

Regular Board of Directors *Meeting Notes*

September 13, 2021

Recommendations of Bond Issuances to the Bryan City Council

The Board approved recommendations for the issuance of up to \$80 million in revenue bonds for the City Electric System and up to \$27.5 million in revenue bonds for the Rural Electric System. The City bond funds will be used for various purposes, including transmission system improvements and the construction of a new administration building. The Rural bond funds will be used for capital improvements to the Rural system.

Approval of a Contract for Line Clearance and Tree Trimming

The Board approved a renewal contract with Nelson Tree Service for the trimming and clearance services of BTU distribution feeder lines and transmission right-of-ways for Fiscal Year 2022.

Approval of a Contract for Primary Overhead Unit Services

The Board approved a renewal contract with Echo Powerline, LLC for services to overhead power lines for Fiscal Year 2022.

Approval of a Contract for Primary Underground Unit Services

The Board approved a renewal contract with Bayer Construction Electrical Contractors, Inc. for services to underground power lines for Fiscal Year 2022.

Approval of a Contract for Construction of FY22 CIP Projects

Randy Trimble, Executive Director of Energy Delivery, presented the bid tabulations for electrical contractors to assist BTU with nineteen selected Capital Improvement Projects for FY22. The Board approved a contract with Echo Powerline, LLC for seven of the projects and Power Line Services for twelve of the projects.



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 BTU Drive Thru – 205 E. 28th St. (Open 24 Hours)
 HEB Grocery – Tejas Center on Villa Maria
 HEB Grocery – Texas Ave. & Hwy 21

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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

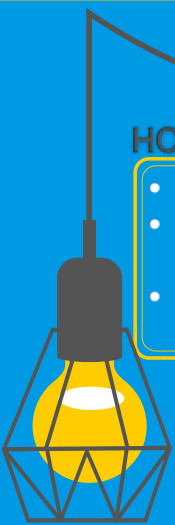
Top 5 Household Energy Users



Lighting

HOW TO SAVE ● **10%**

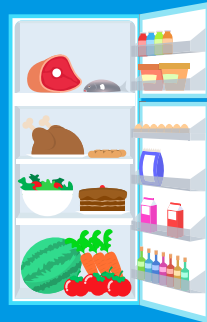
- Install LEDs
- Turn off unnecessary lighting
- Use natural light when possible



Refrigeration

HOW TO SAVE ● **7%**

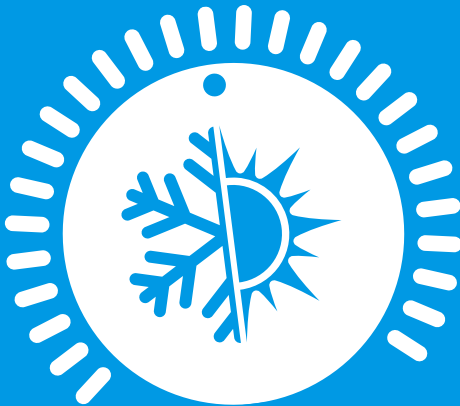
- Set to manufacturer's recommended temperature
- Clean area behind refrigerator and around coils
- Check seals periodically
- Replace old refrigerators with ENERGYSTAR® models



Heating & Cooling

HOW TO SAVE ● **32%**

- Use programmable thermostat
- Replace filters regularly
- Perform semi-annual checkups
- Use ceiling fans
- Draw blinds and curtains



Water Heating

HOW TO SAVE

● **14%**

- Set to 120°F
- Insulate around heater
- Use vacation setting when away from home for long periods
- Wash clothes in cold water



Electronics

HOW TO SAVE ● **7%**

- Unplug electronics when not in use
- Reduce screen brightness on televisions and monitors
- Use alternate means of entertainment



HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST



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Outlets

- Hand check all outlets monthly. If any are warm, or if you hear any popping or crackling in the outlet, turn off the breaker to that outlet and call an electrician.
- Make sure there is no more than one appliance plugged into a single outlet.
- Make sure plug prongs fit snugly in the outlet. If a plug is loose and easily dislodges from the outlet, replace the outlet.
- Use the "Test" button to check all indoor Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) outlets that are located near water, such as in the kitchen and bathrooms. If there is a plug near a water source that is not a GFCI plug, replace it with a new GFCI plug.
- Check all exterior outlets and make sure the weather covers are in good working condition. All exterior outlets should be GFCI protected.



