

Regular Board of Directors *Meeting Notes*

October 10, 2022

Approval of an Easement to ATMOS

The Board granted an easement to ATMOS for an all-weather road located off of Mumford Road in north Brazos County.

Approval of a Contract Extension for Distribution Pole Inspections

The Board approved a contract extension with Davey Resource Group for the continuation of distribution pole inspections.

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The Board approved a contract for the East to College Station Switch 138kV Transmission Line Relay Upgrade Project with Power Lineman, LLC.

Presentation of 2020 Electric Utility Uncollectible Debt Write-Off

Ms. Vicki Reim, Division Manager of Customer Operations, presented the 2020 electric write-offs. A slight increase over prior year uncollectible debts was attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated bankruptcies. Ms. Reim also stated that in 2022 BTU staff collected more than \$73,000 in previously written-off debt from prior years.

Approval of Contracts for the Transmission and Distribution Departments

Mr. Randy Trimble, Executive Director of Energy Delivery, presented the bid tabulations and recommendations for several Transmission and Distribution projects.

- The Board approved a contract with Meyers Utilities Structures for the purchase of steel poles for the Smetana-Leonard Road Transmission Line Project.
- The Board approved a contract with Utility Construction Services for Fiscal Year 2023 for primary overhead unit services.
- The Board approved a contract with Southern Electric Corporation of Mississippi for secondary overhead unit services.

Emergency Operations Plan Tabletop Exercise

Mr. Gary Miller, General Manager, informed the Board that BTU hosted a tabletop exercise of BTU's Emergency Operations Plan as filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas. The tabletop was held earlier in the month with representatives present from BTU and other local and state agencies.

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

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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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CASH



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CARD

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Electrical Outage/Lines Down

(979) 822-3777

Line Design

(979) 821-5770

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2023 GOVERNMENT-IN-ACTION YOUTH TOUR

Applications are NOW OPEN!

The Where

Students from Texas meet up in our state capital, Austin, TX, for a couple of 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 Who

Three local high school students will be chosen as winners for the trip. To be eligible students must be a sophomore, junior, or senior in high school and either live in or attend school in the 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 When

Applications are currently being accepted through February 1, 2023.

The trip will take place June 11-19, 2023.

The Why

The idea to send students to Washington D.C. 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. Since 1965, more than 50,000 students have toured the capital thanks to their local utilities.

Bryan Texas Utilities (BTU) is committed to powering and 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.

Apply online today at btutilities.com/youthtour

ENERGY EFFICIENCY: The Gift that Keeps on Giving

Everyone has that someone that is impossible to find the perfect gift for. This Christmas, give them a gift that keeps on giving – an energy efficient appliance or gadget.

For the Techie

There is a host of “smart” devices available on the market today. Shoppers have options ranging from smart TVs and streaming devices to voice activated devices and smart thermostats.

Smart TVs and streaming devices are often Energy Star® certified to save on energy costs while providing a cool entertainment device. They use less energy than traditional TVs connected to cable boxes or video gaming consoles.

Smart speakers and voice activated devices like those from Amazon and Google are designed to be energy efficient and can be used to monitor or control other smart devices like smart plugs or lighting. You can set a customized holiday lighting schedule just by asking your voice home assistant to create one.

Heating and cooling accounts for about half of the average home’s annual energy usage. Opt for a smart thermostat that can learn a household’s routine and create a schedule to fit. Many thermostats can also be controlled remotely via phone or voice activated devices to allow for easy adjustments.



For the Foodie

New kitchen appliances are the best way to a foodie’s heart. The options are endless from stand mixers and pressure cookers to big ticket items like refrigerators and dishwashers. Opt for Energy Star® rated models that are certified to save on energy costs.

Gift your favorite foodie with a popular multi-cooker that combines pressure cookers and slow cookers into a one-pot, mealtime wonder. Another on-trend appliance is an air fryer, a miniature counter-top convection oven that produces deliciously crisp grub in a short timeframe.

If your foodie has more of a sweet tooth, choose a stand mixer with all the attachments. Some of the accompaniments can grind meat, spiral slice vegetables, roll-out pasta dough and even make small batches of ice cream.

If you are looking to splurge, consider an Energy Star® rated refrigerator or dishwasher. Refrigerators should be set to cool to around 36°F and 38°F and freezers should cool to about 0°F to ensure food freshness and energy efficiency. Only run full loads in the dishwasher and consider air-drying the dishes for maximum savings.

