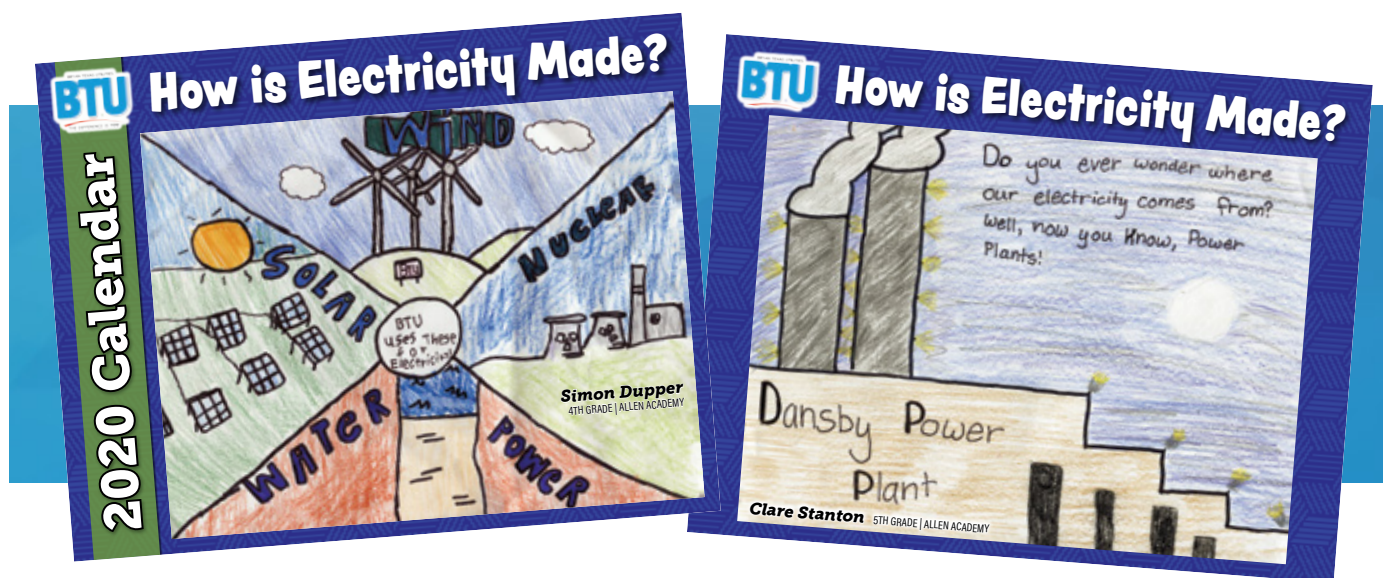


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# THE 2020 BTU KIDS CALENDAR IS NOW AVAILABLE!

**STOP BY OUR MAIN OFFICE AT 205. E. 28TH STREET TO PICK YOURS UP TODAY!**

For many years, BTU, in conjunction with local art teachers, has been hosting an artwork contest for elementary students around the community. Students in kindergarten through fifth grade are given a topic centering on the electric industry and they must create original artwork that depicts the topic. For the 2020 calendar, the topic was "How is Electricity Made?" Students learned about different sources of generation while creating drawings for the calendar.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FEATURED ARTISTS!

Front Cover – Simon Dupper, 4th grade, Allen Academy

January – Audrey Betancourt, 4th grade, Anson Jones Elementary

February – Kamil N. Nazquez, 3rd grade, Navarro Elementary

March – Ava K. Ravanbakhsh, 5th grade, Allen Academy

April – Leslie Leshe, 5th grade, Still Creek Christian Academy

May – Aaron Boley, 3rd grade, Allen Academy

June – Ian Molina, 2nd grade, Crockett Elementary

July – Kathy Kolasinski, 3rd grade, Allen Academy

August – Alexa Ponce, 3rd grade, Navarro Elementary

September – Hannah Mercure, 5th grade, Allen Academy

October – Jaqueline Ruiz Lopez, 3rd grade, Fannin Elementary

November – Vedant Mahajan, 3rd grade, Allen Academy

December – Bella Ribardo, 3rd grade, St. Joseph Catholic School

Back Cover – Clare Stanton, 5th grade, Allen Academy

### Honorable Mentions:

Josselin Antonio, 3rd grade, Fannin Elementary

Sujey Balderas, 2nd grade, Crockett Elementary

Johanna Carrillo, 3rd grade, Navarro Elementary

Kenneth Coronado, 3rd grade, Navarro Elementary

Monserrat Ortiz Hernandez, 2nd grade, Navarro Elementary

Uriel Hernandez, 3rd grade, Navarro Elementary

Jaycen E. T. King, 3rd grade, Navarro Elementary

Luke Kristynik, 2nd grade, St. Joseph Catholic School

Lorelie Lucio, 2nd grade, Crockett Elementary

Aubrey Matejka, 3rd grade, Navarro Elementary

Katherine Pena, 3rd grade, Fannin Elementary

Addie Perry, 5th grade, Allen Academy

Ismael Rodriguez, 3rd grade, Navarro Elementary

Rodrigo Rodriguez, 3rd grade, Navarro Elementary

Emily Shirley, 4th grade, St. Joseph Catholic School

Sophie Yakovleva, 3rd grade, Allen Academy



*Government-in-Action***YOUTH TOUR 2020****OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL  
GO ON YOUTH TOUR**