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Cords

- Check all cords for exposed wires or cracked plugs, and replace any bad cords immediately.
- Check all cords monthly. If a cord feels hot to the touch, stop using it immediately. Check to make sure the cord is rated to support the appliance it is powering.
- Make sure no cords run across doorways or under rugs.
- Do not use an extension cord as a permanent outlet. Have an additional outlet installed if necessary.
- Do not plug an extension cord into another extension cord, as each extension cord is designed for only the specific length.
- Do not cut off the grounding prong of a three-prong cord to make it fit a two-prong outlet. A prong adapter is not a good solution, as it can make the electrical equipment vulnerable to potential damage. Replace the outlet instead.



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Lighting

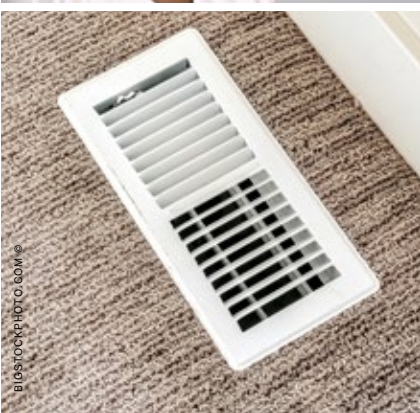
- Check all light bulbs to make sure they are at or below the maximum wattage on the lamp or light. Consider switching to all LED bulbs to keep wattages at a minimum.
- Check all light bulbs for flickering. If it is an incandescent bulb, replace it immediately. If it is an LED bulb, check to see if it is a non-dimmable bulb used in a dimmable light switch. If so, replace with a dimmable LED bulb. Also, mixing LED and incandescent bulbs in the same circuit can cause lights to flicker. If none of these fixes work, call an electrician immediately to have the wiring checked.



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Appliances

- Make sure heat-producing appliances, such as toasters, coffee makers, space heaters, etc., are located away from combustible goods, such as drapes, napkins, or paper towels.
- Make sure small appliances, such as toasters or hair dryers, are unplugged when not in use.
- Make sure space heaters are located well away from water sources and potentially flammable objects, such as drapes or furniture.
- Make sure a working Class C fire extinguisher is located in or near the kitchen. If an electrical appliance catches fire, do not use water! Use the Class C fire extinguisher and unplug the appliance when it is safe to do so.



Energy Efficient Décor

While most energy efficiency options are considered during construction or renovation of a home, there are several energy saving decorating options that can make a home both beautiful and energy efficient. Regardless of your budget, a few small changes can result in big savings on your energy bill.

Lighting

A significant portion of your home's energy usage comes from lighting, which is also among the easiest and most cost effective home décor choices. A single 10-watt Light Emitting Diode (LED) bulb emits the equivalent amount of light as a 100-watt incandescent bulb. Modern LEDs come in a wide variety of light color ranges, including soft white, bright white, cool white, and daylight. There are even smart LED bulbs that can change hues to match your mood or help you relax. Because LED lights use 90 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs, it is more economical to replace all your old bulbs immediately rather than waiting for old bulbs to burn out. The payback period for this change-out is only a few months; a few weeks for those bulbs that are on the majority of the time.

Another benefit to LED light bulbs is they produce a minimal amount of heat. A 100-watt incandescent bulb will reach temperatures of over 330 degrees Fahrenheit, while an LED will reach a mere 87 degrees. By reducing the temperature of your lighting, you reduce the risk of fire as well as slightly easing the load on your air conditioning system.

Furniture and Appliance Placement

Before making furniture placement choices, know where your home's vents and thermostats are located. Some homes have vents in the flooring, which must be kept clear to keep the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system running properly. Placing furniture over a return air vent will make the HVAC run much harder, reducing the system's efficiency as well as increasing the likelihood of maintenance issues. Placing heat producing electronics (such as a stereo tuner) near a wall thermostat will trick the system into thinking the home is warmer than it actually is, causing insufficient heating or cooling throughout the rest of the home.

