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LIBRARIAN EARNS EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Amanda Goshey's customer service made her a shoo-in for the City's second Employee of the Quarter award. Goshey is a reference/public services librarian at the Burleson Public Library. According to the nomination, Goshey "takes the concept of customer service and a positive attitude to the next level." The award winner joined the staff in July 2009 as a part-time reference assistant, and then in November 2009 she became a full-time reference/public services librarian. One of her many projects is the Burleson Funding Information Center, which got off the ground in May of this year. Patrons have free access to the Foundation Center of New York's detailed information on grant makers and applying for grants. <http://bit.ly/Goshey>

ARE WE COMMUNICATING WITH YOU?

Is the City doing a good job of communicating with you? When you ask questions, are you getting answers? How do you hear about City of Burleson events/programs/services? How can we improve? Give us your input by taking our 2014 Communications Survey. <http://bit.ly/1o03AT0>

CITY HONORED FOR FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

For the fifth consecutive year, the City of Burleson has been awarded the Gold Leadership Award for financial transparency from the Texas comptroller. The City's finance department was also honored with the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for fiscal year 2013. The City has earned the GFOA award dating back to the 1980s. The Leadership Circle program recognizes local governments across Texas that strive to meet a high standard for financial transparency online. As a Gold Leadership Award winner, Burleson has been tapped as one of the city governments that has proven that it opens its books to the public, provides clear consistent pictures of spending, and shares information in a user-friendly format that lets taxpayers easily drill down for more detail. <http://bit.ly/budgettransparency>

SONNY BURGESS HEADLINES FOUNDERS DAY



Are you looking forward to the City's annual Founders Day celebration? If you are thinking about being a vendor in 2014, the application is posted on the City website, <http://bit.ly/Foundersapp>. The festivities are Saturday, Oct. 11, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in Old Town Burleson (124 W. Ellison St.). The historic festival includes western gunfighters, antique appraisals, arts and crafts, great food, games and children's activities, musical entertainment, and a walking parade. And for all of you Sonny Burgess fans, he will be headlining the Founders Day concert, 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Burgess grew up in Cleburne and is a Country Music Association artist winner and Texas Country Music Hall of Famer. His catalog of albums includes "When In Texas," "Stronger," "Have You Got A Song Like That?" and "All About The Ride." The City of Burleson was founded Oct. 10, 1881, and incorporated in 1912. For more about Founders Day, call 817-426-9104.

GET READY FOR BOO BASH FRENZY

Old Town will be taken over by superheroes, princesses, and more on Saturday, Oct. 25, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. for the City's seventh annual free Burleson Old Town Boo Bash. Children, birth-12 years old, will arrive in their favorite Halloween costumes – trick-or-treat bags in hand – for the ultimate in trick or treating. Local businesses, churches, and civic groups set up booths and decorate their vehicles for trunk-or-treat fun. Children will enjoy free candy, games, bounce houses, a pumpkin patch full of free pumpkins to decorate, and a costume parade. Make sure to mark your calendars! To be a vendor, go to <http://bit.ly/BBashapp>.



IT'S TIME TO RECYCLE!

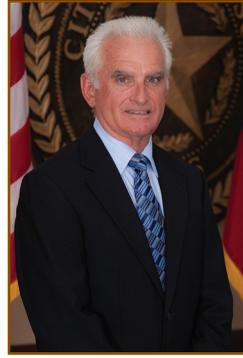
The City is hosting a household hazardous waste collection, electronic recycling, and paper shredding event on Saturday, Nov. 8, at the City's old service center, 133 N. Main St. The event is 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and is only available to residents who live inside the Burleson city limits (proof of residency including a City water or solid waste bill is required). Household hazardous waste items are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. All electronics and appliances (except for TVs) will be taken for free. TVs will not be accepted at this event. There is no fee for paper shredding, but the volume is limited to three boxes per vehicle. For more information, call David Lenartowicz, the City's environmental specialist, at 817-426-9842.

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McCLENDON IS NEW MAYOR PRO TEM

After seven years, there's a new mayor pro tem in town. Dan McClendon, Place 5 councilmember, was unanimously elected by his council peers as mayor pro tem at the July 7 council meeting. He replaces Stuart Gillaspie, who has served in that role since the May 2007 City elections. McClendon was sworn in to his Place 5 seat in May 2007. He also serves as president of the Burleson Type 4A Economic Development Corporation and chairs the Infrastructure and Development Committee. He is the owner of McClendon Construction Company, which he founded in 1990 in Burleson. His company performs municipal street reconstruction. <http://bit.ly/mayorprotem>



WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES!

"Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!" is the theme for Fire Prevention Week 2014, Oct. 5-11. The Office of the Fire Marshal will be working with the Burleson Fire Department to visit schools and day cares to drive the message home. Why? Because according to the National Fire Protection Association having a working smoke alarm in a home cuts the risk of dying in a fire in half. Install smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Test all smoke alarms every month by using the test button. And replace all smoke alarms every 10 years or sooner if they don't respond properly when tested. To set up a visit, please call Fire Marshal Stacy Singleton at Fire Station #1 at 817-426-9174.



HUTCHISON EARNS AWARD FOR TIP

City council honored Jay Hutchison, a utility superintendent in the City's public works department, with a \$500 award for being innovative with his TIP on streamlining the City's water meter installation procedure. His suggestion was to put an active email address in the comments of the crew's work order when the work order is initiated. "This could be used to inform the requestor that we have visited the location and have found deficiencies," Hutchison said. "Those deficiencies could be listed in an email and the crew leaders can take pictures on their iPad and attach those pictures to the email." The TIPS program was developed in response to the council's desire to incentivize employees toward a leaner city government. <http://bit.ly/Hutchisontip>

LIBRARY BRINGS ANIME AND MANGA TO BURLESON

The Burleson Public Library is combining anime (Japanese animated films) and manga (Japanese comics) for the Burleson Anime & Manga Festival on Saturday, Nov. 8. The event is slated for 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 248 S.W. Johnson Ave. Professional guests include Chaka Cumberbatch (cosplayer), Taffeta Darling (cosplayer/podcaster), Drew Edwards (writer/creator), Taylor Elizabeth (cosplayer/podcaster), Eddie Medina (artist/creator), mangaka and voice actress Kristen McGuire (*Haganai Next* and *Date A Live*), Terry Parr (artist), voice actress Whitney Rodgers (*Deadman Wonderland* and *Haganai*), Halo Sama (artist), and cosplayer Josh Watson. <http://bit.ly/Burlesonanime>

HONOR OUR MILITARY NOV. 8

The service and sacrifices of military veterans will be honored Saturday, Nov. 8, at 2 p.m., when the City hosts the eighth annual Military Veteran Tribute at Veterans Memorial Plaza. The plaza features a fountain surrounded by bricks engraved with the names of local service members; the bronze eagle and Purple Heart memorial that were unveiled in 2009; the names of veterans from World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam from the Johnson County Veterans Monument that were added in 2010; and the POW monument added in 2011. Veterans Memorial Plaza is located at 298 E. Renfro St., near the corner of Renfro Street and I-35W. For more information, call 817-426-9104.



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.

EVENTS CALENDAR



Teen SWAG

Sept. 4, 4 p.m.-8 p.m.
Ron Harmon Subcourthouse
247 Elk Dr.
817-426-9220

Trash Bash

Sept. 20, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
Citywide
Register online
burlesontx.com/trashoff
817-426-9832

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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.