

# CITY FOCUS

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## SACRIFICES WILL BE HONORED AT FIFTH ANNUAL MILITARY VETERAN TRIBUTE



The service and sacrifices of military veterans will be honored Saturday, Nov. 5, at 2 p.m. when the City hosts the fifth annual Military Veteran Tribute at Veterans Memorial Park at Renfro Square.

The park is located at 298 E. Renfro St., near the corner of Renfro Street and I-35W. The City-owned park includes a fountain surrounded by bricks engraved with the names of local service members; the bronze eagle and Purple Heart memorial that were unveiled in 2009; and the names of veterans from World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam from the Johnson County Veterans Monument that were added in 2010.

*Check the City website, [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com), for more details about the event.*

Veterans, their families, and the Burleson Fire Department Honor Guard at the 2010 Military Veteran Tribute

## BEST DEFENSE IS A GOOD OFFENSE

What's the best way to protect your family from fire? Your best defense is a good offense. That's why the Burleson fire marshal and Burleson Fire Department are teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association Oct. 9-15 to let the community know: "It's Fire Prevention Week. Protect Your Family From Fire!" The goal is to prevent the leading causes of home fires – cooking, heating and electrical equipment, as well as candles and smoking materials. To find out more about local fire prevention activities, contact Fire Marshal Stacy Singleton at 817-426-9174 or email [singleton@burlesontx.com](mailto:singleton@burlesontx.com). For more about the educational campaign, go to the NFPA website, [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).

## TIME CHANGE TRIGGERS CLEANUP

Daylight saving time means the City's cemetery, Burleson Memorial Park, will get spruced up. Items not permanently attached to the memorial or marker will be removed after the time changes. The clocks fall back one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6. Items will be removed that week, Nov. 7-13. For a copy of the flower regulations, contact Lucas Blessing Funeral Home, 518 S.W. Johnson Ave., or call 817-295-9000.

**In August**, the City of Burleson was placed under mandatory water restrictions, due to the drought, by the Tarrant Regional Water District. Check the City website, [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com), for updates on the status of those restrictions.

## CITIZENS LEARN ABOUT POLICING

More than 40 people devoted 10 weeks of their summer to learning more about law enforcement. Thirty-one graduated from the Burleson Police Department's Basic Citizens Police Academy and 10 graduated from the Advanced Citizens Police Academy during a ceremony Aug. 18. The academy is open to men and women, 18 years of age or older. Citizens must submit an application packet that consists of the application, a waiver form, and consent for criminal history check. Students learn about investigations, search and seizure, building searches, traffic laws, narcotics and patrol. The advanced class attends an autopsy. The Citizens Police Academy program is coordinated by Sgt. Brian O'Heran who is assisted by Officer Jae Berg.



2011 Burleson Police Department Basic Citizens Police Academy graduates

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## SANTA CLAUS AND HIS ELVES ARE COMING TO BURLESON DEC. 3

Santa Claus is coming to Burleson Saturday, Dec. 3. Santa and his elves will host the 12th annual Breakfast with Santa, 7 a.m.-11 a.m. at the Senior Activity Center, 216 S.W. Johnson Ave. Tickets are \$3 for children/\$4 for adults in advance (tickets are available starting Nov. 1 at the BRiCk, 550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd.) or \$5 for children/\$7 for adults at the door. Call the BRiCk at 817-426-9104 or 817-426-9106.

The Burleson Rotary Club's annual Christmas parade will step off from Kerr Middle School at 4:30 p.m. Parade applications are available at the Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce, Service First Mortgage, city hall and on the Rotary website, [www.burlesonrotary.org](http://www.burlesonrotary.org).

The City's Christmas tree at the corner of Johnson Avenue and Ellison Street will light up at 6 p.m. A fireworks extravaganza will illuminate the skies immediately after the tree lighting, then Santa will hear more wishes.

*For information about the breakfast, coloring contest and tree lighting, call the BRiCk and ask for Charlene. For parade information, call Lisa Keese at 817-447-7300.*



Aaron Dobson and family enjoy last year's Santa's breakfast.

## NO HANDS FREE DEVICE? NO PHONE IN SCHOOL ZONE

Remember, if you don't have a hands-free device you can't use your cell phone while driving through an active school zone in Burleson. This change has been in effect since 2009. It is illegal to use a wireless communication device in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used. Use of a wireless communication device includes texting, reading or answering emails, and any and all other functions of a cellular telephone. Violating this law is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$50.

## RECYCLE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND ELECTRONICS NOV. 12

The City is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Electronic Recycling event on Saturday, Nov. 12, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., at the City's old service center at 133 N. Main St. Household hazardous waste items are



Public works and fire department employees work collection event.

accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Only household hazardous waste from Burleson residents will be accepted. Bring a water or solid waste bill as proof of residency. With electronic recycling, there will be a fee for TVs (\$10-\$30); computer hard drive erasing (\$10); CRT computer monitors (\$5); and air conditioning unit Freon disposal (\$15). All other electronic items may be dropped off free of charge. For more, call Bianca Chafin at 817-426-9842.

## 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.

## CITY FACILITIES CLOSE FOR THANKSGIVING

There will be no collection of trash or curbside recycling on Thanksgiving. Those on the Monday/Thursday schedule will resume regular collection Nov. 28. All City facilities – with the exception of the golf course, police station and fire stations – will be closed on Thanksgiving and the Friday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 24-25).

Hidden Creek Golf Course will close at 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving but will be open for regular winter hours the next day. The BRiCk will be closed Nov. 24-25. The Burleson Public Library will be closed Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 24-26, as well as the normal closure on Sunday (Nov. 27). The Burleson Animal Shelter will be open on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

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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.