

CITY FOCUS

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SIGN YOUR CHILD UP FOR BURLESON FISHING ADVENTURES

Register your child for a free day of learning how to fish at Burleson's own Bailey Lake. Members of the Burleson Fire Department, Burleson Police Department, and the City's parks and recreation department are hosting as well as teaching the event, which is for children kindergarten to fifth grade. The fun takes place Saturday, Oct. 5, 9 a.m.-noon, at 280 W. Hidden Creek Pkwy. Children will learn how to cast, play games, and fish

in this catch and release program. Fishing rods will be complimentary for the first 35 children (5-11 years old). A free hot dog lunch will also be provided. Each child must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Register Sept. 1-30 at the BRiCk, 550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd., or call 817-426-9104 for more information.

CITY PARTNERS WITH DEA TO TAKE BACK DRUGS

The City of Burleson, in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration, will host a Drug Take Back Event on Saturday, Oct. 26, at the old City service center, 133 N. Main St. The event is 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Residents may drop off unused, expired or unwanted medications, in both pill and liquid form, for safe disposal. This includes over-the-counter as well as prescription drugs. The Drug Take Back Event raises awareness of proper drug disposal, helps keep our drinking water safe, and protects children and pets from poisoning. Drugs collected will be incinerated. For more information, call Sgt. Bob Sherman at 817-426-9951.

SAY GOODBYE TO TRASH!

It's time to get rid of trash that is littering Burleson retail corridors and drainage channels. The City of Burleson and Keep Burleson Beautiful will host the Burleson Trash Bash on Saturday, Sept. 21. What is your commitment? Two hours, 9 a.m.-11 a.m. After the cleanup, volunteers will convene at Warren Park, 301 S.W. Johnson Ave. Call the City's environmental services office at 817-426-9842 by 5 p.m. on Sept. 19 to register and receive a cleanup location assignment. Volunteers who are younger than 18 years old need to be supervised by an adult.



LEARN HOW TO DO BASIC CPR

If you want to learn how to do basic CPR, for free, the Burleson Fire Department is hosting classes Sept. 28, Oct. 19, Nov. 9 and Dec. 21. All classes are 9 a.m.-noon at Fire Station #1, 828 S.W. Alsbury Blvd. You must be at least 15 years old to participate. This class will not certify participants in CPR (not a card class). The course is easy hands-on CPR, basic first aid, and instruction on an automated external defibrillator. Classes are open to the first 30 people who sign up. Call Fire Station #1 at 817-426-9176, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, for more information.



TEEN SWAG EVENT IS SEPT. 5

Don't miss the Teen SWAG Affair at the Ron Harmon Subcourthouse, Thursday, Sept. 5, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Normally, SWAG refers to a person's appearance, style or presentation, but at

this free event the message is Sober – Wait – Awareness – Guidance. There will be food, fun, prizes and giveaways as well as lots of educational and fun information. The event is hosted by the staff of the Burleson Municipal Court. Also on board are several colleges, A&M Agrilife, First Financial Bank, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, different branches of the Armed Forces, Operation Intervention and much, much more. For more information, call Constance White, director of court services, at 817-426-9220.

YOU CAN WIN \$100 CREDIT IF YOU PAY CITY UTILITY BILL VIA BANK DRAFT

As an incentive for utilizing the bank draft feature to pay your City of Burleson utility account, all customers who choose this option will be entered into a monthly drawing beginning in October 2013. The customer whose name is drawn will receive a \$100 credit to their City utility account. Sign up now so you have a chance to be one of the 12 prize winners. Simply fill out an application online at www.burlesontx.com/ucsbankdraft or stop by the Utility Customer Service office located at Burleson City Hall, 141 W. Renfro St. The staff can start the process to automatically debit your checking account for your utility statement balance. Say goodbye to postage and late fees and hello to a possible chance to win a \$100 credit on your City utility account. For more information, call 817-426-9601.

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NCTCOG IS OFFERING SAFE ROOM REBATES

If you are interested in a rebate to install a safe room in your home, Burleson residents can sign up on a North Central Texas Council of Government wait list. Log in to www.nctsaferoom.com and provide your name, address and contact information. If you do not have internet access, call the Emergency Preparedness Department at NCTCOG at 817-695-9235 and leave a message with your name, phone number, address and the county that you live in. Approval for a rebate could take three to 18 months. You must be preapproved prior to the installation of a safe room if you want to participate. To learn more about eligibility for the rebate, go to www.nctsaferoom.com. To find out more about safe rooms, go to www.fema.gov/safe-rooms.

KIDS, FIND A COSTUME FOR BOO BASH!

Things will get a little wild and crazy in Old Town Oct. 26 when the City hosts the sixth annual Old Town Boo Bash. The event, which includes free trick or treating, is for children from birth to 12 years old. The fun takes place 6 p.m.-8 p.m. on Ellison Street, between Main Street and Johnson Avenue. Dress your child up and bring a trick or treat bag. Children enjoy free candy, games, bounce houses, a pumpkin patch full of free pumpkins to decorate, and a costume parade.



EVENTS CALENDAR

Adult Diabetes Management classes

Third Thursday of each month
1 p.m.-3 p.m.
Burleson Public Library

ESL classes

Mondays and Wednesdays
11:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m.
Starting Sept. 9
Burleson Public Library

Basic Computer classes

Mondays, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.
Starting Sept. 23
Burleson Public Library

Advanced Computer classes

Wednesdays, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.
Starting Sept. 25
Burleson Public Library

Connect With Council

October 2013
Visit www.burlesontx.com
for more details.



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.

PREVENT KITCHEN FIRES

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 6-12, and this year's theme is "Prevent Kitchen Fires." According to the National Fire Protection Association, two out of every five home fires start in the kitchen. Unattended cooking was a factor in 34 percent of those fires. To learn more about Fire Prevention Week and how to prevent a kitchen fire, go to www.fpw.org. To schedule a visit from the fire marshal or firefighters, call the fire marshal's office at 817-426-9174 or 817-426-9175 or email ssingleton@burlesontx.com or dbutler@burlesontx.com.

CELEBRATE BURLESON HISTORY OCT. 12

It's time for a little local history. Burleson was founded Oct. 10, 1881, and incorporated in 1912. On Saturday, Oct. 12, the City and community will celebrate the 21st annual Founders Day, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., in Old Town Burleson. The fun takes place on Ellison Street, which is part of the original town of Burleson. Mock gunfights and great food, arts and crafts, carnival rides and entertainment are all part of the festivities. Founders Day is hosted by the City of Burleson and the Burleson Heritage Foundation. Check the City website, www.burlesontx.com, and City of Burleson Facebook page, www.facebook.com/burlesontx, for updates.

CITY WILL COLLECT IT ALL NOV. 2

The City of Burleson is hosting a household hazardous waste collection, electronic recycling and paper shredding event on Saturday, Nov. 2, at the City's old service center, 133 N. Main St. The event is 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and is only available to residents who live inside the Burleson city limits. Bring a water or solid waste bill as proof of residency. Household hazardous waste items are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. TVs will not be accepted, but computer monitors will be. There is no charge for this event. For more information, call 817-426-9842.

MILITARY VETERANS TO BE HONORED NOV. 9

The service and sacrifices of military veterans will be honored Saturday, Nov. 9, at 2 p.m. when the City of Burleson hosts the seventh annual Military Veteran Tribute at Veterans Memorial Park. The park is located at 298 E. Renfro St., near the corner of Renfro Street and I-35W. Check the City website, www.burlesontx.com, and City of Burleson Facebook page, www.facebook.com/burlesontx, for updates.

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