



## Regular Board of Directors MEETING NOTES

October 9, 2023

### Contract Approval for FY23 CIP Projects

The Board approved a contract with Irby Construction Company for remaining Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Improvement Projects.

### Contract Approval for a Transmission Line Project

The Board approved a contract with Black & Veatch Engineering for design services for the Dansby to Business Park 69KV Transmission Line project.

### 2021 Electric Utility Uncollectible Debt Write-Off

Mr. Doug Lyles, Executive Director of Business and Customer Operations, discussed the 2021 electric write-offs. The total write-off amount is \$186,852.40 for 2021. In 2023, nearly \$75k in previously written-off debt was collected due to sound collection processes.

### Contract Approval for FY24 CIP Projects

The Board approved a contract with Henkles & McCoy for four Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Improvement Projects.

### Contract Approval for the Wellborn Substation Expansion

The Board approved a contract with Lambda Construction I, LTD. for the construction of the Wellborn Substation Expansion.



## BTU KIOSKS

Pay using cash, card or check at any one of our three convenient locations by entering your account number, listed on either your bill or your reminder letter, or by scanning a keycard provided by BTU. Keycards can be requested in the BTU main office.

### KIOSK LOCATIONS

- BTU Drive Thru – open 24 hours
- HEB at Texas Ave. & Hwy 21 – open 6am-12am
- HEB in the Tejas Center – open 6am-12am

## BRYAN TEXAS UTILITIES

205 East 28th Street • Bryan, TX 77803

email: [ContactBTU@btutilities.com](mailto:ContactBTU@btutilities.com)

## btutilities.com

### Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM

### Board of Directors

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James Bodine

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Shawndra Curry

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Clay Lindstrom

Gary Massey

### City of Bryan

Kean Register, City Manager

William J. Smith, Chief Financial Officer

## Important Numbers

### Billing/Collections/Connects

(979) 821-5700

### Electrical Outage/Lines Down

(979) 822-3777

### Line Design

(979) 821-5770

## Social Media

BryanTexasUtilities 

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**2024**  
**Government-in-Action**

# YOUTH TOUR

Applications are  
**NOW OPEN!**

## **The Where**

Students from Texas 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](https://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, 2024.**

**The trip will take place June 16-23, 2024.**

## **The Why**

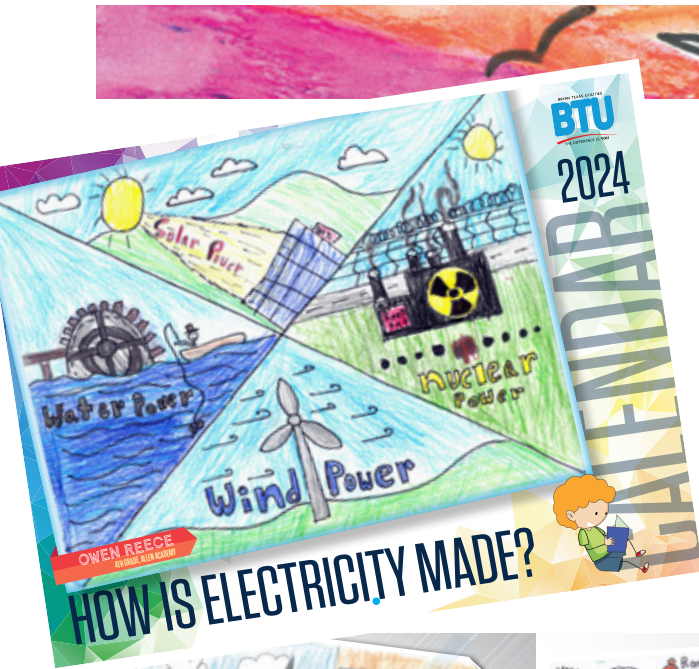
The idea to send students to Washington D.C. came from President Lyndon B. Johnson, a Texan who advocated for rural electrification and youth development. In 1957, when he was still a U.S. senator, Johnson suggested "sending youngsters to the national capital where they can actually see what the flag 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](https://btutilities.com/youthtour)**





# 2024 BTU Kids Calendar

## *How is Electricity Made?*

### NOW AVAILABLE!



For over 25 years, Bryan Texas Utilities has collaborated with the art instructors at 16 elementary schools in our service area to produce the annual BTU Kids Calendar Contest. The theme of the 2024 Bryan Texas Utilities Kids Calendar is ***How is Electricity Made***. We asked kindergarten through fourth grade students who live and go to school in the BTU service area to create artwork that focuses on how we can use electricity safely while avoiding electrical hazards.

This year's response was outstanding, as art instructors at the participating schools submitted hundreds of art entries for the calendar. Our judges had a difficult time narrowing down their choices for placement in this year's calendar. BTU would like to thank and applaud all of the participating elementary art teachers and their students for the nearly overwhelming number of entries in this year's contest.

