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BURLESON CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS



If you receive this newsletter in time, here's what's happening in Burleson on Saturday, Dec. 7, as part of the daylong Christmas in Burleson. The 14th annual Breakfast with Santa is 7 a.m.-11 a.m. at the BRiCk. There will be pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee; picture opportunities with Santa as he listens to Christmas wishes; and Santa's workshop for craft making. Advance tickets are available at the BRiCk, 550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd., for \$4 for children/\$5 for adults. Tickets at the door are \$5 for children/\$7 for adults. The Burleson Rotary Club is hosting the Parade of Lights, which steps off from Kerr Middle School at 6 p.m. Visit the Burleson Rotary Club website, <http://tinyurl.com/8znxc35>, or call Lisa Keese at 817-447-7300 for more information. Then at 7 p.m., at the corner of Johnson Avenue and Ellison Street (317 W. Ellison St.), is the lighting of the City's Christmas tree and a low aerial fireworks show choreographed to holiday music. After the tree lighting and fireworks, Santa will head to his sleigh to hear more Christmas wishes. Questions about Breakfast with Santa, the City tree lighting and the fireworks show can be answered by calling the BRiCk at 817-426-9104. And don't forget Christmas at Russell Farm! The Rein-Donkey will be

ready to pose for pictures Dec. 12-14 at the City-owned farm at 405 W. County Road 714. The hours are 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Dec. 12-13 and noon-8 p.m. on Dec. 14. Hay rides, homemade crafts, tours of the farm and treats are included. Call 817-447-3316 for the details.

VALENTINE, THIS IS FOR YOU!

Parents and their children have two chances to celebrate with their favorite valentines in 2014. If you have little ones who can't stay up until 9 p.m., sign up for the 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Valentine Dance at the BRiCk. If you have older children, you can sign up for the 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Valentine Dance. Both time slots are on Saturday, Feb. 8. The events will feature a dinner, dancing coordinated by a professional disc jockey, games, corsages and pictures. Pre-event tickets may be purchased at the BRiCk, 550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd., starting Jan. 8. The cost is \$16 per couple or \$8 per person. At the door, tickets are \$25 per couple or \$12.50 per person. For more information, call the BRiCk at 817-426-9104.



CHICKEN E BREAKS GROUND

It's done! Chicken E Food Service and Chicken Express hosted a groundbreaking ceremony Oct. 25 at the site of their new state-of-the-art distribution center and corporate headquarters in Burleson. The facility will be located on I-35W near Bethesda Road and FM 917. Chicken E Food Service is the first tenant in the City of Burleson's HighPoint Business Park. The new facility will be nearly 100,000 square feet and will be expanded by approximately 25,000 square feet in the future, as growth continues. The 90,000-square-foot distribution center will have 24,000 square feet of cooler space and 18,000 square feet of freezer space. The corporate headquarters is also relocating and will occupy approximately 8,000 square feet. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the third quarter of 2014.



SO YOU WANT TO BE ON CITY COUNCIL ...

If you want to represent your neighbors on the Burleson City Council, candidate packets for the May 2014 City election will be available in January at Burleson City Hall. The four seats on the ballot include Place 2, held by Councilmember Rick Green; Place 4, held by Councilmember Matt Aiken; Place 6, held by Councilmember Ronnie Johnson; and mayor, held by Ken Shetter. Burleson City Hall is located at 141 W. Renfro St. For more information, contact the city secretary's office at 817-426-9661.

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PROMISES COMMUNITY MINISTRIES EARNS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

First Baptist Church of Burleson's Promises Community Ministries Center was awarded the 2013 Jerry Allen Award for Excellence in Community Improvement. The award was created in 2008 to honor then-outgoing Councilmember Jerry Allen. The award is presented to individuals, businesses, organizations or community groups whose efforts to improve Burleson are deemed extraordinary. City staff said that the new Promises Center significantly improves the Old Town area at 140 N.W. Renfro St. and that the center consists of a period-style architecture and location that creates aesthetic quality and value to the city. The center includes an extensive food pantry and clothes closet, assistance with shelter-related expenses, job corps training, and counseling.



David Jameson, Margie Ables and David Wells from Promises Community Ministries Center; Lisa Duello and Laura Melton from the City of Burleson.

REQUEST A VACATION CHECK ON YOUR HOME

If you are going out of town for the holidays, let the police department know. You can request a Vacation Home Check by filling out an online form on the City website at <http://tinyurl.com/lu35tln>. The police will need to know your departure date, your destination, and your return date as well as your emergency contact and the make/model of vehicles that will be at your home. Security checks are limited to no more than 14 consecutive days and not more than 30 days per year. For more information, call the police department at 817-426-9903.

STOP WHEN CROSSING SIGNALS FLASH RED

That's the law. The Burleson Police Department's traffic unit and the City marshal division work with Union Pacific Railroad several times a year to remind drivers of the dangers of crossing railroad tracks. Since May 2009, three lives have been lost in crashes involving trains at railroad crossings in Burleson. If the railroad crossing arms are down or the warning lights are flashing, drivers must stop before reaching the white stop bar painted on the pavement. Flashing lights must be treated like a stop sign. Be sure you can clear the tracks by at least three feet on both sides. Never stop on the tracks. Drivers must wait for the gates to go up and the warning lights to stop flashing before they can safely proceed over the tracks. For more information, go to www.burlesontx.com/operationlifesaver.

HAVE SOME WINTER FUN AT THE BRICK

Are your children looking for something to do over the holidays? Winter Fun Camp is 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 by calling the BRiCk at 817-426-9104.

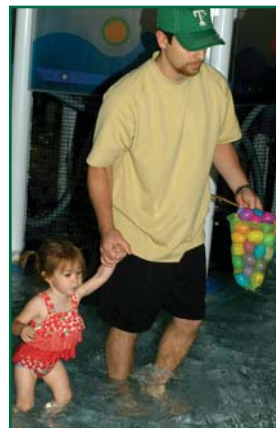
CITY SERVICES CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS

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.

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.

EVENTS CALENDAR



Aqua Egg Hunt

April 12, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

The BRiCk

550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd.

817-426-9104

Bunny Daze

April 12, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bartlett Park

550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd.

817-426-9104

Easter Egg Hunt

April 12, 1:30 p.m.

Bartlett Park

550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd.

817-426-9104

Arbor Day Ceremony

April 25, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

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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.