

# CITY FOCUS

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## SPAZMATICS HEADLINE CITY'S FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

A Burleson favorite, the Spazmatics, will be headlining the City's free Fourth of July concert at Chisenhall Fields Sports Complex. The Spazmatics will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 4, for a 90-minute show. To catch the show, bring your chairs and blankets – leave alcoholic beverages at home; City ordinance prohibits alcohol in City parks – and grab a seat on the surrounding fields at 500 W. Hidden Creek Pkwy. Snacks will be available at the concession stand. The gates open at 5 p.m. The concert will be followed by a spectacular fireworks show choreographed to patriotic music.

## DO YOU WANT TO PLANT A GARDEN?

Apply for a garden plot at the Community Garden at Russell Farm, which is owned by the City. The public area of Russell Farm, 405 W. County Road 714, comprises about 11 acres that is home to the community garden. The garden is open daily, except for Sundays, for garden members and volunteers. Children under 18 are welcome but they must be accompanied by an adult. The annual individual plot rental fee is \$50 for a 5-foot-by-8-foot plot or \$90 for a 5-foot-by-16-foot plot. The fee covers the garden plot with organic top soil medium added, water, and liability insurance. There is also a one-time plot cleanup deposit of \$20. For more about the garden plots and scholarships, go to [www.burlesontx.com/communitygarden](http://www.burlesontx.com/communitygarden).

## PARADE CELEBRATES MILITARY HEROES

The Burleson Lions Club will be celebrating "Our Military Heroes" at the ninth annual Burleson Lions Club parade Thursday, July 4, in Old Town. The parade steps off from Kerr Middle School at 9 a.m. Categories include vehicles, businesses, individuals, sports, equestrian, motorcycles, church and military. Entry fees range from \$20-\$30. Register online at [www.burlesonlions.org/](http://www.burlesonlions.org/) or call Tana Howell at 817-228-6334.



## IF YOU LIKE IT, LOCK IT!

That's the Burleson Police Department's catchy slogan for getting you to start thinking about how not to be a victim. As summer approaches and you spend more time outdoors, you might be using your vehicle to store your valuables as you shop from store to store, attend tournament games, and even hit those outdoor concerts. Thieves are looking for someone like you, so you have to look out for yourself. Park in a high traveled area. Lock your vehicle. Take your valuables with you. And remove from plain sight the things you can't carry with you. It's easy to remember. If you like it, lock it!

## WINERY HOSTS YAPPY HOUR JULY 12

The Burleson Animal Shelter and Lost Oak Winery are teaming up for the third annual Yappy Hour on Friday, July 12, 7 p.m.-10 p.m., at the winery. The shelter staff will bring adoptable pets to Yappy Hour for on-site adoption. The event is open to the public and free of charge. Adoption fees range from \$55 to \$65 and include basic vaccinations and microchipping. For more information, call Lost Oak Winery at 817-426-6625 or the Burleson Animal Shelter at 817-426-9283. The winery is located at 2116 FM 731 in Burleson.

## IT'S CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

The Burleson Senior Activity Center is hosting a Christmas in July Craft Fair on Saturday, July 20, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at 216 S.W. Johnson Ave. Browse through one-of-a-kind handmade items and gifts during this annual event. For more information, call the center at 817-295-6611.

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## VACCINATE YOUR PETS AGAINST RABIES

Vaccinate your pets against rabies and keep those vaccinations up to date. In April, city council changed the definition of rabies vaccination to include one-year-dose vaccinations or three-year-dose vaccinations. Animals must be vaccinated before 4 months of age and are required to have a booster shot within one year of the initial vaccination. After that, the owner can opt for one-year or three-year vaccinations. To protect yourself and your pets against rabies, avoid animals, both domestic and wild, that appear disoriented, fearless or aggressive. Nighttime animals such as bats, raccoons and skunks that are active in the daytime may be sick. Avoid leaving pet food outdoors, and keep garbage in closed containers. Do not touch any wild animal that appears ill or dead. If you live inside the city limits of Burleson, call Burleson Animal Services at 817-426-9283. For more, go to [www.burlesontx.com/rabies](http://www.burlesontx.com/rabies).

## SIGN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD UP FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, OCT. 1

Have you signed your neighborhood up for the Oct. 1 National Night Out? "America's Night Out Against Crime" is 6 p.m.-9 p.m. citywide. National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support and participation in anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and to let criminals know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. For more information, call Community Resource Officer Jack Goleman at 817-426-9895.



## MAKE MOSQUITOES UNWELCOME

Prevent your yard from becoming a mosquito breeding site by eliminating standing water in rain gutters, tires, buckets, plastic covers, toys or any other container. Empty and change the water in bird baths, fountains, wading pools, rain barrels and potted plant trays at least once a week. Keep swimming pool water treated and circulating. Read about the latest measures the City is taking at [www.burlesontx.com/mosquitocontrol](http://www.burlesontx.com/mosquitocontrol).

## JOIN SUMMER READING CLUB AT THE LIBRARY!

"Dig into Reading" is the theme of the Burleson Public Library's Summer Reading Club that kicks off on June 1, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at 248 S.W. Johnson Ave. Guests include:



Burleson Police Department  
Thursday, June 6, 10:30 a.m.

Magician Brett Roberts  
Friday, June 7, 2 p.m.

Tharpo the Clown  
Thursday, June 13, 2 p.m.

Burleson Fire Department  
Friday, June 14, 10:30 a.m.

Burleson Public Works  
Department  
Friday, June 21, 10:30 a.m.

Le Theatre Marionette  
Thursday, July 11, 2 p.m.

Rhythm Path  
Hands-On Drumming  
Thursday, July 25, 2 p.m.

The Wrap-Up Party  
Friday, July 26, 2 p.m.

For more, go to  
[www.burlesontx.com/library](http://www.burlesontx.com/library).

## CONNECT WITH COUNCIL!

Check the City website, [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com), for news about the next Connect With Council! It will take place in July. This will be the fourth Connect With Council hosted by the City.

## NO DOGS ALLOWED IN SPECTATOR AREA

Dogs are prohibited from entering through the entryway gates and into the spectator and playing field areas at Chisenhall Fields Sports Complex thanks to an amendment approved by city council in April. Dogs are permitted in the parking lot, pedestrian trail and other undeveloped areas of the park. This ban does not apply to a service animal if the service animal is under the control of its disabled owner and the animal does not pose a direct threat to the health or safety of others. Chisenhall Fields Sports Complex is located at 500 W. Hidden Creek Pkwy.

## 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.

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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/  
Recycle 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.