

# CITY FOCUS

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## THIRD BUSINESS BREAKS GROUND AT HIGHPOINT



The third business to break ground in the City-owned HighPoint Business Park is not a new name. Wagner-Smith Equipment Company has been a staple of Burleson since 1990. Wagner-Smith Equipment sells, rents, and maintains conductor-stringing equipment, plus related supplies and accessories including stringing blocks, grips, hoists, hot arms, pumps, and presses. Complementing the equipment line is a complete product line of lineman tools and accessories. The company has full-service facilities in Texas, Oregon, and Ohio as well as a manufacturing facility in Illinois. The new site includes a 58,400-square-foot office and warehouse distribution facility on 20 acres. Construction should start before Dec. 31, 2014. The new site will include manufacturing, distribution, rental, and training facilities. <http://bit.ly/wagnersmith>

## EDWARDS NAMED EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

If you pay your water/trash bill at city hall, you probably know Lisa Kay Edwards. She is the utility customer service supervisor who, along with her fellow employees, greets you and sets up your service and takes your payment. Lisa was named Employee of the Quarter for the City's public works department. She is the third honoree in 2014. Nov. 1 was Edwards' 10th anniversary with the City. She was hired as a utility customer service clerk, and then promoted to utility customer service supervisor in July 2005. According to those who nominated her, Edwards "goes above and beyond to help customers and other employees." She also is "super amazing, polite, a hard worker, and tolerates difficult people with grace and patience." <http://bit.ly/lisaedwards>



Lisa Kay Edwards

## IT'S ALL ABOUT CHRISTMAS DEC. 6!



If you get this *City Focus* newsletter before Dec. 6, here's what's happening! Santa Claus is hosting the 15th annual Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, Dec. 6, 7 a.m.-11 a.m., at the BRiCk. The event is geared to children from birth to 12 years old (children 2 and younger get in free). Advance tickets are available at the BRiCk (\$4 for children, \$5 for adults), or you can buy them at the door Dec. 6 (\$5 for children, \$7 for adults). If you are looking for crafts, don't miss the Christmas Craft Fair at the Senior Activity Center, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call the center at 817-295-6611. The Rotary Club's Parade of Lights steps off from Kerr Middle School at 6 p.m. and winds through Old Town. Santa will be on that last float, and then he'll make his way to the corner of Johnson Avenue and Ellison Street for the big 7 p.m. finale — the lighting of the City's Christmas tree and a low aerial fireworks show choreographed to holiday music. After the tree lighting, Santa will head to his sleigh to listen to Christmas wishes. For more information about Breakfast with Santa, the tree lighting, or the fireworks show, call the BRiCk at 817-426-9104. For more information about the parade, call Lisa Keese at 817-447-7300.

## PICK UP CANDIDATE PACKETS IN JANUARY

If you want to represent your neighbors on the Burleson City Council, candidate packets for the May 2015 City election will be available in January at Burleson City Hall. The three seats on the ballot include Place 1 held by Councilmember Stuart Gillaspie, Place 3 held by Councilmember Jerry Allen, and Place 5 held by Mayor Pro Tem Dan McClendon. The 2015 election is for three-year terms. Burleson City Hall is located at 141 W. Renfro St. For more information, contact the city secretary's office at 817-426-9662 or email [elections@burlesontx.com](mailto:elections@burlesontx.com).

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE VIA ANI-MEALS

If you want to make a difference in the life of an elderly or homebound resident and their pets, become a part of the Ani-Meals pet food program. Ani-Meals is a partnership between Meals-on-Wheels of Johnson and Ellis counties and area animal shelters that began in 2009. Ani-Meals was started because Meals-on-Wheels staff and volunteers found that the homebound elderly clients were sharing their own meals with their pets because they could not afford to buy pet food. The Burleson Animal Shelter helps coordinate the program and stores the donated pet food. On the first Saturday of each month, Meals-on-Wheels volunteers meet at the Burleson Animal Shelter on John Jones Drive to pick up and deliver the donated pet food to 10 to 20 Meals-on-Wheels recipients in Burleson. If you want to donate pet food, toys, or treats, call the animal shelter at 817-426-9283.

