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Egrets

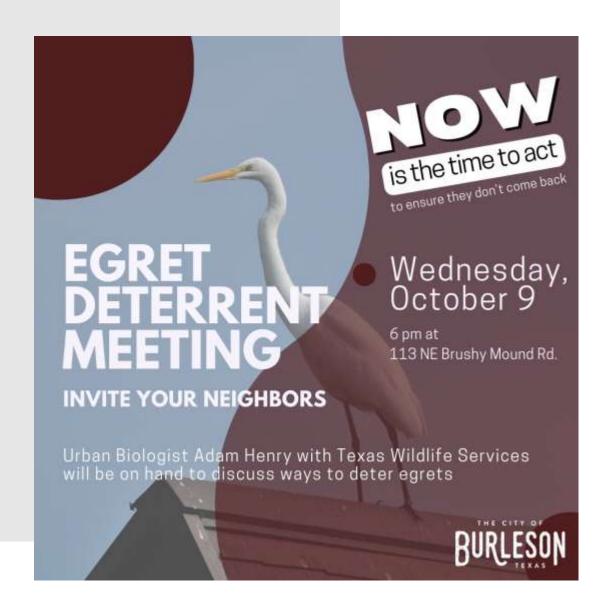
Animal Shelter Advisory Committee Meeting November 13, 2024

Photos





Community Outreach





This summer, an egret rookery was established in the Shady Oaks neighborhood. Since egrets are federally protected once nesting begins, neither the city nor the residents could remove them. The large number of birds in the rookery caused significant disruption, including excessive noise, unpleasant odors, and damage to trees and grass. To address the issue, the city will host a meeting with Urban Biologist Adam Henry to discuss effective strategies for deterring egrets in the future.



Animal Services

City of Burleson Neighborhood Services

Fall 2024 Community Information

Prevention of Migratory Birds In 2024



Prevention

Rookery sites can be made less

attractive to birds by

selectively cutting and pruning trees to open the stand

50-75%.

City of Burleson

Animal Services

817-426-9283

animalshelter@burlesontx.com

Habit Modification for Egrets/Herons

Migratory bird nesting has presented considerable challenges in and around your neighborhood in the past few years. In an effort to deter this nesting activity, the City will be collaborating with your neighborhood to assist with reducing/eliminating nesting for the 2024 season. It is important that action is taken during the fall / winter months before the egrets / herons arrive in the spring.

Here is how you can help:

Tree Maintenance (prior to spring)

- · Trim tree canopy to allow sunlight to shine
- · Team up with your neighbors when hiring a tree trimming service and ask for discount rates for
- nesting season so that they do not attract egrets.





- between limbs and other trees.
- group service.
- · Remove old / abandoned nests from the previous
- · Remove any / all underbrush



Migratory Bird Deterrent Measures

AFTER TRIMMING TREES -Before nesting season begins (December - February)

- ✓ Be on the lookout for "sentry" or "scout" birds, they are the first to arrive looking for
- ✓ Report sightings to your neighbors and to the city. (817-426-9283).
- Check daily for birds and nesting material in your trees.
- Check for twigs on the ground, increased bird droppings and an increase in bird
- ✓ Begin scare tactics as soon as you see birds on or near your property.
- ✓ Use noisemakers, water spray or shine lights at night, hang "scare eye" balloons or other moving objects in trees, use long poles, tennis balls or water hoses to disturb early nesting material.
- ✓ Be a good neighbor and help those near you who may not be able to help. themselves.















Snowy Egret Great Blue Heron Great Egret

Little Blue Heron

What Will the City Do?

- > The City has purchased two migratory bird deterrent sounds systems that can be strategically placed in areas to discourage birds from nesting in neigborhoods.
- City staff will be on high patrol during the start of the of nesting season. Please contact Animal Services if you have sightings of the

Contact Information

For questions, bird sightings in trees, and general information regarding migratory birds:

 Burleson Animal Services 817-426-9283 animalshelter@burlesontx.com

For Additional information contact:

- Texas Parks and Wildlife 972-293-3841
- Texas Wildlife Services 817-978-3146





Question and Comments?