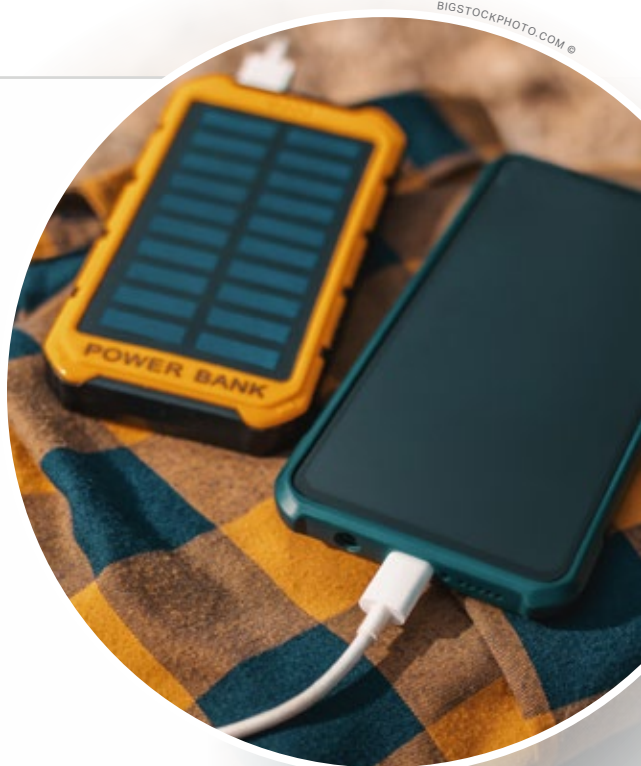
For the Outdoorsy One

Even when in nature, there are a few modern luxuries one cannot live without. Try gifting gadgets that will come in handy on their next camping trip or hike.

If the outdoorsy recipient wants to stay connected even when off-grid, give them a solar-powered phone charger. Some models of power banks are waterproof and even come with built-in flashlights.

If your outdoorsman needs to pack a bag to take along, try gifting a solar-powered backpack. Some models of backpacks include solar-powered USB ports, insulated meal compartments, laptop and tablet storage areas, and are TSA approved.

Even in Texas, the weather turns chilly now and then. Give your outdoorsy friend or family member the gift of warmth with a rechargeable heated jacket or hand warmer. The machine washable jackets heat to various levels with a long battery life.



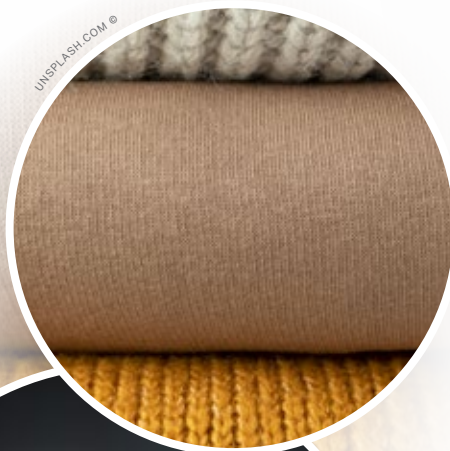
For the Homebody

Fans of the indoors love cozy nights by the fire and all the comforts of home. Add to their relaxing sanctuary by gifting them an energy efficient gift anyone would love.

To keep them warm on a cold night, opt for an energy efficient model of a decades-old favorite – the electric blanket. Today's versions are a far cry from the old scratchy electric blankets your mom or grandma kept lying around. Throw one of these on while watching TV and turn the thermostat down a few degrees to save on utility costs.

Does your homebody friend love some good self-care time? Treat them with a thermostatic valve hot water saver. Gone are the days of standing around waiting for the shower to get hot. Simply turn on the shower and walk away to finish your coffee. The device will alert you when the shower is warm (a balmy 95°F) and slows the output to a drip until you get in. Once you are ready, pull the cord to initiate the full-pressure shower. This device is not only convenient but will save on water and electric costs.

Gift your homebody with a Smart Plug or a Smart Power Strip. These devices can be controlled remotely via a voice activated device or from a smartphone, making it easy to turn down the lights for movie night without moving from the couch.



With these recommendations, you will earn a reputation for the best gift-giver and energy efficiency aficionado!



IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE TRAVIS BRYAN **MIDTOWN PARK**

The city is opening up parts of the park so residents may enjoy certain amenities, including walking trails and open green spaces. Some parts of the park will remain under construction over the next two years, and residents are encouraged to pay attention to barricades, temporary fencing, and signs for their safety.

DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE PARK ARE CURRENTLY IN VARIOUS STAGES OF COMPLETION:

MIDTOWN PARK BOULEVARD

The southern portion of the roadway from Villa Maria Road to the first roundabout is open for use. The northern portion from the first roundabout to Williamson Drive is closed to general traffic until Legends Event Center opens in December.

PARKING

Approximately 600 parking spaces are being constructed at Legends Event Center and in the park's central parking lot. These lots are scheduled to open when Legends Event Center opens in December.

