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FORT WORTH DEPUTY CHIEF TAKES OVER REINS AT BURLESON POLICE DEPARTMENT

A deputy chief with the Fort Worth Police Department has been selected to lead the Burleson Police Department as its next chief. Billy J. Cordell's first day on the job is slated for June 2. Cordell was one of 78 to apply for the position became open in December 2013. Cordell has been with the Fort Worth Police Department since July 1985 and served as a deputy chief since 2011. He was the Fort Worth Police Department's lead planner for Super Bowl XLV. The Fort Worth Police Department honored Cordell with a Life Saving Award in 1989, Special Services Officer of the Year in 1991, and Command Officer of the Year in 2002 and 2009. "I believe that Chief Cordell is the right person at this time to lead the Burleson Police Department and take us to the next level," City Manager Dale Cheatham said. burlesontx.com/chiefbcordell



BURLESON IS THE PLACE FOR FAMILY FUN JULY 4

The Fourth of July family fun starts at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 4, with the 10th annual Burleson Lions Club Independence Day Parade. Floats will line up at Kerr Middle School on Johnson Avenue, then follow the normal route through Old Town Burleson and back to the school. For registration and entry information, go to burlesonlions.org and click on the parade information. The City's Independence Day concert and fireworks are at Chisenhall Fields Sports Complex starting at 7:30 p.m. Metal Shop, an '80s hair band, will headline the free concert at 500 W. Hidden Creek Pkwy. The concert will be followed by an Independence Day fireworks show set to patriotic music at 9:20 p.m. For updated information, check the City website, burlesontx.com, or call 817-426-9104.



BURLESON IS ON THE RISE IN TEXAS

Burleson is a city on the rise! NerdWallet, the consumer advocacy site that named Burleson 17 out of 20 in the top cities for home ownership, now ranked Burleson 23 out of 126 for Cities on the Rise in Texas. The analysis focuses on population growth (growth in the working-age population, 16 and older, from 2009 to 2012); employment growth (growth in the percentage of employed residents from 2009 to 2012); and income growth (growth in the median income for workers from 2009 to 2012). Burleson surpassed the number one city in two out of the three categories. For the rest of the story, go to burlesontx.com/citiesonrise.

TEJAS BROTHERS CLOSE OUT HOT SOUNDS JUNE 27

The Tejas Brothers will close out the City's 2014 Hot Sounds of Summer concert series June 27 with their honky tonk country. The Hot Sounds series offers free 90-minute concerts every Friday, May 30-June 27, at 7:30 p.m. in Old Town Burleson (124 W. Ellison St.). The outdoor concerts kicked off May 30 with Buddy Whittington (Eric Clapton blues), followed by Blaze of Glory (Bon Jovi tribute band) on June 6, Le Freak (disco) on June 13, and the Sgt. Peppers Lonely Bluegrass Band (Beatles) June 20. If you haven't been to Hot Sounds yet, don't forget your lawn chairs, blankets and dancing shoes!



BUDGET PROCESS BEGAN MAY 21

The City's budget presentation process started May 21, with subsequent meetings scheduled for June and August, including public hearings. To keep up with what's being proposed, go to burlesontx.com/FY15budgetplan.

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BUTLER EARNS EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

David Butler went above and beyond his daily duties in coordinating the City's new state-of-the-art radio system. That dedication earned the fire investigator/inspector the City's first Employee of the Quarter honor for 2014. The radio is a regional system that, when complete, will cover all of Tarrant, Johnson and some surrounding counties. From the initial meeting to actually having the Burleson system go live in January 2014 was about two years. "We cannot begin to calculate the dollars that David has saved the City for all his tireless work," Tom Foster, deputy chief over operations with the Burleson Fire Department, said. burlesontx.com/butlerhonored



CITY DEDICATES MAYOR VERA CALVIN PLAZA

Blustery winds didn't keep Mayor Vera Calvin and friends from the dedication of the Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza on April 14. The plaza – which includes the Burleson Visitors Center, Rail Car #330 and Parlor Car #411 – was named in the former mayor's honor in August 2013. Calvin is the City of Burleson's only female mayor. 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. She served on city council 1980-1984 and 1987-1992 and was elected as mayor pro tem 1982-1984 and 1987-1988.

<http://on.fb.me/1iRkGEx>



JOIN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUG. 5

Burleson police officers and neighborhoods will come together Tuesday, Aug. 5, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., to celebrate National Night Out and to raise awareness about organizing and fighting back against crime. The goal of National Night Out is to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, and neighborhood camaraderie and to send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. If you and your neighbors want to be involved, contact Community Resource Officer David Wardlaw at 817-426-9958 or email dwardlaw@burlesontx.com.



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

SENIOR CENTER HOSTS CRAFT FAIR

The Burleson Senior Activity Center is hosting a craft fair on Saturday, July 19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the center at 216 S.W. Johnson Ave. Shop for unique homemade crafts and gifts for your friends and relatives. If you are a crafter and you're interested in selling your unique handmade items, call the Burleson Senior Activity Center at 817-295-6611.

OUTDOOR LANDSCAPE WATER RESTRICTIONS ARE PERMANENT

The outdoor landscape water restrictions that were enacted in Burleson in June 2013 are permanent due to a required change in the City's water conservation plan. Since the City of Burleson purchases its water from the City of Fort Worth, Burleson must approve a drought contingency plan that mirrors Fort Worth's plan. In April, Fort Worth made the maximum twice per week landscape restriction permanent, year-round. If your residential address ends in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6, 8) you can use an irrigation system to water your landscape on Wednesdays and Saturdays. If your residential address ends in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) you can use an irrigation system to water on Thursdays and Sundays. All nonresidential water locations (apartment complexes, businesses, industries, parks, medians, etc.) may water on Tuesdays and Fridays. No watering on Mondays. Since 2009, Burleson has banned watering with irrigation or sprinkler systems, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., year-round. Lawns and landscaping may be watered on any day with a handheld hose, drip irrigation, soaker hose or tree bubbler.

CHECK IT OUT ...

For City meeting times and dates, check the Public Notices page on the City website, 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 burlesontx.com/facilities. Hours are listed under each entry.