***BTU would like to thank the following schools for their participation in the 2024 BTU Calendar!***

Allen Academy  
Bonham Elementary  
Bowen Elementary  
Branch Elementary  
Crockett Elementary  
Fannin Elementary

Henderson Elementary  
Houston Elementary  
Johnson Elementary  
Jones Elementary  
Kemp-Carver Elementary  
Mitchell Elementary

Navarro Elementary  
Neal Elementary  
Ross Elementary  
Snook Elementary

BTU Kids' Calendars are distributed to all elementary schools in the BTU service area, and are available on a first-come, first-served basis in the lobby of the BTU Administration Building, located at 205 East 28th Street in Bryan.



# Energy-Efficient Gifts

As the festive season approaches, many of us are busy making our lists and checking them twice, searching for the perfect gifts to surprise our friends and family. This Christmas, embrace the gift of energy efficiency, making homes, hearts and pockets a little warmer.



## Energy Star-Rated Appliances:

### Modern Convenience with Minimal Energy Use

Energy Star-rated appliances are a gift that keeps on giving. From washing machines to dishwashers and refrigerators, these certified appliances consume less electricity and water than traditional models. Investing in Energy Star-rated appliances lead to significant energy savings and lower utility bills.



## Smart Thermostats:

### The Gift of Intelligent Comfort

Upgrade your loved one's home with a smart thermostat. These devices adapt to heating and cooling preferences, optimizing energy usage. They provide a comfortable living environment while reducing energy consumption and saving on heating and cooling costs.

*As we embrace the spirit of giving, consider gifts that keep on giving through energy savings. Make this holiday season a little greener, a lot brighter, and truly energy-efficient.*



## LED Holiday Lighting:

### A Merry and Bright Holiday Season

Swap out traditional incandescent Christmas lights for energy-efficient LED versions. LED lights use up to 80% less energy as compared to traditional lights. LEDs are typically made of break-resistant plastic, reducing safety concerns. They also last up to 25 times longer, ensuring a vibrant display for your festive decorations for years to come.



## Energy-Efficient Fireplaces:

### Stay Warm with Less Energy

Consider gifting an energy-efficient fireplace blower to enhance warmth and energy savings. These blowers help distribute heat more effectively, making traditional fireplaces a more energy-efficient choice.



## Home Energy Audit:

### A Gift of Efficiency

Surprise your loved ones with a professional home energy audit. This service identifies areas where energy efficiency can be improved, helping homeowners save on utility bills and reduce their environmental footprint.



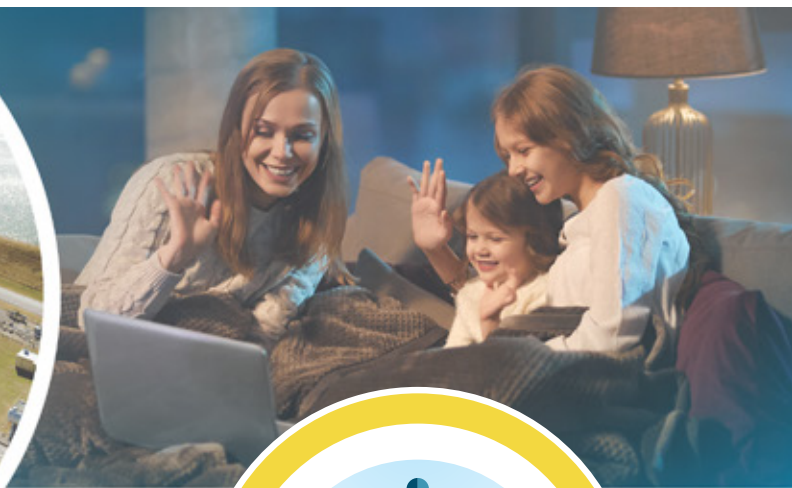


# EMPOWERING LIVES: BRYAN TEXAS UTILITIES

*- Your Reliability Partner*

Bryan Texas Utilities (BTU) has been dedicated to lighting up lives in the Brazos Valley for more than a century. At BTU, we understand that a dependable source of electricity is not just a convenience; it's a necessity. Families rely on it for daily life, businesses depend on it for productivity, and our community counts on it for progress. That is why you will always find dozens of BTU employees actively working around the clock to ensure low rates and high reliability.





BTU takes pride in its rapid response to outages. Our dedicated team of lineworkers work tirelessly to restore power as quickly as possible, ensuring minimal disruption to your daily routine. Our average outage restoration time is well below the state and national average, thanks to our advanced monitoring and response systems. To prevent outages and minimize interruptions, BTU invests in proactive maintenance and upgrades. We continually assess and upgrade our infrastructure, including substations, power lines, and equipment, to keep your electricity flowing seamlessly.

