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DEC. 3 IS PACKED WITH CHRISTMAS FUN FOR BURLESON

Saturday, Dec. 3 is a Christmas-packed day in Burleson! Santa will host the 12th annual Breakfast with Santa, 7 a.m.-11 a.m., at the Senior Activity Center, 216 S.W. Johnson Ave. Saint Nick's elves will be flipping pancakes, cooking sausage and squeezing the orange juice. Children can tell Santa their Christmas wishes and visit his workshop to make holiday crafts. Tickets are \$3 for children/\$4 for adults in advance (tickets are available starting Nov. 1 at the BRiCk) 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. The theme is "Old Fashioned Family Christmas." The route starts at Irene Street and proceeds to Gregory, Johnson, Ellison, Warren, back to Gregory, and finishes on Irene. Floats, cars, horses, fire trucks and more are welcome! Lineup starts at 2:30 p.m. Applications are available at the Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce, Service First Mortgage, city hall and on the Rotary Club website, www.burlesonrotary.org.

The City's Christmas tree at the corner of Johnson and Ellison will sparkle with more than 10,000 lights. Join us at 6 p.m. as talented artists (winners of a coloring contest) and Santa flip the switch on the tree's lights, followed immediately by a fireworks extravaganza. Santa will then head to his sleigh to hear more Christmas wishes.

For more about the parade, call Lisa Keese at 817-447-7300. For all other questions, call the BRiCk at 817-426-9104 and ask for Charlene.

SIGN UP YOUR CHILDREN FOR NORTH POLE CALLING!

Not every child receives a personal phone call from Santa Claus!

Children will talk to Santa thanks to the North Pole Calling program coordinated by the City's parks and recreation department.

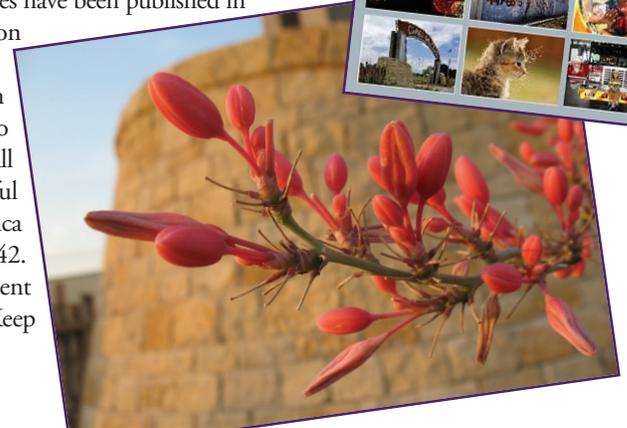
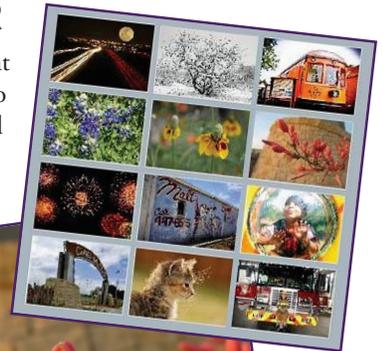
Parents can go to the BRiCk or Burleson Public Library to make an appointment. Informational fliers are being distributed through the Burleson Independent School District's elementary campuses.

Santa's elves will help St. Nick coordinate the phone calls, which will be made 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Dec. 12-15. The calls are for children from pre-kindergarten through second grade. North Pole Calling is for Burleson residents and BISD students only.

Completed forms must be returned to the BRiCk by Nov. 30. The center is located at 550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd. Call the BRiCk at 817-426-9104 for more information.

WINNING IMAGES ARE PUBLISHED IN 2012 KEEP BURLESON BEAUTIFUL CALENDAR

The Keep Burleson Beautiful committee picked eight winners and six runners-up in the 2012 calendar photo contest. The winners include Nicole Lockett, Daniel Pentikis, Donna Nguyen, Bonnie Kershaw, Melissa Chambers, Kelly Ybarra, Casey Bowman and Steve Baldwin. Winning images have been published in the 2012 Keep Burleson Beautiful calendar and may be used in City publications. To buy a calendar, call Keep Burleson Beautiful Executive Director Bianca Chafin at 817-426-9842. The cost is \$15. Payment should be made to Keep Burleson Beautiful.