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. Don't wait until college to become a part of something bigger than you. Commit to Youth Tour now and find out why generations of Texas teens have called this 10-day adventure the trip of a lifetime. You'll be invigorated, challenged and moved to tears by the end. The 2020 Youth Tour is June 17-25. Apply online today! **Applications close February 5, 2020.**

**GROW YOUR  
CIRCLE OF FRIENDS**

You'll laugh until you can't breathe and cry when it's time to part ways with the new friends you'll have from all over Texas—and beyond.

**GAIN LEADERSHIP  
EXPERIENCE**

You'll have the chance to prove yourself as a leader. Any participant can apply to be on the national Youth Leadership Council; one Texas delegate will be chosen to return to D.C. for a leadership workshop.

**TOUR MEMORABLE  
MONUMENTS AND SEE YOUR  
GOVERNMENT AT WORK**

You'll be awed by historic buildings, artifacts and statues barely resembling the things you've seen on coins and in history books. And you'll get face time with your congressional representative on Capitol Hill.

## *Government-in-Action* **YOUTH TOUR** 2020 SCHEDULE

### **Wednesday, June 17:**

- Arrive in Austin and kick off with a great dinner!

### **Thursday, June 18:**

- Texas Capitol
- Zilker Botanical Garden
- Bullock Texas State History Museum
- Dinner at SoCo food trucks

### **Friday, June 19:**

- Arrive in Washington D.C.
- National Museum of American History
- Pentagon City Mall

### **Saturday, June 20:**

- Arlington National Cemetery
- Wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- Museum of the Bible
- Dinner in Old Town Alexandria

### **Sunday, June 21:**

- Mount Vernon
- Potomac River cruise for dinner and dance

### **Monday, June 22:**

- White House Photo op
- Smithsonian Institution Museums
- FDR Memorial
- Jefferson Memorial
- NRECA Youth Day ceremony

### **Tuesday, June 23:**

- Meet with Congressional Representatives
- Supreme Court
- Library of Congress
- Capitol Hill Photo op

### **Wednesday, June 24:**

- Washington Monument
- National Cathedral
- Lincoln Memorial
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- Korean War Veterans Memorial
- World War II Memorial
- Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial
- Holocaust Memorial Museum
- NRECA Night at the Newseum

### **Thursday, June 25:**

- Return to Austin
- Farewell celebration

### **EXPAND YOUR PERSPECTIVE AT MUSEUMS AND HISTORIC SITES**

You'll see, touch and experience history, science, art and culture up close, as you can nowhere else on Earth. You'll see what George Washington saw through the windows of his home and get chills of reverence at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

For more information about the Government-in-Action Youth Tour, visit our website, or contact Meagan Brown at (979) 821-5859.

[www.btutilities.com/government-in-action-youth-tour](http://www.btutilities.com/government-in-action-youth-tour)



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# 12 Days of

## Day 1



Jingle bell time is a swell time to invest in a programmable thermostat. You can schedule your HVAC to run when you will actually be home to enjoy it, and avoid wasting energy heating or cooling air while you aren't there. Programmable thermostats range from around \$25 for a basic model up to a couple hundred dollars for models that you can control from your phone.

## Day 2

The holidays are a wonderful time to enjoy that picturesque warm fire, but don't let your energy bills go up in smoke! Make sure you properly maintain your chimney by having it serviced by a professional and sealing around the flue and hearth. While you're at it, consider a glass fireplace cover to prevent heat loss and be as energy efficient as possible!



## Day 3



Yummy food is one of the best things about the holiday season. With your oven working overtime, how can you save money? Make sure your oven is an EnergyStar® rated model, which is tested by the Department of Energy and guaranteed to save energy, as opposed to a regular model. Also, try to make the most of a warm oven by cooking more than one dish at once or try a slow cooker recipe to forgo the oven altogether.

## Day 4

The weather outside is frightful, so keep it outside. Seal openings around doors and windows with weather stripping or caulking to prevent a draft from coming. Proper insulation in a home's attic and exterior walls is also important. If you upgrade your insulation, you may qualify for a rebate through BTU's SmartHOME Program. Visit our website for more information.