Window Treatments

Window blinds and drapes can help reduce your home's energy costs. Closing the blinds and drapes on the east, south, and west sides of your home during the summer can keep the radiant heat from the sun, called solar heat gain, from entering your home. During the winter, opening the same drapes and blinds will allow the solar heat gain to help warm your home. Just remember to close the blinds or drapes at night to keep the cold radiation out.

For homes with an open window concept, consider adding solar screens. Solar screens can reduce solar heat gain by up to 90 percent while also preventing UV damage and fading to floors, curtains, and furniture without blocking the view from inside the home. Remove and store the solar screens during cold periods to take advantage of the solar heat gain to help warm your home. Another benefit to adding solar screens to your home is they may be eligible for BTU's SmartHOME rebate program. For more information on the SmartHOME program, go to btutilities.com and click on the Energy Efficiency tab.



Now is the Time to Winterize Your Home's Exterior

Is your home's exterior ready for a cold, wet winter? Keeping your home's exterior in top condition does not have to be expensive, and a little money spent now can save your home from costly repairs later. Here are a few tips to protect your home's exterior this winter.

Clean your gutters.

Gutters that are filled with leaves, sticks, and debris can easily become clogged, which can cause water to seep under the roof edge and into your attic, causing serious damage to rafters and ceilings. Once water leaks into the house, mold can begin to develop in less than 48 hours. Clogged gutters can also lead to the formation of ice dams, which can cause gutters to bend, break, or become detached from your home. An old plastic or rubber spatula is a great tool to scoop out debris from your gutters. Once the gutters have been scooped out, use your hose to fully flush out the gutters and downspouts.

Insulate your exterior plumbing.

Now is the time to take a good look at each one of your outdoor faucets. If necessary, add caulk if there is any space between the diameter of the pipe and your outside wall. Make sure you have a good insulated cover for each outdoor faucet, and replace any covers that are cracked or in poor condition. Purchase replacement covers now, because the home improvement stores may run out once the first freeze of the year is forecast.

Inspect and clean your chimney.

Regardless of how frequently you use your wood-burning fireplace or stove, your chimney should be cleaned and inspected at least annually. The smoke from burning wood creates a buildup of soot and flammable tar known as

creosote, which can build up on the inside walls of the chimney and hamper proper ventilation, allowing toxic gases like carbon monoxide to backflow inside your home. In some instances, creosote can catch fire inside the chimney, causing damage to the chimney components and starting a house fire.

A professional chimney sweep can remove the creosote buildup from inside your chimney, inspect all components of the chimney for damage, and make adjustments so your fireplace can operate with greater efficiency and effectiveness. A standard cleaning and inspection for your chimney should cost about \$200.

Inspect your exterior windows and doors.

As window and door frames age, gaps and cracks can form, allowing moisture and pests to enter and damage your home. Look for any openings where the window or door frames meet the exterior wall and seal the openings with a good quality hybrid caulk, which combines silicone and polyurethane. Exterior caulk tends to dry out and shrink over time, so if you find any gaps due to dried out caulking, you will need to scrape off the old caulk and clean the area before applying new caulk. Do not apply new caulk over the old dried caulk, or else you will have to repeat the repair in a few months because the old caulk will continue to shrink and pull away.



THE WHO

Three local high school students will be chosen as winners for the Government-in-Action Youth Tour trip. To be eligible students must be a sophomore, junior, or senior in high school and either live in or attend school in the Bryan Texas Utilities (BTU) service territory. All applicants must apply online at btutilities.com/youthtour/. Candidates will be judged on their responses to an essay question, their extracurricular activities, and academic and civic leadership.

THE WHAT

Each year, BTU sponsors the winning students to go on the "trip of a lifetime." The Youth Tour is a 10-day all-expense paid trip to Austin, TX and Washington D.C. with peers from around the nation. Students learn about history, leadership, and fellowship with other young leaders each June. The local winners will join more than 150 others from Texas in touring memorials, museums, and monuments all while forging lifelong friendships. Uniquely, these young leaders also have an opportunity to meet with their congressional representative to discuss issues important to their community.

THE WHEN

Applications are currently being accepted through February 1, 2022. The trip will take place June 12-21, 2022.

