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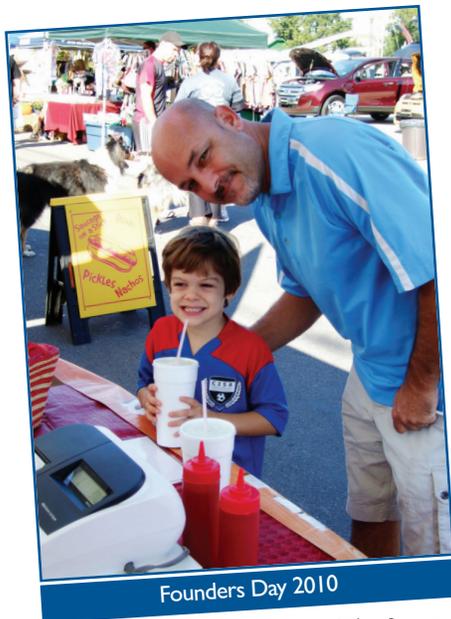
September 2011

## TRIPLE DIGITS AND NO RAIN UPPED THE ANTE ON CONSERVING WATER

Unless Mother Nature cooperated with 12-15 inches of rain between the first of August (when this was written) and early September, Burleson is now in Stage 1 of the drought contingency plan. What does that mean?

Since 2009 Burleson has not allowed watering, via sprinkler systems, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. That is a year-round ban and includes residential and non-residential customers. Burleson's water comes from the City of Fort Worth, which is part of the Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD). The TRWD gets water from four reservoirs – Lake Bridgeport, Eagle Mountain Lake, Cedar Creek, and Richland-Chambers – as well as Lake Benbrook. Fort Worth also draws water from Lake Worth.

## COMMEMORATE BURLESON'S FOUNDING OCT. 8



Founders Day 2010

Mock gunfights and great food, arts and crafts, carnival rides and entertainment will all mark the 19th celebration of the founding of Burleson, Texas.

The 2011 event is slated for Saturday, Oct. 8, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., in Old Town. The fun will take place on Ellison Street and stretch between Johnson Avenue and the railroad tracks. Founders Day is hosted by the City of Burleson and the Burleson Heritage Foundation.

Burleson was founded Oct. 10, 1881, and incorporated in 1912.

The first Founders Day festival was in 1993.

*For more about the festivities, call 817-426-9112 and ask for David McDowell. For a booth application, call Neal Jones at 817-447-3522 or 817-343-2589. Come on out and enjoy the fun!*



*How do you conserve water? The City's water department suggests the following:*

- Cycle and soak. Instead of running the sprinkler for long periods, run them in shorter spurts. Wait 30-60 minutes between irrigations to give the water time to soak in instead of running off.

- Water your lawn no more than twice a week.

*If Burleson is not under Stage 1, there are still ways to make a difference.* Go to the City website, [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com), and click on Departments, Public Works, Water & Wastewater, then Water Conservation. You can also visit [www.SaveNorthTexasWater.com](http://www.SaveNorthTexasWater.com) and "like" the Lawn Whisperer's Facebook page to get more water saving tips. Links to the Lawn Whisperer's videos are available by clicking on the Meetings & Video icon near the bottom of the City website's homepage.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR BOO BASH 2011!

Imagine the streets of Old Town Burleson packed with children. Now imagine those children, birth-12 years old, dressed up in Halloween costumes and in search of free candy.

The year 2011 marks the fourth year that the City has hosted the Burleson Old Town Boo Bash. Boo Bash will fill the streets from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29. Start picking out Halloween costumes now because the children, and you, won't want to miss the fun, including free games, candy, entertainment and a costume parade. Local businesses, churches and civic groups join the mix by setting up booths and decorating their vehicles for trunk-or-treat fun.



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## GET SERIOUS ABOUT GETTING FIT



Working out at the BRiCk

*Are you serious about getting healthy and fit before the holidays?*

Check into a membership at the Burleson Recreation Center (the BRiCk).

A variety of memberships are available, including annual resident, non-resident and corporate memberships; annual resident and non-resident EFT (electronic funds transfer) memberships; and monthly resident and non-resident memberships. Memberships are divided into four levels – youth (3-15 years old), adult (16-61 years old), senior citizen (62 years and

older), and family. Annual memberships for residents range from \$208 (youth) to \$508 (family).

Members have access to the fitness area and jogging track; to the indoor and outdoor aquatic facility; rock climbing/bouldering; gym access, including open basketball and volleyball play; discounted prices to all instructor-based classes and programs; weekly complimentary activities and programs; discounted rates on facility rentals; and free access to the Kid Zone for family memberships.

*For more information, go to the City website, [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com), Departments, Parks & Recreation, Burleson Recreation Center, Memberships, or call 817-426-9106. BRiCk hours are 6 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 6 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday; 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday; and 1 p.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday.*

## HOW IS THE FY 2012 CITY BUDGET SHAPING UP?

Are you interested in what the City of Burleson's fiscal year 2012 budget includes? The City website, [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com), has your answers. Budget & Annual Financial Reports is in the center column on the homepage. That takes you to Annual Reports & Adopted Budgets, as well as to a Budget Planning, Fiscal Year 2011-2012 tab.

Have you missed a budget meeting? The new budget has been discussed in virtually every council meeting since June (departmental five year plans, June 22-June 29), department budgets (July 18-20), and the Aug. 8 budget work session. Public hearings on the budget as well as meetings to discuss the budget ordinance and rates are slated for August and September. Click on Public Notices (in the center column on the City website) for dates and times of council meetings. Videos of all city council meetings are available on the City website by clicking on the Meetings & Video icon near the bottom of the homepage.

### CHECK IT OUT ...

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

## LIBRARY PROGRAMS

### Family Story Time

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.

### Baby Story Time

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

### "Growing Up Wild"

Outdoor afterschool program for children ages 8-11.

Tuesdays, Sept. 27-Dec. 13, 4:30 p.m.

*Registration begins Sept. 1.*

### Crafty Saturday

Saturday, Oct. 8, 11 a.m.

*Registration is required.*

### Saturday Matinee at the Library

Saturday, Oct. 22, 1 p.m.

### Movie Mocking Monday

Ages 12-18 only

Monday, Oct. 10, 5 p.m.

### Teen Anime/Manga Club

Ages 12-18 only

Thursday, Oct. 6, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 20, 5 p.m.

*A mystery guest artist will tell the club about his/her work on Oct. 20.*

### Teen Gaming Society

Ages 12-18 only

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 5 p.m.

### Picture It! Movie Night!

Ages 12-18 only

Monday, Oct. 17, 5 p.m.

*Watch The Dark Knight and discuss the graphic novels that inspired the film.*

### Grumpy Girl Speaks!

Ages 12-18 only

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 5 p.m.

*Local teen author Rachel Aboukhair talks about The Grumpy Girl's Guide to Good Manners.*

### English as a Second Language Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays,

noon-2:30 p.m.

*Classes are free. No documentation is required. Call 817-202-1108.*

### Book Discussion Groups

Friday, Oct. 14, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 17, 6:30 p.m.

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### Animal Shelter

775 S.E. John Jones Dr.

817-426-9283

### 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

725 S.E. 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, then click on City Facilities.

Hours are listed under each entry.