



## City Manager Report

May 2025

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I am pleased to present the City Manager's Report for the month of May 2025. In addition to the departmental reports regarding finance, fire, streets and parks, police and utilities, this report provides an overview of key activities, committees, projects, events, and updates Citywide.

### **Committees**

**Planning and Zoning Committee:** The Planning and Zoning Commission met on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Their next meeting will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Wildlife Committee:** The Wildlife Committee met on May 5<sup>th</sup> and also hosted a Town Hall Meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting will be held June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers.

**Board of Adjustments:** The Board of Adjustments (BOA) met on April 30<sup>th</sup>, however there are no meetings scheduled for May.

**Airport Committee:** The Airport committee rescheduled their regularly scheduled meeting from May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting will be held on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM.

**Parks Committee:** The Parks Committee also rescheduled their regular meeting from May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 8<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting is scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

### **Administration**

#### **Website Transition Underway**

After months of preparation, we're excited to announce the upcoming launch of our new CivicPlus website platform, set to go live in July 2025. This upgraded site will feature a modern design and a more user-friendly experience, making it easier than ever for residents to find information, submit forms, and stay connected with city staff and services. A big thank you to Dawn for her hard work throughout this project. Stay tuned - we can't wait to share the new look with you soon!

## **Council Updates**

### **Election**

On May 3, 2025, Granite Shoals voters reaffirmed their confidence in current leadership by re-electing Mayor Ron Munos and three incumbent City Council members to serve through the 2025–2027 term. Congratulations to all!

### **Strategic Planning Session**

The City Council will be holding a Strategic Planning Session on May 29<sup>th</sup> to outline priorities for the upcoming fiscal year and to help guide long-term planning efforts.

## **Police**

### **Animal Care and Control**

Thanks to the tireless efforts of our dedicated community partners, 50 community cats were spayed/neutered and vaccinated in early May—improving their health and helping prevent future litters. This important work supports both animal welfare and public health in our city.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Cathy Bissell and the BISSELL Pet Foundation for their leadership in expanding access to spay/neuter services, and to Hill Country Cats and the Hill Country Humane Society for their ongoing commitment to the animals of Granite Shoals and the greater region.



Over the past year, our community partners have:

- Supported multiple TNVR (Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return) events
- Hosted free vaccination clinics within Granite Shoals
- Partnered with our Animal Control Officer to identify and monitor community cat colonies
- Provided spay/neuter and vaccination services for animals delivered to their facility by Animal Control and made available for adoption

This work truly takes a village, and we are proud to be part of a compassionate, coordinated effort that is making a lasting impact on our community.

## **Training**

Demonstrating a continued commitment to excellence and service to our community, two Granite Shoals Police Sergeants attended the Crimes Against Women Conference, to equip themselves with the latest knowledge and best practices in identifying, investigating, and prosecuting crimes against women. In similar fashion, our Chief of Police applied for and received a grant to attend FBI Leadership training and was recently awarded the prestigious FBI LEEDA Trilogy leadership certificate. Way to lead by example, Chief!



## **Fire**

### **Burn Permits**

You can easily get burn permits from the Granite Shoals Fire Department. Just give them a call at 830-596-3338 to set up an appointment - available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., seven days a week, or until a burn ban is in place.



## **Training**

- Granite Shoals Fire will be hosting a vehicle extrication training class in the upcoming weeks.
- Every member of the Fire Department has now completed first responder organization training, and the department has been recognized by the State of Texas as a first responder organization.
- Current Granite Shoals Lieutenants will be obtaining additional leadership training at the Company Officer Symposium.

## **Finance**

### **FY 2026 Budget Planning**

Departmental budget discussions for Fiscal Year 2026 are currently underway. Budget workshops with City Council will be scheduled in the coming weeks and months to review priorities, projected revenues, and proposed allocations for the upcoming fiscal year.

### **FY 2024 Annual Audit**

The City's FY 2024 annual audit report is expected to be delivered in June 2025. Staff continue to work closely with the audit team to ensure accuracy, transparency, and timely completion.

### **Mid-Year Budget Status**

At the April City Council meeting, the Finance Director reported that, at the six-month

mark, the City's mid-year budget is on track, with revenues and expenditures aligning as expected.

## **Parks and Streets**

### **Buoy Safety Enhancements**

In preparation for summer, the Parks and Police Departments worked together to inventory and replace reflective strips on all buoys near park entrances, helping to improve visibility and safety on the water.

### **Street Repairs Completed**

LoneStar Paving completed the bond-funded street repairs along three key routes: Phillips Ranch Road, Valley View, and Prairie Creek.

### **Trail and Curb Planning on Phillips Ranch Road**

Staff are currently seeking cost estimates for trail improvements and ribbon curb installation along Phillips Ranch Road, with the goal of exploring costs and possible opportunities to enhance pedestrian access and drainage management in this high-traffic area.

### **Quarry Park Earthwork and Beautification**

Crews have begun clearing brush at Quarry Park, showcasing some of the park's beautiful oak trees, improving fire safety, and creating a more inviting and usable space for trail access and recreational activities.

### **Amphitheater Site Preparation**

The area designated for the future outdoor amphitheater is being prepared with granite relocation and earthwork. In the coming months, staff will be collecting cost estimates for design and development.

### **Ongoing Mowing and Beautification**

With the recent burst of spring vegetation and the arrival of warmer weather, Parks and Streets crews are actively continuing regular mowing and maintenance throughout the city to help keep our public spaces clean and maintained.

