

# CITY FOCUS

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## OLD TOWN GETS A MAKEOVER

Changes are coming to Old Town in 2015. The focus is to create a more pedestrian-oriented area with brick crosswalks, wider sidewalks and benches, seat walls, and trash cans. Traffic flow should improve with angled parking along Main Street and an elliptical roundabout at the intersection of Main and Ellison streets. Sidewalks along Main will be widened from Renfro Street to Bufford Street. Landscaping and lighting upgrades will brighten Main as well as Ellison, between Main and Wilson Street. The alley between Wilson and Ellison will become a pedestrian link between outlying parking and the shops and restaurants of Old Town. Construction should start in March and be completed by September. To see the detailed presentation, go to <http://bit.ly/OTmobility>.

## BEAUTIFY BURLESON APRIL 25

Burleson's Great American Cleanup/Don't Mess with Texas Trash Bash event is Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m.-11 a.m. This is the 17th annual event hosted in Burleson by Keep Burleson Beautiful. Participants will remove litter and debris from retail corridors, drainage channels, streets, parks, and other public areas. Following the cleanup, volunteers are invited to Warren Park for a free pizza lunch. Volunteers of all ages are welcome, but youth participants are required to have adult supervision. For more information about the April 25 event, call David Lenartowicz at 817-426-9842.



## HIGHPOINT BUSINESS PARK NETS AIRFORCE AIRGUNS

AirForce Airguns, a leader in air rifle manufacturing, has been innovating, designing and producing precision pre-charged air rifles in the United States for more than 15 years. In January, Burleson's Type A Burleson 4A Economic Development Corporation closed on property with JAM Real Property to relocate AirForce Airguns' corporate office and manufacturing facility to Burleson. The contract for 7.35 acres in Burleson's HighPoint Business Park is to construct a 21,000-square-foot manufacturing site on the southwest corner of the business park, which is located on I-35W just north of FM 917. Highpoint Business Park consists of approximately 159 acres of land. AirForce Airguns will be the fourth building at HighPoint. The park is home to Chicken E Food Services corporate headquarters and distribution facility, Stuart Industries corporate office and distribution center, and Wagner Smith Equipment manufacturing facility. Construction is expected to begin later in 2015 on the extension of infrastructure to FM 917, south of the business park, to continue industrial development.

## WHAT LIES BEYOND THE SHINY RED FIRE TRUCK?

Are you interested in a crash course on what it takes to be a firefighter? Then sign up for the Burleson Fire Department's free five-day Citizens Fire Academy. Class is April 6-10, 6 p.m.-9 p.m. This is for the adults (the department hosts a Junior Firefighter Academy each summer). The academy is open to residents of Burleson and employees who work in Burleson. The curriculum includes fire operations, fire apparatus, personal protective equipment, search and rescue, fire attack/hose, fire extinguishers, vehicle extrication, special operations, and an introduction to CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). Students will also learn basic CPR and first aid. The deadline to apply is April 3. To learn more, call 817-426-9176 or stop by Fire Station #1, 828 S.W. Alsbury Blvd.

## DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE IS APRIL 9

If you haven't registered to vote, the deadline to do so and still be eligible to vote in the May 9 Burleson City Council election is April 9. You need to register with the county in which you reside. Go to the Texas Secretary of State voter registration page, <http://bit.ly/2015voterregistration>. Early voting starts April 27 at Burleson City Hall. There are three seats on the ballot. For the most recent news release and all election information, go to <http://bit.ly/2015cityelection>.

## CALLING ALL ANIMAL LOVERS

Does your preteen love animals? The Burleson Animal Shelter is hosting the free Paw Pals Animal Care Academy in June for students who are entering the sixth grade in the 2015-2016 school year. It's noon-1:30 p.m., June 6, 13, 20 and 27. The academy is limited to 15 students who live in Burleson or attend school in Burleson. The deadline to apply is April 24. Check the City website at <http://bit.ly/2015PawPals> or call 817-426-9283 for more information.



