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Mock gunfights, historic self-guided walking tours and great food are on tap for the 16th annual Founders Day celebration in Old Town Burleson. The fun will take place between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11, on Ellison Street, between Main Street and Johnson Avenue.

The gunfighters will return to not only stage mock gunfights in the street but also to jail and grant bail to the city's worst offenders. New this year will be historic self-guided walking tours through Old Town. Those walks will start at the Heritage Visitors Center at the corner of Ellison and Wilson streets.



Also on tap are plenty of arts and crafts, great food, carnival rides, and musical entertainment. The Mighty Marvelous 4, which headlined this year's City of Burleson Fourth of July Celebration at Hidden Creek Sports Complex, will headline the Founders Day celebration as well. Also on stage on Oct. 11 will be dancers, gymnasts, and martial arts.

Founders Day is celebrated on the second Saturday of October in recognition of the date that Burleson was founded, Oct. 10, 1881. The festival kicked off in 1993. The focus has always been on Old Town, where the city got its roots. The celebration is a joint effort of the City of Burleson's parks and recreation department and the Burleson Heritage Foundation.

For more information about Founders Day festivities, call the parks and recreation department at 817-295-8168. For a booth application, call 817-447-3522 or 817-343-2589 or go online at the City of Burleson web site, www.burlesontx.com, click on "About Burleson" "History of Burleson" and "Founders Day."

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