Kelly Ybarra's "Pink In Focus" is one of the winning images in the photo calendar contest.

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RESCUERS HONORED WITH LIFESAVING AWARDS AND MAYORAL COMMENDATIONS

Ten Burleson firefighters instrumental in the rescue of a worker from a Johnson County cell phone tower were honored with a Medal of Lifesaving Award from Fire Chief Gary Wisdom. Mayor Ken Shetter presented the three climbers and the lieutenant over operations with Mayoral Commendations.

Burleson, with help from Crowley, rescued the 25-year-old worker at 2:29 a.m. on Aug. 4. The rescue started shortly after 8 p.m. on Aug. 3. It was 105 degrees Aug. 3 and winds on the tower – which is higher than the Statue of Liberty and Reunion Tower – were blowing 35-40 miles per hour. The man had climbed to 760 feet, taken off his safety harness, and laid down on a platform that was 6 feet from the center of the tower. The 6-foot-7-inch worker was dehydrated and suffering from heat exhaustion. The climbers worked against the elements and with medical equipment, ropes and pulleys to get back down on solid ground.

The honorees include the incident commander, Battalion Fire Chief Tom Foster; operations commander, Lt. Jeremiah Lozier; rescue climbers – Firefighters Dallas Fowler, Bill Buchanan and Matt Moseley; the ground crew – Lts. Claude Scally and Steve Burchette and Firefighter Jules Knight; and the support team – Fire Marshal Stacy Singleton and Fire Investigator David Butler.



(front, l-r) Firefighter Bill Buchanan, Lt. Jeremiah Lozier, Firefighter Matt Moseley, Firefighter Dallas Fowler, (back, l-r) Fire Chief Gary Wisdom, Fire Investigator David Butler, Firefighter Jules Knight, Fire Marshal Stacy Singleton, Lt. Steve Burchette, Lt. Claude Scally, and Battalion Fire Chief Tom Foster

ANIMAL SHELTER WILL MICROCHIP YOUR PET FOR \$15

The Burleson Animal Shelter is now offering microchipping to all pets. The cost is \$15. The owner must provide proof of rabies vaccination.

Animal microchips are the size of a grain of rice and are implanted just beneath the skin's surface, between the shoulder blades. The chip has a unique identification number that links the pet to the owner. A veterinarian, animal shelter or humane society can use a scanner to read a lost pet's chip. The staff calls 24PetWatch Lost Recovery Service with that registered chip number. 24PetWatch gives the staff the owner's information, and the staff contacts the owner.

The Burleson Animal Shelter is located at 775 S.E. John Jones Dr. Hours of operation are 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday-Friday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday.

MOST CITY FACILITIES CLOSE DEC. 23, DEC. 26 AND JAN. 2

Collection of trash and recycling will go uninterrupted over Christmas. With the holiday falling on Sunday, most City facilities will be closed Dec. 23 and Dec. 26. City facilities will also be closed Jan. 2 for the New Year holiday. Residential trash and recycling will be collected Jan. 2.

Hidden Creek Golf Course will close at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve and remain closed on Christmas. The course will be open Dec. 26 as well as New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

The BRiCk will be open 1 p.m.-6 p.m. on Dec. 23, closed Dec. 24-25, and open 1 p.m.-6 p.m. on Dec. 26. The BRiCk will be open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Dec. 31, closed Jan. 1, and open 1 p.m.-6 p.m. on Jan. 2.

The Burleson Public Library will be closed Dec. 23-26, open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Dec. 31, and closed Jan. 1-2. The Burleson Animal Shelter will be closed Dec. 23-26 but will be open New Year's Eve. The shelter is always closed on Mondays.

CHECK IT OUT ...

For City meeting times and dates, check the Public Notices page on the City website, www.burlesontx.com. Meeting times are subject to change.

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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, Services, then click on City Facilities. Hours are listed under each entry.

JOIN THE BRiCk's WINTER FUN CAMP!

Sign up for the BRiCk's Winter Fun Camp! Children 6-12 years old will do group games, arts and crafts, swimming, rock climbing, team building and more, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Dec. 19-23. The camp will be at the BRiCk, 550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd. Camp fees for BRiCk members are \$115 for individuals and \$100 for any additional family members. Non-member fees are \$130 for individuals and \$115 for additional family members. Single day registration is also available. Call the BRiCk at 817-426-9104 for more information.