As part of these efforts, the planter area along Phillips Ranch Road has been removed, making way for the upcoming addition of new landscaping - something we hope will both be sustainable and bring a vibrant pop of color to this highly visible corridor.

### **Road Patching and Maintenance**

In addition to major paving work, staff have been working on some of the road patching needs across the city.

These projects are part of our ongoing effort to enhance public spaces, improve infrastructure, and create safe, enjoyable places for the community to gather and enjoy the outdoors.

## **Utilities**

### **Valley View Water Tower Repairs**

Repairs to the Valley View water tower have been rescheduled for the week of June 9th due to a delay in materials. During the repair period, the Valley View tower will be offline for approximately 3–4 days, and the water system will be supported by the Bluebriar tower to maintain service in the area.

### **Water Transmission Line Upgrade**

In mid-April, the City of Granite Shoals began its next major water line infrastructure upgrade, replacing approximately 2,500 linear feet of aging 1½-inch main with a new 6-inch water line along North Shorewood, Castle Way, the 200 block of West Greencastle, and Castlehigh. The project also includes the installation of five new fire hydrants to enhance fire protection in the area.

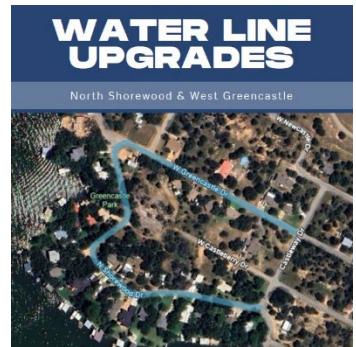
Construction is expected to last approximately six weeks, with increased activity from City staff and contracted Utility Construction teams during this time. Affected property owners have been notified by mail.

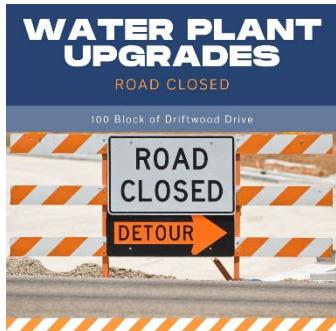
This project is funded through the 2020 Water Infrastructure Bond, which has also supported:

- The elevated storage tank on Bluebriar
- Upgrades to the City's Water Treatment Plant
- Recent water main replacement and fire hydrants along Kingswood Drive

In addition, Requests for Proposals (RFPs) have been issued for a similar upgrade in the 500 block of North Shorewood, where another segment of aging 1½-inch line will be replaced with a 6-inch main and new fire hydrants installed.

Thank you to all residents for your continued patience and support as we work toward a stronger, more resilient water system for Granite Shoals.





## Water Plant Upgrades

The 100 block of Driftwood Drive was temporarily closed to traffic to allow for the delivery and installation of an emergency generator at the City's Water Treatment Plant. Due to the size and weight of the equipment, a crane was required to safely lift and position the generator on site.

This generator is a critical addition to the facility, ensuring continued water service and operational reliability during power outages or emergency conditions. The closure was necessary to maintain public safety while equipment was staged and the lift was performed.

An additional generator at the raw water intake site has been successfully installed and tested to confirm its ability to fully power and service the location in the event of an emergency. These improvements were part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) project and are now both fully operational.

## April Recap

April was a meaningful and action-packed month in Granite Shoals, filled with events that brought our community together in celebration, service, and support.

Throughout the month, we observed Child Abuse Prevention Month by placing blue pinwheels in front of City Hall, the Fire Station, and the Police Department. These pinwheels served as a powerful symbol of hope and our shared commitment to protecting the children in our community. On April 5, residents and staff rolled up their sleeves for Citywide Clean-Up Day. Just a week later, on April 12, families gathered at the Granite Shoals Airport to enjoy Kite Day - a fun-filled afternoon of sunshine, wind, and colorful skies. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt took place on April 19, bringing joy and excitement to children of all ages as they searched for candy-filled eggs in Quarry Park followed by photos with the Easter Bunny himself!



The City also began a key infrastructure improvement with the Water Line Upgrade Project launching on April 21, marking an important step in strengthening our water system for the future. We paused to recognize the hardworking team behind the scenes on April 23 as we celebrated Administrative Professionals Day, showing our appreciation for the dedicated individuals who help keep city operations running smoothly.



One of the highlights of the month was the Texas High School BBQ State Championship, held on April 25–26 at Quarry Park. Over 140 high school teams from across Texas showcased their grilling talents, and an impressive \$68,750 in scholarships was awarded to student competitors.

From civic engagement to family fun and infrastructure upgrades, April reflected the heart of Granite Shoals—a city built on community, care, and shared purpose. We thank everyone who participated and look forward to a bright and active summer ahead!

### **City of Granite Shoals – May 2025 Events & Meetings**

We look forward to bringing the community together and hope to see you at these upcoming events. Stay tuned for more details, and feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

#### **May**

- 1 – Airport & Parks Advisory Committee meetings
- 2 – Hill Country Humane Society TNVR (fixed and vaccinated 50 Granite Shoals Cats)
- 2 -3 Howdy Roo at Quarry Park
- 3 - Election day
- 4 – *International Firefighter day*
- 5 – Wildlife committee Meeting
- 6 – Planning & Zoning Meeting
- 10 – Media Bass Tournament
- 11-17 *National Police Week*
- 12 – Coffee with a Cop 8-10 (Community Center)
- 13 – City Council Meeting
- 15 – *National Police Officer Memorial Day*
- 17 – Media Bass Tournament
- 22 – Highland Lakes Elementary end of school celebration
- 19-25 – *National Public Works Week*
- 26 – Memorial Day
- 31 – Pickleball Event