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## MAKE PLANS FOR THE SWEETEST DANCE

The sweetest dance is the one with your son or daughter. To make that happen, the City is hosting the Father/Daughter & Mother/Son Valentine Dance at the BRiCk on Saturday, Feb. 7. There will be two times, 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m. The fun includes pictures, corsages, dinner, dancing, and games. Pre-event tickets are \$16 per couple (\$8 per person) and are available at the BRiCk starting Jan. 8. If you wait until Feb. 7 to buy your tickets, the cost is \$25 per couple or \$12.50 per person. For more information, call the BRiCk at 817-426-9104.



## VISIT RUSSELL FARM DEC. 18-20

Get your picture taken with Joey the "Rein-Donkey" during the three-day Christmas at Russell Farm festivities. The City's 30-acre historic farm at 405 W. County Road 714 is the site for fun Dec. 18-20. The hours on Thursday and Friday are 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Saturday's hours are noon-8 p.m. The festivities are free. The fun includes pictures (bring your own camera) with a donkey wearing antlers; checking out the Christmas trees decorated by community clubs and organizations; hay rides; handmade crafts for sale; tours of the historic Russell-Boren house as well as the Russell Farm Art Center gallery; and hot chocolate, cookies, and coffee. Call 817-447-3316 for more information. To learn more about the farm, go to [burlesontx.com/russellfarm](http://burlesontx.com/russellfarm).

## LIBRARY'S STORY TIME HOURS ARE CHANGING

Things are switching around soon at the Burleson Public Library. Beginning in January 2015, Story Times will have new times and age groups. Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m., is Toddler Time, 18 months to 3 years old. Staff and families will read stories, sing songs, and participate in other fun activities. Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m., is Baby Time for newborns up to 18 months old. Staff will read stories and have music movement for the babies. Also on Thursdays, 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m., will now be Preschool Time for children ages 3 to 6 years old. Staff and preschoolers will read stories, sing songs, and more. The library is located at 248 S.W. Johnson Ave.

## SIGN UP FOR BRICK'S WINTER FUN CAMP

Do you need a few days before Christmas to wrap up your gift buying, meal preparation, and travel plans? Then sign your preteens up for the BRiCk's Winter Fun Camp. The dates are Dec. 22-23, Dec. 29-Dec. 31, and Jan. 2. The camp is 7 a.m.-6 p.m. and is for children between 6 and 12 years old. The fun includes group games, arts and crafts, rock climbing and team building, plus swimming Dec. 26-27 and Jan. 2-3. Fees range from \$115-\$130 for the week or \$25-\$35 for a day. Call the BRiCk at 817-426-9104 for more information.

## BURLESON IS A GREAT PLACE FOR FAMILIES

Burleson ranked fourth in a field of 100-plus cities and towns in Texas as the Best Places for Young Families in Texas. Only places with a population over 25,000 residents were analyzed. The criteria for the honors include public school excellence, home affordability, and growth and prosperity. "Lower home values and housing costs in Burleson make this the most affordable city in the Top 10," Bradley Ford, director of development services for the City of Burleson, said. <http://bit.ly/bestforfamily>

## CHECK THE CITY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

City facilities will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27-28; Thursday and Friday, Dec. 25-26; and Thursday, Jan. 1, in observance of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. There will be no trash or curbside recycling collection on three Thursdays: Nov. 27, Dec. 25, and Jan. 1. Hidden Creek Golf Course will close at 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving. 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. 27-28 for Thanksgiving and Dec. 24-26 for Christmas (as well as New Year's Day). The Senior Activity Center will be closed Nov. 29. The Compost/Mulch/Recycle Center will be open Nov. 29.

## CHECK IT OUT ...

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