TRAILS

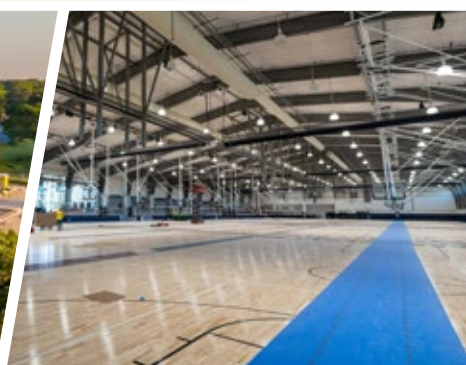
About two miles of 12-foot-wide trails are planned for the park. Right now, residents can enjoy an approximately 1-mile trail on the west side of Midtown Park Boulevard.

The east side trail will open in phases as work on the lake is complete, and should fully open in early 2024.

MIDTOWN PARK LAKE

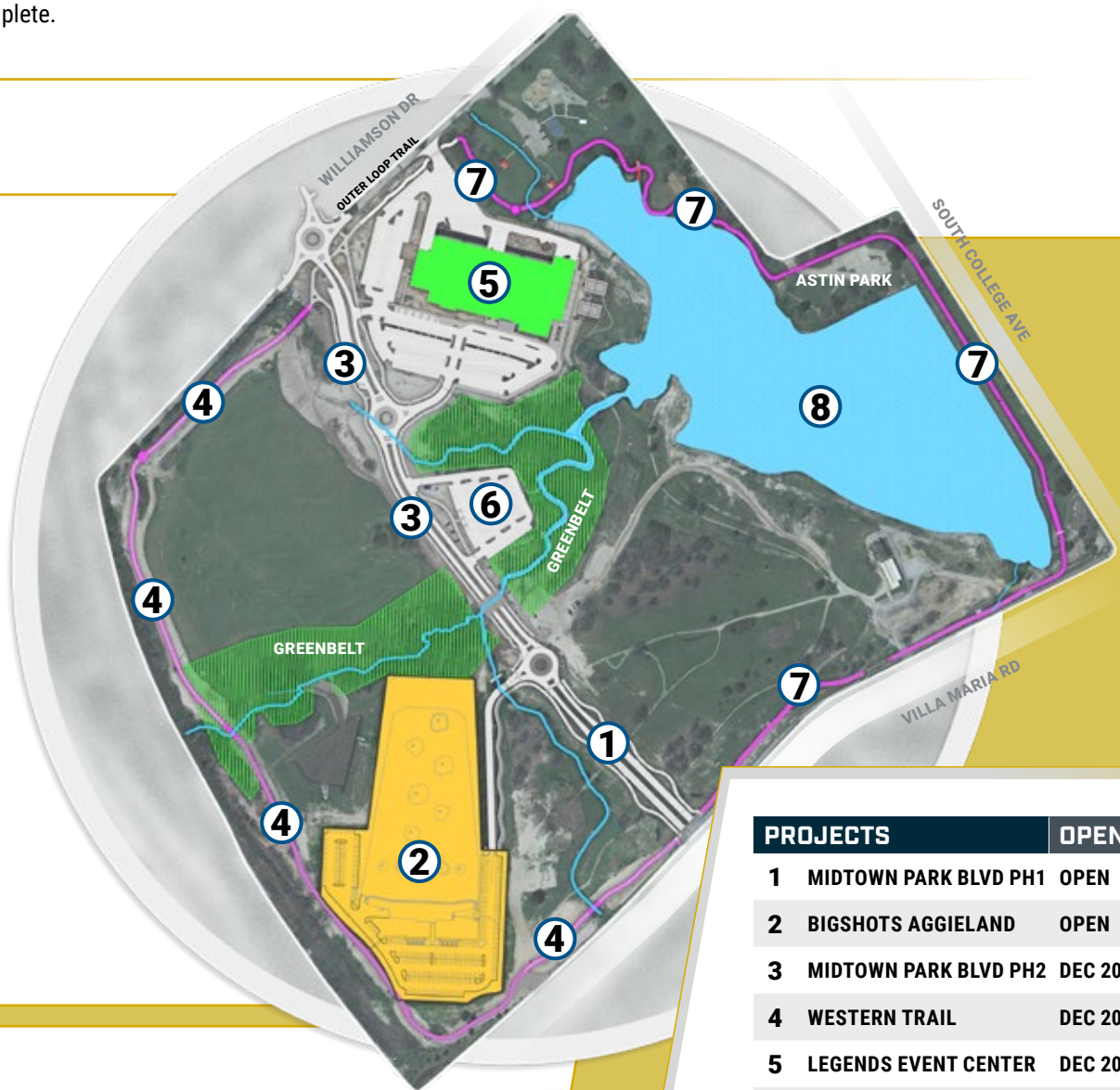
There is still much work to be done before the lake is fully complete. As additional construction phases begin, impacted sections of the lake will be fenced off. Construction phases include raising the existing dam, a new emergency spillway, and removing the old spillway – and all require Texas Commission on

