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## COMMUNITY NEWS & CALENDAR

### GROUNDWATER UPDATE

The **Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District (CTGCD)** is holding a second public meeting to evaluate the potential establishment of a groundwater management zone in the Briggs, Oakalla, and NE Burnet County area for the Trinity aquifer. Five Stakeholder Committee meetings were held between May and July to gain perspectives on the formation of a management zone.

The Stakeholder Committee consisted of local property owners that included goat and cattle ranchers, business owners, an environmental engineer, an RV park developer, a Master Naturalist, a Firefly representative, and a custom home builder. The upcoming public meeting will deliver the Stakeholder Committee recommendations to the public. It is an opportunity to ask questions of the CTGCD and provide feedback. The meeting is open to all residents, stakeholders, and interested parties in the Briggs, Oakalla, Watson, and Joppa areas and other portions of NE Burnet County.

- **When:** Tuesday September 30, 2025 at 4:00 pm
- **Where:** Oakalla Community Center, 29011 Ranch to Market Rd 963, Oakalla.

*More detailed information can be found at:*

*<https://centraltexasgcd.org/groundwater-management/briggsoakalla>*

### NATURAL GAS LINE

A second natural gas pipeline has received final investment approval for installation through the Briggs Community. It's a 42-inch diameter line that will follow the exact same route in the same ROW as the previous one. It's anticipated to go into service mid-2028.

For detailed information research "*Eiger Express Pipeline*" on the web.

### FULL-TIME AMBULANCE

In the November election, residents of Northeast Burnet County will have an opportunity to decide if they want an emergency ambulance stationed 24/7 right here in our community at the fire station in Briggs. Currently, the closest ambulance to our community is over 20 minutes away in Bertram, and if it's busy, the next closest ambulance is over 26 minutes away in the city of Burnet. These ambulances are part of the Burnet Fire Department and provide exceptional EMS service, but when minutes count, they are just too far away. Someone suffering from a serious heart attack, stroke or trauma will likely not survive.

Prop A proposes the creation of a new Emergency Services District with the objective of enhancing emergency medical services within the community. If Prop A is approved, the resulting funding would enable a contract with Burnet Fire, ensuring an ambulance is stationed in Briggs and others as backup. This dedicated presence aims to significantly improve ambulance response times and support residents in time-critical medical and trauma situations. Funding for the new district would be sourced from a new property tax rate of 10¢ per \$100.00 appraised valuation within the designated service area.

*For further details, visit <https://friendsofnebc.com>.*



### POWER LINES

ONCOR/LCRA proposed installing VERY high-voltage electric lines through the Briggs community. There are three separate proposed routes that come within a few miles of downtown Briggs. Final routing decisions are anticipated in early to mid-2026. An organized group called "*Save the Lampasas 25*" is working to oppose the G5 segment of the proposed lines. At least 2 other groups of local citizens have started discussions oriented toward opposition to the lines. **Next meeting on this issue is at Oakalla Fire Station Thursday, Sept. 25 from 5:00 to 7:00pm.**

**BRIGGS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
505 LOOP 308, BRIGGS, TX 78608  
[www.briggsbaptistchurch.com](http://www.briggsbaptistchurch.com)

**Refresh** is designed for families! It is a time for youth to come together with family and friends to share a meal, devotion or object lesson, and fun activities in order to “refresh” our souls and prepare us for the rest of the week. Parents may either drop off or stay, but we encourage you to eat with us, take a night off from cooking, and visit a while. We meet from 5:30-7:00pm on Wednesdays. There is also an Adult Bible Study that meets at 6:15pm.

**Thanksgiving community meal** is scheduled for Sunday, November 23 at 12:15pm.

The Church is collecting items for “**Operation Christmas Child**”, a charity operated by Samaritan’s Purse. Donations are wanted for children in need. You can drop off a shoebox stuffed with toys, school supplies, or personal care items on the porch of the church or donate items or funds. Suggestions for box items are available online at [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org). No liquids, soap or food. Deadline for donations is Sunday, November 2.

Come check us out! Sunday School 10am, Worship 11am.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

*\*Graciously hosted by the Briggs Baptist Church temporarily while the old school building is undergoing renovation.*

BCCI’s next “meet & eat” gathering is Monday, November 10 at 6pm. Bring a Fall dish and we will provide the meats. Come find out what’s going on in your community! All are welcome.

Briggs Community Connection: **Ladies Day** is held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 9:30 to 11:30am at the Briggs Baptist Church. It’s an opportunity to meet your neighbors. Games are played and light refreshments are available. Ladies--come meet, bring or just be a friend. Enjoy dominos, cards & BINGO (prizes only). Email [antdiane@gmail.com](mailto:antdiane@gmail.com) for info.

## Commissioner’s Corner:

What a year this has been around Precinct 2, with the tornados, flooding, proposed train routes and now the huge proposed 765 kV transmission line. You can find more info and maps regarding the transmission line at [www.oncor.com](http://www.oncor.com). We just passed the FY2026 County Budget. Some highlights include a decrease in the tax rate from .3541 to .3323, no cost of living raises for elected officials, and a 3% cost of living increase plus a 2% step added to the payscale for employees. This will help us be competitive with other entities in the area, which gives us the ability to attract and retain our good workers.

Since 2019, we have wanted more patrols in the rural parts of the county. We added four new deputy positions to this budget. According to Sheriff Calvin Boyd and Chief Deputy Alan Trevino, this will enable us to have deputies assigned to areas for better response times. More details on what those areas will be are coming soon.

The Briggs Community Center project will continue to be a work in progress for a while longer. We recently hired a firm to draw up detailed engineering plans of the building. These plans, as well as the remodel, are funded with tourism tax dollars that can be used for historical preservation and will not come from your property taxes.

A county-wide burn ban was put in place on Tuesday September 16 at noon. You can track the status of the burn ban on the county website, [www.burnetcountytexas.org](http://www.burnetcountytexas.org), for ESD #8 residents you can track on their website [nbcfirerescue.org](http://nbcfirerescue.org). As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out to me on my cell **512-715-2611** or email me [dbeierle@burnetcountytexas.org](mailto:dbeierle@burnetcountytexas.org) - **Damon Beierle, Burnet County Pct 2 Commissioner**

**OAKALLA LIBRARY**  
28981 FM 963

## LIBRARY HOURS:

Tuesday 3pm-8pm (story time & crafts 4pm)  
Thursday 10am-1pm  
Friday 10am-1pm (story time at 10:30am)  
First Saturday of each month 10am-1pm

## Join the Clubs!

**Book Club** meets the 1st Saturday each month at 11am  
**Chess Club** (for all ages & skill levels)  
meets 1st & 3rd Thursday each month at 6pm  
Contact: [oakallalibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:oakallalibrary@yahoo.com)

All are Welcome to Library Events:

**Yard Clean-up Day:** Friday, October 17

**Fall Fest:** Saturday, October 25

**Fire Cider Workshop:** Friday, November 7, 11am

<https://oakallalibrary.wordpress.com>



## Oakalla Community Center Available for Events!

The Oakalla Community Center is available to rent for your special events. We have a full kitchen and two rooms. The larger room has fifteen 8-foot tables and a stage. We now have central heat and air conditioning. We do not have a cleaning service, so renters are responsible for cleaning and removing their trash. It is a beautiful historic building. Call or text Sandra Cole 512-968-6188 to check available dates.



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(Across 183 from Firefly Aerospace)

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