## Day 5



Deck the halls with LED lighting. LED holiday lighting is much more energy efficient than traditional lights, costing under \$1 to power for an entire season compared to \$10 for traditional lights according to the U.S. Department of Energy. LEDs also put off less heat and are made of plastic instead of glass, reducing the safety risk of a fire hazard or breakable bulbs.

## Day 6

Get your water heater its very own blankie. Blanket insulation wraps for your water heater can help reduce how many times your water heater has to reheat the water to provide it when needed, thus reducing your energy costs. Insulation blankets for water heaters are inexpensive and can be purchased at any home improvement store.



# Energy Efficiency

## Day 7



Santa Claus is coming to town, and so are all of your relatives. Laundry and dishes will pile up with extra people dirtying them up. Run full loads of laundry and the dishwasher to use your energy efficiently and conserve water.

## Day 8

Thinking of a last-minute gift? Make sure it is an EnergyStar® rated model. Appliances such as refrigerators and dishwashers, electronics such as televisions and computers, and lighting all have models that are EnergyStar® rated. They use up to 60% less energy than non-certified models.



## Day 9



Baby, it's cold outside. Use heavy drapes or even plastic coverings over windows to help reduce heat loss. If your windows need to be replaced, invest in an EnergyStar® rated replacement to receive a rebate through our SmartHOME program. Visit our website for more information.

## Day 10

Bundle up! Throw on some plush socks and matching pajamas, and make some hot chocolate so you can turn your heater down a few degrees. The U.S. Department of Energy recommends setting the thermostat at 68° when you are at home at 62° when you are sleeping or away from home.



## Day 11



Hot air rises, so reverse your ceiling fan. By reversing the airflow, the ceiling fan pushes the warmed air back down to you. A small switch located on the head of the fan is used to reverse the flow. Remember to change it back in the warmer months to achieve a wind chill effect.

## Day 12

Here comes the sun. Let the sun's radiant heat naturally heat your home by opening the drapes and blinds during the day. Make sure to close the blinds and drapes once the sun starts to set.





## COMMUNICATION *AWARDS*

Every day at Bryan Texas Utilities and the City of Bryan, we try to find ways to communicate effectively with the community we serve. From our social media, to this magazine, to the bill insert, and radio and television media, we aim to provide timely, relevant, and interesting content. We want to share our story of working alongside this community for more than 100 years.

Each year, the American Public Power Association (APPA) awards municipal utilities around the country on the effectiveness of their communications. At the APPA Customer Connections Conference in October, BTU was recognized with two Excellence in Communication Awards. We received an Award of Merit in the Print and Digital Category for the 2018 Annual Report. The theme of this report was "Supporting a Growing Community," highlighting the exponential growth the Brazos Valley has experienced in the last few years, and what BTU is doing to serve the ever-increasing customer base. The second award was an Award of Excellence in the Video category for an educational, commercial-type video entitled "Summer Energy Tips" that ran on television and on our website to provide customers with some easy ways to reduce energy consumption during the heat of summer.

BTU also received an Award of Excellence from the City-County Communications & Marketing Association (3CMA) for the website redesign that launched in August of 2018. The website has a much more user-friendly and intuitive feel, and the mobile version feels like an app, making it easy to navigate. The redesigned website has seen an increase in activity, especially in mobile traffic.

"The team of BTU's Energy Management Department and the City of Bryan's Communications and Marketing Department have done an excellent job in connecting with the community," BTU General Manager Gary Miller said. "We are proud to be recognized as standouts in the Public Power industry."





## LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY & DISPOSAL



The City of Bryan's Public Works Department and Fire Department offer help with cleanup and safety. Decorating the Christmas tree is always a lot of fun, and for most families, a yearly tradition. But cleaning up after the holidays can be a little less fun. Bryan Public Works wants to help by picking up your tree at curbside at no charge! Be sure the tree has been cleaned of all decorations, lights, tinsel, and metal and plastic stands.

The Bryan Fire Department reminds you of the fire danger with natural Christmas trees. Though tree fires are rare, a very dry Christmas tree can present a fire danger. A dry tree can burn very quickly, leaving little time to escape.

### HERE ARE SOME TIPS:

- When purchasing a natural tree, cut 1/2" off the trunk so that the tree can soak up the water.
- Keep a constant supply of water in the stand. Natural trees can "drink" a lot of water, especially when first set up.
- Keep any heat sources away from the tree.
- Use only UL listed light strings if you do decorate the tree with lights.

Live Christmas tree removal will be available curbside on brush and bulky pick-up days.

To view the brush and bulky pick-up schedule, please visit **[bryantx.gov](http://bryantx.gov)**