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IT'S A 'HOT' HOT SOUNDS OF SUMMER LINEUP

The City's five-week Hot Sounds of Summer concert series jumps off May 29 with Reagan James, best known for making it to the Top 10 on NBC's *The Voice*, and ends June 26 with crowd favorite Le Freak, bringing disco back to Burleson. J.D. Monson, country/classic rock, is the headliner June 5. Journey fans don't want to miss ESCAPE on June 12, and a 2014 favorite, Buddy Whittington, is bringing back the blues on June 19. The Hot Sounds of Summer showcases free 90-minute concerts that start at 7:30 p.m. every Friday between May 29 and June 26 at the intersection of Ellison and Wilson streets (124 W. Ellison St.).

Come down early and eat at one of the more than half a dozen Old Town restaurants, then set up your lawn chairs and blankets in the street for the concert. <http://bit.ly/Hotsoundsofsummer>



TWO COUNCIL RACES ARE CONTESTED

Early voting for the May 9 Burleson City Council election starts April 27. Two of the three races are contested. Place 1 incumbent Stuart Gillaspie did not draw an opponent. Place 3 incumbent Jerry W. Allen withdrew his name from the ballot. Seeking the Place 3 seat are John Garrison, Shannan Sutter, Curtis E. Hawk and Dan O Strong. Place 5 incumbent Dan McClendon is being challenged by Mark Hotchkiss. The election is for three-year terms. Early voting is Monday-Friday, April 27-May 1, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Monday-Tuesday, May 4-5, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Election Day is May 9, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. All voting takes place at Burleson City Hall. burlson.tx.com/elections

TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING!

The City is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Electronic Recycling and Paper Shredding event on Saturday, May 9, 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. <http://bit.ly/HHWpage>

CITY'S MASTER MOBILITY PLAN IS IN PLACE

Council members gave a thumbs up at the Feb. 16 Burleson City Council meeting to adopt the Burleson Master Mobility Plan. The City's Master Thoroughfare Plan was last revised in 2007. In 2010, council approved an update – based on feedback received from the Imagine Burleson 2030 Comprehensive Plan adopted in April 2010 – to the MTP in order to incorporate it into a multimodal mobility plan. Since that time, there have been substantial additional changes, including the addition and realignment of a number of roadways, based on existing and anticipated growth patterns. A bike path plan and the parks department's master trail plan have also been incorporated, providing a truly multimodal mobility plan. To see the plans and maps, go to the City website, <http://bit.ly/expandinggrowth>.

RECYCLED BOAT REGATTA IS BACK!

Gather your recyclables, create a boat, and participate in the City's Recycled Boat Regatta at the BRiCK on May 16. The City and Keep Burleson Beautiful are looking for youth, 6-17 years of age, who can build a boat out of recycled items, then race it in the BRiCK's outdoor pool. The fun will take place, 9 a.m.-noon, at 550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd. Boats must be on-site for inspection and judging by 9:15 a.m. The race will start at 10 a.m. To register for the Recycled Boat Regatta or for more information about the event, call Environmental Specialist David Lenartowicz at 817-426-9842 or email dlenartowicz@burlson.tx.com. The registration deadline is May 6.



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DOUBLE THE FUN AT JUNIOR FIRE ACADEMY

The Burleson Fire Department's Junior Fire Academy is so popular that we've doubled it. The free academy is for students who are entering the fifth grade in the fall of 2015. The first academy is Monday-Thursday,



July 27-30, 8 a.m.-noon. The second academy is Monday-Thursday, Aug. 3-6, 8 a.m.-noon. Each academy is limited to 15. Participants receive their own bunker gear, tour the fire stations, and learn about disaster safety, extrication, fire safety, fire hydrants, fire hoses, and search and rescue. Applications will be available at Fire Station #1, 828 S.W. Alsbury Blvd., and online at burlesontx.com/juniorfireacademy. Forms must be turned in by July 1. Contact Firefighter Jon Wheat or Secretary Kristie Menchaca at 817-426-9176 for more information.

RUN FOR YOUR HEALTH MAY 2

Lace up your running shoes for the fourth annual Be Healthy Community 5K and Fun Walk. The date is Saturday, May 2. The location has changed from Bartlett Park to Old Town Burleson. Registration is free for the 1 Mile Fun Walk and for 5K youth (12 and under). For 5K participants who are 13 and older, online registration is \$20 and race day registration is \$30. T-shirts are included with the paid 5K registration. Race day registration is at 7 a.m. The 1 mile walk is at 7:30 a.m.

and the 5K run is at 8 a.m. To register online, go to <https://behealthy5k.athlete360.com/>. Proceeds from the event go to the City's Be Healthy Initiative.



MEET THE MEN AND WOMEN IN BLUE

The Burleson Police Department is hosting its annual open house on Tuesday, May 12, 3 p.m.-6 p.m., in the department's front parking lot at 225 W. Renfro St. The open house will feature displays by the SWAT team, hostage negotiators, Citizens Police Academy, Citizens On Patrol, traffic unit, Burleson Police Officers Association, school resource officers, community resource officers (crime prevention), public safety specialists and more. Check the City website, burlesontx.com, for more information.

DON'T MISS THE BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Library will host the group's annual book sale on Friday, April 24, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Burleson Public Library. The sale includes a large variety of hardcover and softcover books for all ages, including popular fiction and nonfiction (biographies, cooking, self-help, history, literature, and more). You can buy a bag of books of your choosing for \$10. Single books range in price from 50 cents to \$2. If you are a member of the FOL, you are invited to a special presale on April 23, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Memberships are \$5 and will be available at the door during the Thursday night presale. The library is located at 248 S.W. Johnson Ave.

LEARN BASIC CPR ... FOR FREE!

If you want to learn how to do basic CPR, the Burleson Fire Department is hosting free basic CPR classes on Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon, at Fire Station #1, 828 S.W. Alsbury Blvd. The dates are April 25, May 23, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5. You must be at least 15 years old. Participants will receive a certificate. This is not a card class. The three-hour course includes very basic and easy hands-on CPR, basic first aid, and instruction on an AED. Classes are open to the first 30 people who sign up. To register, or for more information, call 817-426-9170.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Arbor Day Ceremony

Friday, April 24, 10 a.m.
Bartlett Park
550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd.
817-426-9291

Trash Bash

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

Far Out Family Fun Campout & Fishing Adventures

1 p.m. Friday-8 a.m.
Saturday, April 25-26
Bailey Lake
280 W. Hidden Creek Pkwy.
817-426-9104

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.