THE WHERE

Students from Texas meet up in our state capital of Austin for a few days of touring memorials and museums to learn about state history. Students then travel by chartered flight to Washington D.C. for a week of fun-filled days touring attractions and historical sites.

THE WHY

The idea to send students to Washington came from President Lyndon B. Johnson, a Texan who advocated for rural electrification and youth development. In 1957, when he was still a U.S. senator, Johnson suggested "sending youngsters to the national capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents."

This notion evolved in the 1960s into a nationwide effort to send young people on organized, fun, and educational trips to the nation's capital. Today, electric utilities from nearly every state send more than 1,500 youths to Washington, D.C., each June. More than 50,000 students have toured the capital thanks to their local utilities since 1965.

BTU is committed to empowering the community we serve, and that means providing more than electricity. BTU also works to improve quality of life in the Brazos Valley, which includes investing in the area's young people. We are working to shape tomorrow's leaders by proudly sponsoring three local high school students to attend the Government-in-Action Youth Tour.

For questions, contact Meagan Brown at mbrown@btutilities.com.

NOTE Special precautions are being taken to address the possibility of changes due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, including limiting group sizes and social distancing.*

Celebrate the Holiday Season in Bryan

You're invited!

Enjoy the most wonderful time of the year with family-friendly events and programs hosted by the City of Bryan Parks & Recreation Department, the City of Bryan, and Destination Bryan throughout the holiday season.



The City of Bryan is celebrating 150 years.

You're invited to take part in upcoming activities celebrating this exciting milestone. To learn more about these events, visit:

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To view a full list of local events, visit:

destinationbryan.com/events



Learn more about City of Bryan events and library programs.

To learn more, visit:

bryantx.gov



City of Bryan Parks & Recreation
Holiday Magic 2021

Thursday, December 2, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sue Haswell Memorial Park,

1142 E. William J. Bryan Pkwy., Bryan, TX 77803

Come sled down the snow hill, have your pictures taken with Santa, and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. There will also be other entertainment, inflatables, games, train rides and a drop box for your letters to Santa. There will be free shuttles from Blinn College to help alleviate parking constraints.

FREE EVENT!

