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CATCH A FEW FISH AND SLEEP UNDER THE STARS OCT. 17-18

October is a full month for City events. Pencil in the Far Out Family Campout and Fishing Adventures Oct. 17-18 at Bailey Lake. The overnight event kicks off at 5 p.m. on Friday and wraps up at 8 a.m. Saturday. Boy Scouts and Master Naturalists will show you the way along nature trails, assist with fishing questions, and other fun activities. There will also be a hot dog dinner with roasted marshmallows for dessert. All you have to bring is snacks, a tent, fishing pole, bait, flashlight, and bug spray. The cost is \$10 per family of five or \$15 at the event. You can sign up at the BRiCk, 550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd. Call 817-426-9104 for more information.

EARN INCENTIVES WITH BURLESON READS!

The Burleson Public Library launched Burleson Reads, a yearlong reading program, in August. Burleson Reads allows parents and children to track their reading using a cell phone or computer. The goal is to have the children read 4,500 minutes by the end of the school year, which is about 15 minutes per day, and earn incentives at the same time. Children aren't the only ones who can enjoy the program. Adults and teens are also included and are eligible for monthly prize drawings just for participating. Registration is ongoing, available online, and will run now through May 31. For more information, contact the Burleson Public Library at 817-426-9210. burlesontx.com/burlesonreads

TAILS WERE WAGGING AT EMPTY THE SHELTER DAY

Fifty-three. That's how many Burleson Animal Shelter dogs and cats got a second chance Aug. 16. The Burleson shelter was one of more than three dozen shelters and rescues across the Metroplex that offered free adoptions in an effort to find homes for hundreds of pets. Of Burleson's 53 adoptions, 28 were kittens and cats and 25 were puppies and dogs (see pictures, facebook.com/burlesonanimalshelter). Special thank yous go out to the Burleson Small Animal Clinic and Alsbury Animal Hospital for donating the rabies vaccines for every adoptable pet Aug. 16. Every animal adopted from the Burleson Animal Shelter has the basic vaccines, is implanted with a microchip that will identify them if they ever get lost, and goody bags filled with collars, treats, and toys. All adoptive pet owners must sign a legal contract agreeing to have the adopted pet spayed or neutered, as required by state law. burlesontx.com/emptytheshelter



TRICK OR TREAT IN OLD TOWN

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. If you want to be a vendor, go to burlesontx.com/bbashapp. For more information, call the BRiCk at 817-426-9104 or 817-426-9112.



VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA WILL HAVE A WHOLE NEW LOOK NOV. 8

When military veterans gather at Veterans Memorial Plaza on Nov. 8 for the annual Military Veteran Tribute, the plaza will have a whole new look (burlesontx.com/vmpdesign). With the renovation, the plaza will be able to accommodate 3,024 veteran bricks, more than twice what is currently on display. The bricks contain the name, branch of service, and the name of conflicts in which the veteran served. To add a brick to the plaza, call the Burleson Public Library at 817-426-9212 or go to the Operation Remember page on the City website, burlesontx.com/operationremember. The Nov. 8 tribute kicks off at 2 p.m. at the plaza at 298 E. Renfro St. (corner of Renfro and I-35W service road). For more information about the tribute, call the parks and recreation department at 817-426-9104.

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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN DEC. 6



The big guy from the North Pole and his elves are hosting the 15th annual Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, Dec. 6, 7 a.m.-11 a.m., at the BRiCk. Kids, come in your Sunday best or your PJs. Saint Nick's elves will be up early flipping pancakes, cooking sausage, and serving the orange juice and coffee. Santa will be in the BRiCk's Winter Wonderland until 11 a.m. to hear Christmas wishes. Be sure to bring your camera to take those memorable pictures. Children can also visit Santa's workshop to make their own holiday crafts. Advance Breakfast with Santa tickets will be available at the BRiCk starting Nov. 3 or you can buy them at the door Dec. 6. Advance tickets are \$4 for children, \$5 for adults. Tickets at the door are \$5 for children and \$7 for adults. For more information, call 817-426-9104. Be sure to check your November *City Focus* for more about the craft fair, parade, tree lighting and fireworks, and Christmas at Russell Farm.

POLICE GRADUATE 20th CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Burleson Police Department's 20th Citizens Police Academy graduated Aug. 14 in a ceremony at Burleson City Hall. Nineteen were in the class. Students learned how to do building searches, traffic stops, and even investigated a mock homicide. Students also have the chance to ride along with an officer or monitor the communications office. The police department hosts the free 10-week Citizens Police Academy each year, June-August. The classes last three hours, every Thursday night. The Citizens Police Academy is open to men and women, 18 or older. The next academy will be the summer of 2015. burlesontx.com/cpagrad2014



CLEAN OUT THE GARAGE AND MEDIA ROOM!

There are just a few weeks left before the City's household hazardous waste collection, electronic recycling, and paper shredding event Nov. 8, at the old service center, 133 N. Main St. The event is 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and is only available to residents (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. Electronics and appliances (except for TVs) will be taken for free. TVs will not be accepted. There is no fee for paper shredding, but you are limited to three boxes per vehicle. For more information, call David Lenartowicz, the City's environmental specialist, at 817-426-9842.

LIVE GAMES, DEMOS AT LIBRARY FESTIVAL



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 artist Michael Champion (Epic Studios), Chaka Cumberbatch (cosplayer), Taffeta Darling (cosplayer/podcaster), Drew Edwards (writer/creator), Taylor Elizabeth (cosplayer/podcaster), Chris "Oz" Fulton (artist), 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 Josh Watson (cosplayer). The event includes panel discussions, autograph sessions, cosplay contest, live game demonstrations and free play, and a video game room. burlesontx.com/animemanga

EVENTS CALENDAR

Yappy Hour
Sept. 26, 6 p.m.-10 p.m.
Lost Oak Winery
2116 FM 731
Shelter: 817-426-9283
Winery: 817-426-6625

Drug Take Back Event
Sept. 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Old City Service Center
133 N. Main St.
817-426-9951

burlesontx.com/drugtakeback

Founders Day
Oct. 11, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Old Town Burleson
124 W. Ellison St.
4 p.m. - Sonny Burgess
Concert



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.

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.