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BURLESON WINS GOLD FROM LET'S MOVE!

The National League of Cities recognized Burleson for achieving gold medals in all five Let's Move! Cities, Towns and Counties (LMCTC) goal areas, which are based on achievements made to improve access to healthy, affordable food and promote physical activity for children and adults. Launched in 2010, LMCTC is part of First Lady Michelle Obama's comprehensive Let's Move! initiative, which is dedicated to reversing the childhood obesity epidemic within a generation. One of Burleson's goals is an extensive infrastructure overhaul focused on community trails, play spaces, and streets to increase walkability and bikeability citywide. This is the highest distinction a community can receive from the LMCTC initiative. Local partners include the schools, health professions, social health agencies, and businesses such as H-E-B. <http://bit.ly/Letsmovegold>

WINNER MADE CITY SHINE DURING NLC VISIT

A City employee who went above and beyond when the City was in the national spotlight was selected as Employee of the Quarter. Paula Skundberg, executive assistant in the city secretary's office, was responsible for coordinating all of the activities and logistics for the National League of Cities Small Cities Council meeting in Burleson. This was a four-day event in June 2014 and included representatives from more than a dozen states. According to one nomination, "Burleson put its best foot forward and Paula made it happen!" Skundberg has been a senior administrative secretary for the fire marshal, economic development, communications, information technology, and city manager's office; and senior administrative secretary and executive assistant for the city secretary's office and city council. <http://bit.ly/Skundberg>



Paula Skundberg,
Employee of the Quarter

RECYCLE THOSE CHRISTMAS TREES

If you live inside the city limits of Burleson, it's easy to recycle your Christmas tree when it begins dropping needles. The City's Compost/Mulch/Recycle Center is open 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday. During the holidays, the center will be open Saturday, Dec. 27, then Dec. 30 and Jan. 2-3. The center is located at 620 Memorial Plaza, behind Fire Station #2. You have to be a resident of the city to use the center. If you don't want to recycle your holiday tree, set it at the curb along with your regular trash. You can also set your tree out during your bulk collection week along with yard waste and other limbs and brush. If it is set out with the bulk collection, your tree will be recycled.

NO TRASH COLLECTION DEC. 25 & JAN. 1

City facilities will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 25-26 and Thursday, Jan. 1, in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day. There will be no trash or curbside recycling collection on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. The BRiCk will be open Dec. 31, but the hours are shortened to 5 a.m.-5 p.m. The library will be closed Dec. 24-26 for Christmas as well as New Year's Day.

FIRST DAY TO FILE IS JAN. 28

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. Candidates must be at least 18 years old on the date they apply for a place on the ballot; a citizen of the United States; a qualified voter of the city; a resident of the city or have resided in the city for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election; and not be delinquent in the payment of property due to the City. The filing period is Jan. 28-Feb. 27. Candidate packets will be available online at <http://bit.ly/Cityelection>. City hall is located at 141 W. Renfro St. For more information, contact the city secretary's office at 817-426-9662.



GET YOUR TICKETS FOR THE SWEETEST DANCE

Tickets for the sweetest dance are available starting Jan. 8. The BRiCk is hosting the Father/Daughter & Mother/Son Valentine Dance 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). 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.

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BUNNY DAZE MOVES TO HIDDEN CREEK SPORTS COMPLEX

Bunny Daze 2015 starts at noon on Saturday, March 28, at the Hidden Creek Sports Complex's Field 1 (Bartlett Park is under renovations). Bunny Daze is a free two-hour event. Bring your children, camera and Easter baskets. There will be onstage performances, carnival games, face painting, and more. The Easter Bunny will be at Bunny Daze to meet and greet and pose for pictures. The Easter egg hunt starts at 1:30 p.m. in the sports complex. The children, up to age 12, will be divided into age groups to hunt for eggs, including prize eggs. If you want to be a vendor, the booth spaces are \$20 for a 10x10 space. A cover over your booth is recommended. The park is located at 295 E. Hidden Creek Pkwy., next to Hidden Creek Golf Course. For more information about the event or to become a vendor, call the BRiCk at 817-426-9104.



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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.



SWIMSUIT – CHECK, GOGGLES – CHECK, AQUA EGG HUNT TIME!

Grab your swimsuits, grab your goggles – it's time to hunt for Easter eggs in the BRiCk's indoor pool. The Aqua Egg Hunt fun begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 28. Children up to age 11 will be divided into four age groups for hunts in the play structure area and the lap pool. The fee is \$2 for each child. Participation is limited, so preregistration is recommended. You can start signing up on March 3 at the BRiCk, 550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd. For more information, call the BRiCk at 817-426-9104.

LITTLE ONES CAN HUNT FOR EGGS AT RUSSELL FARM

Joey the Donkey had such a good time in 2014 that he wants to host an Easter egg hunt at Russell Farm in 2015. Children up to 4 years old can join him at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 28. The farm is located at 405 W. CR 714. Joey will pose for pictures, so bring your own camera and Easter baskets. The 30-acre Russell Farm was donated to the City in 2011. The grounds have several galleries containing wood sculptures by Charlie Boren and local artists, along with historical artifacts. For more information, call 817-447-3316.



MOST CITY FACILITIES CLOSE FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Trash and curbside recycling will be collected on Monday, Jan. 19, but City facilities will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday. Hidden Creek Golf Course will be open, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m., but the Burleson Recreation Center (the BRiCk), library, animal shelter, and Senior Activity Center will be closed. The Burleson City Council meeting scheduled for Jan. 19 has been moved to Tuesday, Jan. 20.

BARSEA HOSTS CONNECT WITH COUNCIL

The Burleson Area Retired School Employee Association will host Connect with Council on Monday, Jan. 12. Mayor Ken Shetter and Councilmember Ronnie Johnson will speak to the group at 2 p.m. BARSEA meets at the Burleson Senior Activity Center, 216 S.W. Johnson Ave.

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

Community 5K/10K/Fun Walk
Saturday, April 18, 7 a.m.
Old Town Burleson
817-426-9682

Arbor Day Ceremony
Friday, April 24,
time/place TBA
817-426-9291

Friends of the Library Book Sale
Friday/Saturday, April 24-25
Tentatively,
10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday
10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday
248 S.W. Johnson Ave.
817-426-9210

Burleson Trash-Off
Saturday, April 25,
9 a.m.-11 a.m.
Citywide
817-426-9842

Far Out Family Campout and Fishing Adventures
Saturday/Sunday, April 25-26,
1 p.m.-8 a.m.
Bailey Lake,
280 W. Hidden Creek Pkwy.
817-426-9116