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Children make a mad dash for Easter eggs at Bartlett Park in 2011.

## EASTER BUNNY IS COMING TO TOWN MARCH 31!

Grab your children, camera and Easter baskets and join the City in the annual Bunny Daze Easter Eggstravaganza at the BRiCk at Bartlett Park.

This is a free event sponsored by the City. More than 1,000 people attend. The fun takes place between noon and 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, at 550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd. There will be on-stage performances, carnival games, face painting and more. Peter Cottontail is the special guest! Reserve a 10x10 Bunny Daze booth space now for only \$20 and raise money for your favorite charity or organization with face painting, games and refreshments.

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 Ashley Osborne at the BRiCk at 817-426-9116.

## DANCE WITH YOUR CHILD FEB. 11

The City's annual Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Valentine Dance has moved from the Senior Activity Center to the BRiCk.

Fathers and daughters, mothers and sons, reserve Saturday, Feb. 11, for the City's annual Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Valentine Dance!

The event takes place 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Tickets went on sale Jan. 10 at the BRiCk, 550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd. Three hundred pre-event tickets are being sold at \$15 per couple or \$25 at the door. The ticket price covers the dinner, dance, corsages and pictures. There are two sittings for dinner: 6 p.m.

and 6:30 p.m. The dance and games

start at 7 p.m. For more information, call the BRiCk at 817-426-9106. To volunteer for the event, call Paula Benjamin at 817-295-6611 or email pbenjamin@burlesontx.com.



Little dancers play the balloon game at the 2011 Valentine Dance.

## FOUR SEATS ARE ON COUNCIL BALLOT

The first day to file for a place on the ballot for the election for Burleson City Council is Saturday, Feb. 4. Burleson City Hall will be open 10 a.m.-noon. The last day to file is March 5 at 5 p.m. Election day is Saturday, May 5.

Four seats are on the May 2012 ballot. Those seats include mayor, currently held by Ken Shetter; Place 2, currently held by Rick Green; Place 4, currently held by Matt Aiken; and Place 6 (unexpired term), currently held by Larry Pool. Candidates must be at least 18 years old; a citizen of the United States; a qualified voter of the city; a resident of the city or have resided in the city for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election; not be delinquent in the payment of taxes or other liability due to the City of Burleson; and not be otherwise disqualified from serving on the city council by any other provision of law. The mayor and council members serve two year terms. There are no term limits. Council meets on the first and third Mondays and in special meetings and workshops throughout the year.

For more information about the May 5, 2012, Burleson City Council election, call the city secretary's office at 817-426-9661 or email elections@burlesontx.com. Burleson City Hall is located at 141 W. Renfro St.

## WHAT CITY FACILITIES ARE OPEN WHEN LOCAL WEATHER TURNS ICY?

How do you know what City facilities are open and if your trash will be picked up when the weather turns icy? Check the City website, [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com), the City of Burleson Facebook page, and/or the City of Burleson

Twitter page. You do not have to have a Facebook profile or a Twitter profile to view the City pages. Simply go to the City website, scroll to the bottom of the homepage, and click on the blue F (Facebook) and/or the blue T (Twitter)

icons in the center of the page. City government closings will also be included in the spotlight or in the news flash on the homepage of the City website.

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## DIVE IN AT THE AQUA EGG HUNT MARCH 31

Dive for those Easter eggs! Last year's Aqua Egg Hunt has officially become an annual event with the hunt slated for Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m.-noon, at the BRiCk, 550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd.

Preregistration is recommended to expedite the check-in process. Any tickets remaining after the March 30 preregistration date will be sold at the BRiCk's front desk the day of the event. When the tickets sell out, the event will be closed.

The cost is \$2 per child. Children, up to 11 years old, will be divided into four groups and four times. Parent & Me (under 2 years old and with a parent) is at 10 a.m.; Preschool (3-5 years old) dive at 10:30 a.m.; children 6-8 years old will hunt for eggs at 11 a.m.; and the final group, 9-11 years old, goes in at 11:30 a.m. There is a maximum of 50 children in Parent & Me and 50 in Preschool, then a maximum of 100 children in each of the two older age groups.

Participants need to don swimsuits and goggles to search for plastic eggs in the pool. The Aqua Egg Hunt will take place in the play structure area and the lap pool. Children will redeem their plastic eggs for one Easter goody bag.

*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.*

## LIBRARY PROGRAMS

### Family Story Time

Wednesdays and Thursdays  
10:45 a.m.

### Baby & Me Story Time

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

### Afterschool Nature Walk

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 4:30 p.m.

*We will meet at Warren Park and collect natural items for our afterschool craft.*

### Afterschool Craft for ages 5-12

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 4:30 p.m.

### Afterschool Story Time

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 4:30 p.m.

### Afterschool Games

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 4:30 p.m.

### Movie Mocking Monday

Ages 12-18 only

Monday, Feb. 13, 5 p.m.

*Express yourself guilt-free, heckling some of the worst movies ever made.*

### Teen Anime/Manga Club

Ages 12-18 only

Thursday, Feb. 2, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 9, 5 p.m.

*Meet fellow Otaku as we watch the latest releases from Funimation.*

### Teen Gaming Society

Ages 12-18 only

Thursday, Feb. 16, 5 p.m.

*Spend the afternoon trying new games with us!*

### Book Discussion Groups

Friday, Feb. 10, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m.

## STAY IN THE LOOP WITH CITY NEWS

Do you know what's going on in your City? Choose the form of communication that best suits your style by going to the Communications page on the City website. You'll find City news releases, streaming video of Burleson City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission meetings, the free weekly E-Newsletter, this *City Focus* monthly newsletter, the City of Burleson Facebook page, City of Burleson Twitter page, Connect-CTY emergency phone notifications, and past issues of the *Burleson Progress Report* and *Annual Financial Report*. Go to [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com), Departments, Communications.

## CITY FACILITIES CLOSE FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Trash and curbside recycling will be collected on Monday, Jan. 16, but most City facilities will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The city council meeting slated for Jan. 16 will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at Burleson City Hall. The work session is at 6 p.m. and the meeting is at 7 p.m.

The BRiCk will be closed, as will the animal shelter, library and senior activity center. Hidden Creek Golf Course will be open for regular hours.

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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.

## 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.