Environmental Quality (TCEQ) approval. The dam is expected to be complete in early 2024, pending required TCEQ approval. When complete the lake will be as deep as 6 to 8 feet. Three fishing piers are planned for the lake and are expected to be installed by 2024. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will



LEGENDS EVENT CENTER

With Legends Event Center set to open its doors soon, residents passing by Travis Bryan Midtown Park may notice some changes happening at the park. The construction fencing around the park has been removed, but that doesn't mean the work is complete.



restock the lake with fish in 2024, and fountains will be installed in 2024 to provide aesthetic value and help with water quality. City crews have been cleaning up areas in the park and around the lake, with final cleanup planned for the lake completion in 2024.

PROJECTS		OPENING
1	MIDTOWN PARK BLVD PH1	OPEN
2	BIGSHOTS AGGIELAND	OPEN
3	MIDTOWN PARK BLVD PH2	DEC 2022
4	WESTERN TRAIL	DEC 2022
5	LEGENDS EVENT CENTER	DEC 2022
6	CENTRAL PARKING LOT	DEC 2022
7	EASTERN TRAIL	2024
8	MIDTOWN LAKE	2024

Texas Winter Temperature Scale

You can bet the farm that Texans use colloquialisms and adages to describe most things in life. There are especially colorful sayings referring to the wild weather the state experiences. Remember the energy tips below when the temperature drops this winter.

1 Cold as a frosted frog.

Anything under 50°F. Many species of frogs hibernate by burrowing in the ground when temperatures dip.

When temperatures are in the 50s, open window drapes and blinds during the day to let the sun's radiant heat warm your home at no cost. Make sure to close them as the sun sets to help insulate windows against the nighttime chill.

2 On a positive note, I haven't seen a mosquito in weeks.

35°F to 25°F. Mosquitoes or "skeeters" are a trademark of the Brazos Valley's warm and humid climate. Sometimes the only good thing about the cold is the absence of biting nuisances.

If the weather is forecasted to bring below freezing temperatures, make sure you take care of the four P's – people, pets, pipes and plants. Make sure your neighbors and pets have a warm place to shelter. Wrap and insulate pipes to prevent freezing and bursting. Cover plants or relocate them to protect them from frost. Use weather-stripping or caulking to seal around doors and windows to keep cold drafts from entering and warm air from escaping your home.

3 Colder than a well-digger's (knee, hind-end, elbow).

25°F to 15°F. When wells were once dug by hand, the digger would often be deep in the earth in all types of weather.

Set thermostats as low as comfortably possible while you are awake and even lower when you are sleeping or away from home. Heating costs make up the largest portion of winter energy bills. If you have an electric heat pump, take care not to turn the thermostat up more than two degrees at a time to avoid triggering auxiliary heat strips that consume a great deal of energy.

4 Cold as a cast-iron commode.

15°F to 5°F. Cast-iron has long been a favorite cooking pot material of southern chefs due to its even and long-lasting heat distribution. Imagine the utter lack of heat and how cold that iron would be on one's derrière.

Set the water heater thermostat to the "warm" setting or 120°F. This is plenty warm enough for a steamy shower while saving on energy costs and avoiding scalding.

5 Hell has frozen over.

5°F to -459.67°F "absolute zero". Absolute zero is the scientific term for the lowest limit of the thermodynamic temperature scale. Basically, it is so cold, snowballs do have a chance in hell.

Combat the cold with a fire of your own. Make sure to open the fireplace damper when you have a fire burning, but close it once the embers cool. Consider installing tempered glass doors and a heat-air exchange system to blow warm air back into the room and maximize efficiency.



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LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE *Safety & Disposal*

The City of Bryan's Public Works and Fire Departments have a few reminders when it comes to your Christmas trees.

SAFETY

Decorating your Christmas tree is always a lot of fun each year. If you like having a live tree, be sure to keep the following tips in mind to prevent a possible fire hazard.

- Before placing the tree in water, cut 2 inches off of the trunk.
- Ensure a constant supply of water in the stand. A dry tree can burn very quickly, leaving little time to escape
- Keep any type of heat source, including candles, away from the tree.
- If you decorate the tree with lights, make sure they are UL-listed.

DISPOSAL

Once you're ready to dispose of the tree, remove all of the decorations along with the metal/plastic stands and place it at the curb on your regularly scheduled brush and bulky day. Bryan Public Works will dispose of it for you at no charge.

To view the brush and bulky pick-up schedule, please visit bryantx.gov

