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Vera Calvin, her family, friends and dignitaries will gather at the corner of Wilson and Ellison streets in Old Town Burleson on Monday, April 14, to dedicate Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza. The ceremony is at 2 p.m. at 124 W. Ellison St. The plaza is home to the Burleson Visitors Center, Rail Car #330 and Parlor Car #411.

The City allows municipal property to be named for public officials who have served the citizens of Burleson with distinction and have been out of public office for at least two years.

Calvin is the City of Burleson's only female mayor. She was mayor 1988-1992. She was appointed mayor in 1988, elected mayor in 1989 for a one-year term (finishing Jerry Boone's vacated term), and elected again in 1990 for a full two-year term. Calvin served as mayor for just under four years. She served on city council 1980-1984 and 1987-1992 and was elected as mayor pro tem 1982-1984 and 1987-1988. The successes during her tenure on council include the 20/20 Comprehensive plan, purchasing both the Burleson Visitors Center (formerly the interurban building) and the recycling center, the initiation of DARE in the public schools (the city partnered with the school district), and construction of the City's first stand-alone police station.

Mayor Calvin moved to Burleson in 1957 with her husband and two daughters. She earned an associate's degree in nursing in 1974 and a Bachelor of Science degree in health care administration in 1984. Mayor Calvin worked as a registered nurse at the Fort Worth State School, 1976-1993.

Calvin did not leave public service after serving in City government. She served as justice of the peace for Johnson County's Precinct 2, 1995-1996. She has also been very active in the Burleson Heritage Foundation (members of the BHF volunteer at the Burleson Visitors Center), Athena Society of Burleson, Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce, Texas Business Women and First United Methodist Church of Burleson.