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## MARCH 28 IS ALL ABOUT EASTER EGGS

It's Easter egg hunting time on March 28. Aqua Egg Hunt is at the BRiCk's indoor pool, 10 a.m.-noon. Children up to age 11 hunt for plastic eggs in the play structure area and the lap pool. The fee is \$2 for each child. Sign up starts March 2. The free Bunny Daze is noon-2 p.m., with the Easter egg hunt at 1:30 p.m. at Hidden Creek Sports Complex's Field 1. Children up to age 12 are divided by age to hunt for eggs, including prize eggs. Then Joey the Donkey hosts an Easter egg hunt at 3 p.m. at Russell Farm. This is for children up to 4 years old. For more information, call the BRiCk at 817-426-9104.



## FISH AND CAMP WITH US AT BAILEY LAKE

Bailey Lake is the site for the Far Out Family Fun Campout & Fishing Adventures April 25-26. The City is sponsoring the event that starts at 1 p.m. on Saturday and ends at 8 a.m. on Sunday. Bring up to five family members and it will cost just \$10 if you preregister; \$15 at the event.. Each child must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Registering in advance at the BRiCk, 550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd., is highly recommended. Bailey Lake is located at 280 W. Hidden Creek Pkwy.

## WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT LAW ENFORCEMENT?

Learn the "whys" of law enforcement through the Burleson Police Department's free 10-week Citizens Police Academy. Classes start June 4 at 6:30 p.m., and are every Thursday, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. The academy is open to men and women, 18 and older. Topics include the department's organization, recruiting process, Texas Penal Code, criminal investigations, search and seizure, building searches, traffic law enforcement, narcotics investigation, SWAT, patrol procedures, and more. Instructors demonstrate techniques to search a building for an intruder, and then participants put what they learned into motion. Students also investigate a mock homicide scenario by identifying evidence, using investigative techniques, and interviewing witnesses. To learn more and to apply, go to the website at <http://bit.ly/Citizenspoliceacademy>.



## WORK ON CRITICAL PROJECT EARNS TOP HONORS



Tackling a major project on top of his regular duties as a fire investigator/inspector for the fire marshal's office earned David Butler the 2014 Employee of the Year honors. He shared that award with Lisa Kay Edwards, utility customer service supervisor. "David played a critical role in helping evaluate and implement our new communication system and coordinating with multiple city departments," City Manager Dale Cheatham said. "This was a complex undertaking and David's work is worthy of the recognition." Butler was hired by the Burleson Fire Department in April

1998 as one of the City's first four career firefighters. He made the transition to the fire marshal's office in January 2006. <http://bit.ly/ButlerEOY>

## GOOD CUSTOMER SERVICE IS KEY

Lisa Kay Edwards, utility customer service supervisor, shares the 2014 Employee of the Year honor with David Butler, fire investigator/inspector for the fire marshal's office. "Providing good customer service is an area of emphasis for all City employees," Deputy City Manager Paul Cain said. "Lisa Kay genuinely cares about the people she serves. She greets everyone with a smile and works hard to resolve their concerns." Edwards celebrated her 10th anniversary with the City on Nov. 1. Her job duties include supervising customer service clerks, waiting on customers at the front counter, answering phones, and assisting customers with everything that has to do with their City utility bills. <http://bit.ly/EdwardsEOY>



## EVENTS CALENDAR

### Arbor Day Ceremony

Friday, April 24, 10 a.m.

*Bartlett Park*

*550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd.*

817-426-9291

### Be Healthy Community 5K and Fun Walk

Saturday, May 2, 7 a.m.

*Old Town Burleson*

817-426-9682

<https://behealthy5k.athlete360.com>

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Electronic Recycling and Paper Shredding

Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

*133 N. Main St.*

817-426-9842



### 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.

## 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.