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SANTA IS COMING TO BURLESON FOR BREAKFAST DEC. 7

If you have never been to Breakfast with Santa, 2013 is the year to make it happen. Santa Claus is coming to town Saturday, Dec. 7. He and his elves are hosting the 14th annual Breakfast with Santa, 7 a.m.-11 a.m., at the BRiCk. Saint Nick's elves will flip pancakes, cook sausage, and serve orange juice and coffee. Santa will be in the Winter Wonderland until 11 a.m. to

hear Christmas wishes. Bring your camera to take those memorable pictures. Children can make holiday crafts in Santa's workshop. Advance breakfast tickets are available at the BRiCk, 550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd., starting Nov. 1 at \$4 for children/\$5 for adults. Tickets at the door Dec. 7 are \$5 for children/\$7 for adults. Call 817-426-9104 for more information.

CITY BOND/CHARTER ELECTION IS NOV. 5

If you receive this *City Focus* newsletter before Nov. 5, the Burleson City Council called an election for Nov. 5 in order for voters to consider a number of propositions to amend the city charter and to consider the issuance of general obligation bonds. Early voting is at the Ron Harmon Subcourthouse (247 Elk Dr.), Oct. 21-25, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Oct. 28-30, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. On Election Day, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tarrant County residents will vote at St. Ann Catholic Church (100 S.W. Alsbury Blvd.) and Johnson County residents will vote at the Ron Harmon Subcourthouse. For more information as well as the results of the election, go to www.burlesontx.com/elections.

WINNING ARTISTS WILL RIDE WITH SANTA

The City of Burleson's parks and recreation department is looking for some talented third graders who are also Burleson residents to participate in the annual holiday coloring contest. Two children — one lucky boy and one lucky girl — will be selected to ride with Santa in the Burleson Rotary Club's Parade of Lights on Saturday, Dec. 7. Entries must be turned in by Wednesday, Nov. 27, at the BRiCk's welcome desk at 550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd. The winners will be contacted by Dec. 3. For more information about the contest, call the BRiCk at 817-426-9104 or 817-426-9106.



TREE LIGHTING, FIREWORKS MARK FINALE

The corner of Johnson Avenue and Ellison Street will be bustling by 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 7 as dancers and singers entertain the parade crowd on the City stage in the back parking lot of the Burleson Police Department. The all-day holiday festivities conclude at 7 p.m. with the lighting of the City's Christmas tree and a low aerial fireworks show choreographed to holiday music. The lights will be turned on by Santa and his helpers (the two third-grade winners of the holiday coloring contest). After the tree lighting, Santa will head to his sleigh to listen to more Christmas wishes.



BRiCk HOSTS THANKSGIVING MINI CAMP

Are your preteens looking for something fun to do over Thanksgiving break? The BRiCk is hosting a Thanksgiving Break Mini Fun Camp Monday-Wednesday, Nov. 25-27, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Campers, 6-12 years old, will participate in group games, arts and crafts, rock climbing, and team-building events, plus swimming on Tuesday and Wednesday. Campers need to bring a sack lunch, swimsuit and tennis shoes. Snacks will be provided every afternoon. The fee for the three days ranges from \$60 to \$75. Single day registration is also available. Call the BRiCk at 817-426-9104 for more information.

CITY SERVICES CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS

City facilities will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28-29; Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 24-25; and Wednesday, Jan. 1, in observance of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. There will be no trash or curbside recycling collection Nov. 28, Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. Hidden Creek Golf Course will close at 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. The BRiCk will be open Dec. 31, but the hours are shortened to 5 a.m.-5 p.m. The library will be closed Nov. 28-30 for Thanksgiving and Dec. 24-25 for Christmas. The Senior Activity Center will be closed on Saturday, Nov. 30. The Compost/Mulch/Recycle Center will be open Saturday, Nov. 30, after Thanksgiving.

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LIGHT UP THOSE FLOATS FOR THE PARADE OF LIGHTS

Visit the Burleson Rotary Club website, <http://tinyurl.com/8znxc35>, for more information about the Parade of Lights that steps off from Kerr Middle School at 6 p.m. on Dec. 7 and winds through Burleson's Old Town. All floats are required to have Christmas lights and are encouraged to have music. The parade will start on Irene Street, turn right on Gregory Street, right on Johnson Avenue, and right on Ellison Street. The parade will then turn right at the intersection of Ellison and Warren Street and head back to the middle school. It will not go past city hall. For more information, call Lisa Keese at 817-447-7300.



MEET THE WILDLIFE AT CHRISTMAS AT RUSSELL FARM

Get your picture taken with a "Rein-Donkey" during the free three-day Christmas at Russell Farm. The City's 30-acre historic farm at 405 W. County Road 714 is the site for fun Dec. 12-14. The hours on Thursday and Friday are 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Saturday's hours are noon-8 p.m. The fun includes pictures (bring your own camera) with a donkey wearing antlers; checking out the Christmas trees decorated by community clubs and organizations; hay rides; handmade crafts for sale; tours of the historic Russell-Boren house as well as the Russell Farm Art Center gallery; and hot chocolate, cookies and coffee. Call 817-447-3316 for more information.



DON'T MISS HANDMADE CRAFTS

Don't pass up the Christmas crafts at the Burleson Senior Activity Center on Saturday, Dec. 7. Unique handmade crafts and gifts will be available for sale at the center at 216 S.W. Johnson Ave., 9 a.m.-2 p.m. If you are interested in being a vendor at the Christmas Craft Fair, call the center at 817-295-6611 to reserve your space. Spaces are 8-feet wide by 5-feet deep. The cost is \$10 per space without a table or \$15 per space with a table. Chairs are provided. Get your last-minute shopping done early at the craft fair!

HAVE SOME WINTER FUN AT THE BRICK

Do you need to get some shopping done during the holidays but your kids don't want to tag along? Check in to the BRiCK's Winter Fun Camp, Dec. 23, Dec. 26-27, Dec. 30, and Jan. 2-3. Campers, 6-12 years old, will participate in group games, arts and crafts, rock climbing, and team-building events. There will be swimming Dec. 26-27 and Jan. 2-3. The camp is 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Campers need to bring a sack lunch, swimsuit and tennis shoes. A snack will be provided every afternoon. Fees range from \$115 to \$130 for all six days, or ask about single day registration. Call 817-426-9104.

CITY HOSTS HORTICULTURAL SEMINAR

The City of Burleson and Keep Burleson Beautiful will host a free horticultural seminar on Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. at the Burleson Public Library. The class is conducted by master gardeners from the Texas A&M Agrilife extension. The seminar will cover tree trimming, pruning, and planting bulbs for the spring. Participants will find out how to help trees and flowerbeds look their best next spring. For more information, call 817-426-9842. The Burleson Public Library is located at 248 S.W. Johnson Ave.

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/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.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Drug Take Back Event

Oct. 26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
133 N. Main St.
817-426-9951

Household Hazardous Waste, Electronic Recycling and Paper Shredding Event

Nov. 2, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
133 N. Main St.
817-426-9842

Seventh Annual Military Veteran Tribute

Nov. 9, 2 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Park
298 E. Renfro St.
817-426-9104