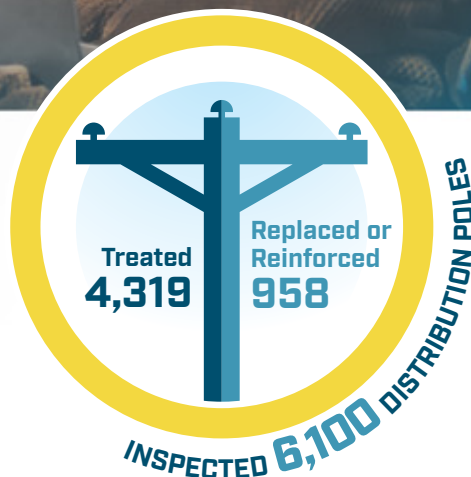
Our dedication to our community doesn't stop at providing reliable electricity. We actively engage in numerous community initiatives that enhance the lives of those we serve. Our commitment extends beyond just power. We invest in energy efficiency programs, educational outreach, safety education and emergency preparedness.

BTU offers energy efficiency programs that help you improve your home or business and save on your utility bills while reducing your environmental footprint. Residential customers can offset energy efficiency project costs with a 10% to 25% rebate, paid directly to the customer. Commercial customers can offset energy efficiency project costs with a 10% to 20% rebate.

We believe that an informed community is an empowered one. BTU actively engages in educational outreach programs to promote energy conservation and safety. We regularly participate in school events, community fairs, and workshops to ensure that our customers have access to the latest energy-related information. With low rates and high reliability, BTU also provides an attractive partner to businesses looking to locate in the talent-rich Brazos Valley, providing economic prosperity for our community.

BTU plays a crucial role in disaster response and emergency preparedness. We work closely with state and local authorities to ensure that our community is resilient and ready to face any challenges, be it natural disasters or unforeseen events.

As a customer of BTU, you're not just receiving power; you're receiving peace of mind, knowing that you have a dependable partner supporting your daily life, your business endeavors, and your community's progress. We're not just lighting up homes; we're illuminating the path toward a brighter future.



Performed reliability and capacity upgrades to  
**MORE THAN 23 MILES**  
OF DISTRIBUTION LINES

The electric meter  
department performed  
**3,155**  
METER SITE  
INSPECTIONS



**UNDERGROUND  
CABLE**

**103** sections tested for performance  
**14** repaired or replaced sections





## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CITY OF BRYAN

*The City of Bryan's Community Development Department is hosting free workshops to educate and engage with residents.*

### RESOURCEFUL COMMUNITIES: LEGAL AID WORKSHOP

Thursday, Feb. 29 from 5:30 – 7 p.m.  
Bryan City Hall

The focus of this workshop is to offer general legal information and valuable resources related to the city's programs. It will cover topics such as understanding liens, property titles, and other related legal topics. Specific legal advice will not be provided.

### FINANCIAL LITERACY AND BUDGETING WORKSHOP

Tuesday, May 21 from 5:30 – 7 p.m.  
Clara B. Mounce Public Library

Participants will learn about the city's home rehabilitation and homebuyer assistance programs as well as the importance of learning how to effectively manage personal finances.

### PATH TO HOMEOWNERSHIP WORKSHOP

Thursday, Sep 12 from 5:30 – 7 p.m.  
Clara B. Mounce Public Library

Learn about the city's down payment assistance program and the process of buying a home. Attendees will also gain insights into topics such as home and flood insurance and fair housing laws.



Bryan City Hall



Clara B. Mounce Public Library

For more information, visit  
**BryanTX.gov/community-development**  
or call 979.209.5175.



## DID YOU KNOW:

Bryan has **free** microchip and rabies vaccination events.

The Bryan Animal Center has a very popular program that has provided more than 2,400 free microchips and rabies vaccinations to Bryan pets since 2021.

These events are held four times a year, usually in March, May, August and November.

*"We are striving to do more community outreach events to help our citizens provide for their pets. Microchipping a pet is of utmost importance, as it is a permanent form of identification," said Bryan Animal Center Supervisor, Ashley Rodriguez. "Having a pet microchipped will increase the chance of them being reunited with their owners should they ever get lost. Our goal at Bryan Animal Services is to ensure public health and safety when it comes to our community and its pets."*

Upcoming events will be on  
Saturdays from 8 a.m. – noon:

**MARCH 9**  
Tanglewood Park  
**MAY 11**  
Sadie Thomas Park  
**AUG. 10**  
Villa West Park

Visit **BryanAnimalCenter.com**  
or call **979.209.5260** for more information.



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CENTER**  
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