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Mock gunfights, staged shootouts, a Bumble Rumble Car Show, motorcycle show, arts and crafts, great food, and two stages of entertainment are on tap for the City of Burleson's 21st annual Founders Day. The celebration starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, and wraps by 6 p.m. in the City's Old Town, 124 W. Ellison St.

The City's main stage has picked up and moved from the intersection of Ellison and Main Streets to the Burleson City Hall parking lot (Ellison Street, between Wilson and Warren streets). A second stage at the corner of Ellison and Bransom streets will also feature entertainment. A short walking parade hosted by the Burleson Heritage Foundation is in the works. Carnival rides are not included in this year's celebration.

The Bumble Rumble Bike Show is 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The categories include sport, cruiser, touring, vintage, classic, builder, trikes, rat and ladies. The Bumble Rumble Car Show is 2 p.m.-6 p.m. The categories include Pre-1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, T-Bucket/Roadster, Mopar/Dodge, Mustang, Corvette, Camaro/Firebird, convertible, import, Tri-5, project/unfinished, truck pre 1970s, truck post 1970s, muscle, street rod, hot road and rat rod. For more go to the Bumble Rumble site at www.bumblerumble.org

Founders Day is hosted by the City of Burleson and the Burleson Heritage Foundation. Heritage members dress in period costume for the daylong event. BHF members host visitors at the Burleson Visitors Center and in the City's two rail cars, Rail Car #330 and Parlor Car #411.

Burleson was founded Oct. 10, 1881, and incorporated in 1912. More than 18 mayors have been elected and served since the 1912 incorporation. The Burleson Visitors Center in front of city hall is owned by the City and managed by the Burleson Heritage Foundation. The center provides historical and tourist information and items; makes special arrangements for tour groups and school field trips to the center; and offers historically-related merchandise for sale. The center is staffed by volunteers from the foundation.

Rail Car #330 (built in 1903) is the oldest remaining interurban car of any type in Texas. It was placed beside the Burleson Visitors Center, the last remaining Interurban Station on the Fort Worth to Cleburne line, in 2010. Car #330 faithfully served the interurban station three times a day until the line closed. Parlor Car

#411 is one of the last of the classic wooden cars of that same era. The #411 was moved next to Rail Car #330 in 2012. This unique set gives the City of Burleson the largest single collection of cars from the great Interurban Railroad that served seven counties in North Texas for nearly 50 years. The corner that includes the center and two rail cars was recently dedicated as the Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza.

Vendors interested in being part of the 2013 Founders Day celebration can download a vendor application from the City website at www.burlesontx.com/2013Foundersvendor. For additional questions about booth space please call Neal Jones with the Burleson Heritage Foundation at 817-447-3522 or 817-343-2589. Food vendors must have a permit from the Tarrant County Public Health Department. Booth spaces are 10 feet by 10 feet.