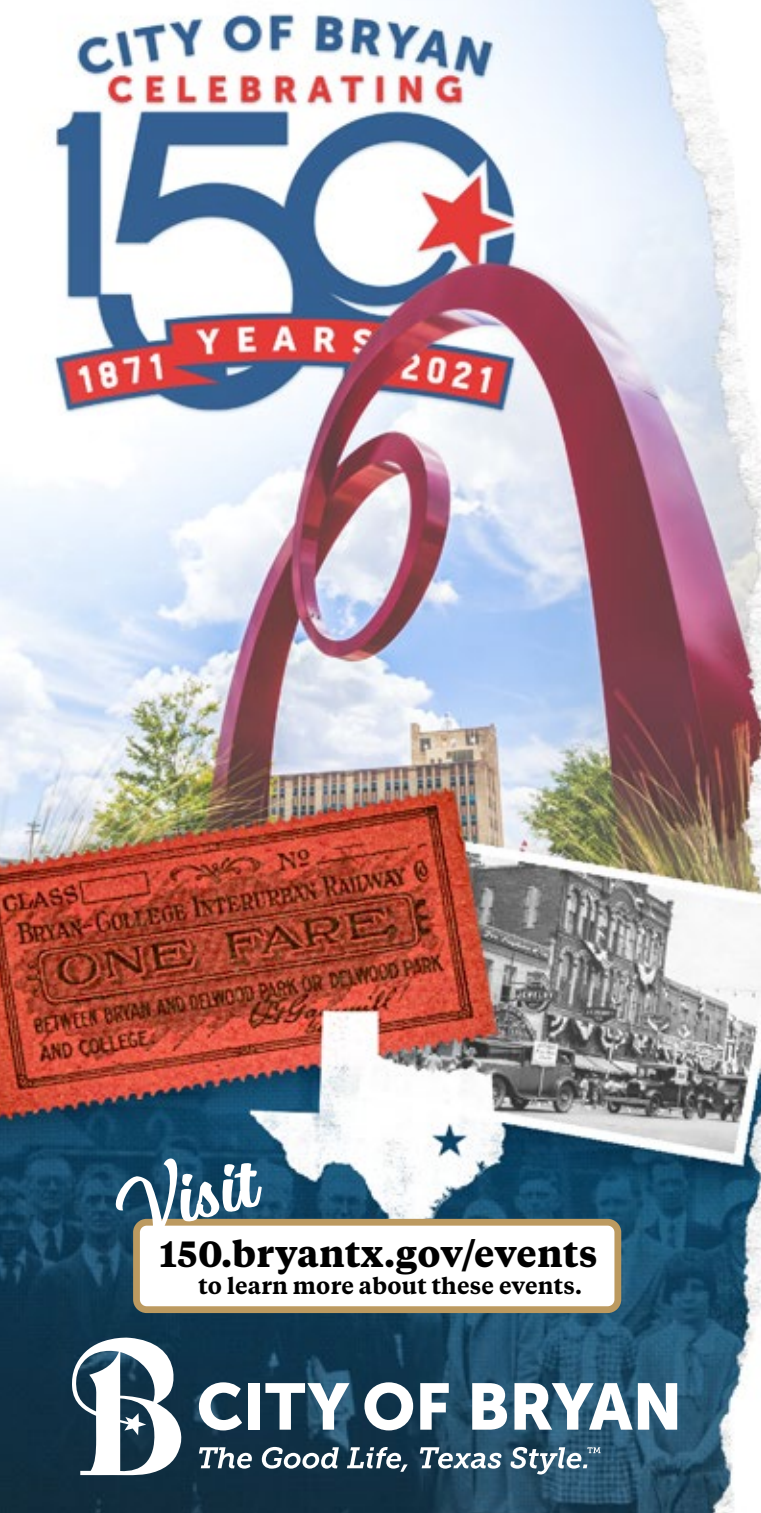


Thanksgiving Closures

- ★ **BTU & City of Bryan offices:** Closed: Thursday, November 25 & Friday, November 26
- ★ **Solid Waste:** No trash collection or brush & bulky items service: Thursday, November 25
 - Residential collection for Thursday's route will be collected on Friday.
 - Brush & bulky collection for Thursday's route will be collected on Saturday.
- ★ **Bryan + College Station Library System:** Closed: All libraries will close Wednesday, November 24 at 5 p.m. through Sunday, November 28

Join the 150th Anniversary Celebration

November 29, 2021 marks the official 150th anniversary of the City of Bryan's incorporation, and you're invited to take part in upcoming activities celebrating this exciting milestone.



Upcoming Activities

- Visit the Interactive History Display

In the "150 Collection," more than 30 items are on display at Clara B. Mounce Public Library and the Carnegie History Center for the city's 150th anniversary. Scan QR codes to see more information about each item. Visit during the libraries' open hours.

- Immerse Yourself in History Online

An interactive, media-rich timeline of Bryan's history is now available to view on the 150th Anniversary website, 150.bryantx.gov.

- History Tours

Destination Bryan has two options for community members to experience history themselves through history tours:

- **Guided history tours:** In-person tours will be offered on November 5 in historical Downtown Bryan. The tours are free, but RSVPs are required. Look for signups available at 150.bryantx.gov about two weeks before the tours.
- **Self-led history tours:** Tour historical sites in Bryan on your own time, and earn prizes along the way. Participate in the mobile history tour by checking in at each location by December 31 to win a Bryan gift pack. Details at DestinationBryan.com/history.

- Time Capsule

On November 9, Bryan City Council will bury a time capsule in front of the Municipal Office Building. The capsule will include items indicative of current times. Check 150.bryantx.gov closer to the date for the exact time.

- Free Concert Downtown

Kick off the big celebration on November 12 at the Palace Theater in Downtown Bryan. Check 150.bryantx.gov for details closer to the event.

- Free Community Thanksgiving Meal

November 13 / 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal, followed by a program and musical entertainment. Head to 150.bryantx.gov to RSVP, as space is limited.

- Heart of the Valley Musical

The Theater Company of Bryan-College Station and Bryan ISD's fine arts department will put on performances of "The Heart of the Valley" on November 19 and 20. Look for more details about tickets in late October at 150.bryantx.gov.

Visit

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to learn more about these events.

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