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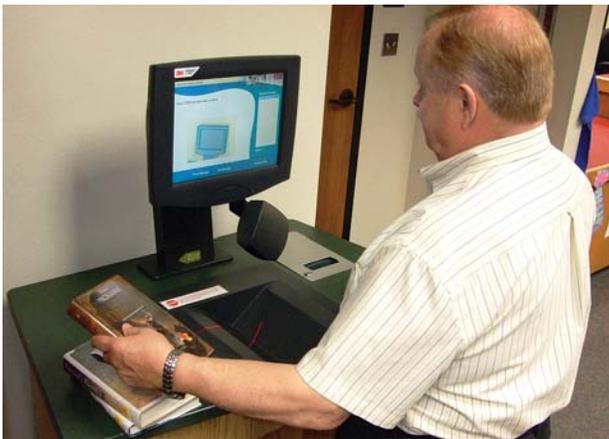
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## WELCOME TO THE CITY FOCUS NEWSLETTER!

The City of Burleson's 16-page quarterly *Burleson Progress Report* has been replaced with this new two-page monthly *City Focus* newsletter. As with the *Progress Report*, *City Focus* is mailed to all City utility customers. The *City Focus* provides citizens with information about City programs, events and services. You'll find a list of events for the upcoming month as well as a profile of a City program, service or ordinance. Your comments are welcome! E-mail [sellertson@burlesontx.com](mailto:sellertson@burlesontx.com). **Please continue to follow the City on our website, [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com), on Facebook, on Twitter, or by signing up for our weekly E-Newsletter.**

## BUY SOME BOOKS!

The Friends of the Library will host the annual Book Sale on Friday, April 15, and Saturday, April 16, at the Burleson Public Library. Friday's hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday's hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The sale will include donated books – paperbacks, hardbacks, books on tape – and movies on DVD and VHS. The selection will include every genre – nonfiction, fiction, history, romance, biographies. **If you have books to donate, please call the library at 817-426-9210 or stop by 248 S.W. Johnson Ave.**



## LIBRARY ADDS SELF-CHECKOUT KIOSK

Thanks to a change in the operating system in the Plano Public Library system, the Burleson library got an \$11,000 self-checkout kiosk free of charge. Patrons scan their library card, scan the barcode located inside the book's cover, then receive a receipt that includes the date those books are due back to the library. The self-checkout isn't the only new item to increase efficiency at the library. Thanks to state grant money, the library has a Disc-Go-Roboto, an automated disc repair system. **Go to the City website, [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com), Departments, Communications, News Releases for more!**

## FOUR SEATS ARE ON THE BALLOT

The last day to add your name to the ballot for Burleson City Council is March 14. The ballot includes Place 1, Place 3 and Place 5, which are full two-year terms. Place 6 is also open due to a midterm resignation. Place 6 is an unexpired term.

You must register to vote by April 14. Voter registration cards are available at city hall and the library. Early voting starts May 2. Election Day is May 14. **Go to Government, City Secretary, then to the Elections page on the City website, [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com), for the list of candidates or call 817-426-9660.**

## CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY APRIL 15

The City of Burleson's parks and recreation department and the neighborhood services department as well as Keep Burleson Beautiful will host the City's annual Arbor Day ceremony on Friday, April 15. The ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. at Chisenhall Fields at 500 W. Hidden Creek Pkwy. City staff will distribute tree seedlings – live oak, red oak and bald cypress – on a first-come, first-served basis. **For more information, call 817-426-9291.**



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## BUNNY DAZE EXTRAVAGANZA IS APRIL 16 AT THE BRICK

Grab your children, camera and Easter baskets and join the City in the annual Bunny Daze extravaganza at the BRiCk at Bartlett Park. This is a free event sponsored by the City. The fun takes place between noon and 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, at 550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd. There will be on-stage performances, carnival games, face painting and more. Peter Cottontail is the special guest! The Easter Egg Hunt starts at 1:30 p.m. **The children, up to age 12, will be divided into age groups before the egg hunt begins. For more, call the BRiCk at 817-426-9104.**



## BEAUTIFY YOUR CITY APRIL 30

Keep Burleson Beautiful and the City encourage you to get involved in Burleson's Great American Cleanup Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off. Volunteer to join the cleanup event on Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Volunteers will remove litter and debris from retail corridors and residential drainage channels. Participants will be treated to a free lunch and prize giveaways at Warren Park, 301 S.W. Johnson Ave., following the cleanup. **To sign up as a volunteer and get your site assignment, call Environmental Programs Specialist Bianca Chafin at 817-426-9842 by 5 p.m. on April 28.**

## SEARCH FOR EASTER EGGS IN THE BRICK'S INDOOR POOL!

The BRiCk is offering a twist on the traditional Easter Egg Hunt with the Aqua Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16. The fun starts at noon in the indoor pool. Children up to 11 years of age need to don swimsuits and goggles to search for plastic eggs in the pool. Children will be divided into four age groups for hunts in the play structure area and the lap pool. Children can redeem eggs for prizes. Admission is \$2 per child. Choosing to stay and swim after the egg hunt requires the purchase of a day pass. **For more information, call Aquatic Supervisor Melissa Kerns at 817-426-9106.**

## CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION IS MAY 6

The City of Burleson and La Buena Vida de Burleson will host the annual Cinco de Mayo festival Friday, May 6, 6 p.m.-10 p.m. The event will take place in the parking lots between Eldred Street and Ellison Street (around First Baptist Church, 317 W. Ellison St.). There will be entertainment, carnival rides and great food. **For more, call Ike Vera in the City's parks and recreation department at 817-426-9291.**

## CHECK IT OUT ...

For meeting times and dates for city council, planning and zoning commission, and council committees, check the Public Notices page on the City website, [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com). Meeting times are subject to change.

## CITY FACILITIES CLOSE FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Trash and curbside recycling will be collected on Friday, April 22, but City facilities will be closed in observance of Good Friday. Hidden Creek Golf Course and the pro shop will be open. The BRiCk will be closed on Friday, then open for regular hours the remainder of the weekend. The library will be closed Friday-Sunday. **For regular hours for all departments, go to the City website, [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com), Services, City Facilities.**

## CITY FOCUS

**Animal Shelter**  
1695 John Jones Dr.  
817-426-9280

**City Hall**  
141 W. Renfro St.  
817-426-9600

**Burleson Recreation  
Center**  
550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd.  
817-426-9104

**Compost/Mulch/  
Recycling Center**  
620 Memorial Plaza  
817-426-9830

**Fire Department**  
Main: 828 S.W. Alsbury Blvd.  
#2: 650 Memorial Plaza  
#3: 245 Lakewood Dr.  
817-426-9170

**Burleson Visitors Center**  
124 W. Ellison St.  
817-447-1575

**Hidden Creek  
Golf Course**  
555 E. Hidden Creek Pkwy.  
817-447-4444

**Library**  
248 S.W. Johnson Ave.  
817-426-9210

**Municipal Court**  
247 Elk Dr.  
817-426-9220

**Municipal Service Center**  
1675 John Jones Dr.  
817-426-9830

**Police Department**  
225 W. Renfro St.  
817-426-9910

**Senior Activity Center**  
216 S.W. Johnson Ave.  
817-295-6611

For hours at each facility, go to the City website, [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com), Services, City Facilities. Hours are listed under each entry.

## UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

**SATURDAY, MAY 14**  
Household Hazardous Waste  
Collection

**TUESDAY, MAY 17**  
Burleson Police Department  
Open House

**FRIDAY, MAY 27**  
Community Health  
and Safety Fair

Hot Sounds of Summer Concert

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3**  
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