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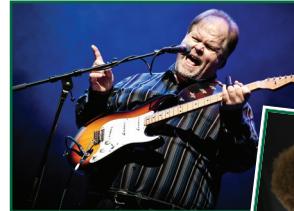
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WELCOME BACK TWO HOT SOUNDS FAVORITES

Two rockin' bands round out the five-week Hot Sounds of Summer concert series. Buddy Whittington, a 2014 favorite, is bringing back the blues on June 19, and Le Freak will be working the crowd with their disco songs on June 26. The first three shows include Burlesonista Reagan James from *The Voice* on May 29, J.D. Monson (country) on June 5, and ESCAPE (Journey tribute) on June 12. 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 concerts. <http://bit.ly/Hotsoundsofsummer>



Fire Chief Gary Wisdom, Engineer Robert Schoonover and Deputy Chief Brent Batla

THREE EARNED TOP FIRE AWARDS

When the Burleson Fire Department recognized the 2014 work of its first responders, Engineer Robert Schoonover was tapped as Firefighter of the Year. Fire Officer of the Year went to Lt. Greg Mason, and Josh Stanton earned Rookie Firefighter of the Year. Three lieutenants were recognized for their 15 years of service as career firefighters for the City. They include Mason, Mike Jones and Jeremiah Lozier. A fourth fire lieutenant, Duane Wines, was applauded for earning the most training hours, 914.5, in 2014. The crew on C shift at Station #1 was named the busiest shift with 1,381 out of the department's 3,912 calls in 2014. That crew includes Mason, Schoonover, and firefighters Rob Moore and David Franks. <http://bit.ly/2014BFDawards>

DEFEND YOURSELF AGAINST MOSQUITOES

The best defense is a good offense! Mosquito season in Burleson typically runs from May to October, with peak activity in August. During these months residents should take preventative measures using the 4 Ds. DEET – Use insect repellents that contain DEET or any other EPA-approved insect repellent. Dress – Wear long sleeves and long pants when you are outside. Dusk/Dawn – Dusk and dawn are the times of day you should try to stay indoors. Drain – Mosquitoes need stagnant water to grow. Eliminate stagnant water from your home and report other areas of stagnant water to the City. Ground-based spraying for mosquitoes may be conducted in areas where a mosquito trap confirmed West Nile virus or where a reportable human case of West Nile virus was confirmed. The City's neighborhood services staff is giving away mosquito larvicide or "dunks" to Burleson residents who would like to begin a personal mosquito-control program. You can pick those up at the Municipal Service Center, 725 S.E. John Jones Dr.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NAMES TOP OFFICERS

Earning the top honors for the Burleson Police Department in 2014 are Community Resource Officer David Wardlaw/Officer of the Year, Officer Caitlin Swenson/Rookie of the Year, Deputy Chief Doug Sandifer/Supervisor of the Year, Civilian Records Supervisor and Crime Analyst Kathy James/Civilian of the Year, Officer Don Adams/Most Outstanding Community Policing Award, and Officer Joseph Byrom/Ofelia Blair Character Award. Those involved in working the call and investigating the armed robbery of Wells Fargo Bank and shooting of two police detectives were also recognized. Detectives David Feucht and Nick Grace were each presented with a Medal of Valor and a Purple Heart. Officers K. Martin and A. Reed earned a Medal of Honor, and dispatchers Sabrina Rivera and Maria Gonzalez were recognized with police commendations. Dec. 19, 2014, was the first time that Burleson police officers have been shot in the line of duty. <http://bit.ly/2014BPDawards>

Officer David Wardlaw and Police Chief Billy Cordell



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. For more information and for the May 9 election results, go to burlesontx.com/elections.

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TEE OFF IN LINKS FORE LITERACY TOURNAMENT

Join Friends of the Burleson Public Library for the inaugural Links Fore Literacy golf tournament on Friday, May 15, at Hidden Creek Golf Course. The tournament is a 4-person scramble format with registration beginning at 11 a.m., lunch served at noon, and a shotgun start at 1 p.m. It will directly benefit the Burleson Public Library by helping fund the various youth services and other outreach programs. Register online as a sponsor or golfer at <http://bit.ly/FOLgolfourney>. Call Terry Boyer at 817-875-6592 or Jim Wadlow at 817-426-3388 for more information.



JOIN THE READING CLUB!

The Burleson Public Library's "Burleson Reads" program is year-round, but the fun for the littlest readers starts June 5 with the Summer Reading Club kickoff swim party at the BRiCk, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Weekly events include the Que Pastas band; magician Brett Roberts; "Trucks, Tractors & Drilling" at the City's Municipal Service Center; "Heroes of the Community" featuring firefighters, police officers and other heroes; an Elephant and Piggie Party, based on Mo Willems' comic book that features two friends – an elephant named Gerald and a pig named Piggie; Young Builders Club; Kids Movie Days; and the grand finale swim party at the BRiCk on July 31. Summer Reading Club reading logs can be easily submitted and tracked completely online through a computer, tablet, or smartphone for prizes. This year, kids may receive secret codes for attending programs to unlock special features when submitting their online reading logs. For more details, check out the City website, burlesontx.com/Library.

LEARN 'HOWS AND WHYS' OF POLICING

Learn the "hows and 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., through Aug. 6. 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>.

THERE'S A BRICK CAMP FOR EVERYONE

If you're looking for something for your children ages 4-17 years old to do during the summer, look no further than the BRiCk. Children between 6 and 12 years old have 11 weeks to choose from, June 8-Aug. 21, for Summer Fun Camp. Each week includes a field trip day. Campers 4-7 years old are invited to Lego Mania and Lego Designer Camp. Camp Barbie is for campers 4-8 years old, and Fun Academy: Play Doh and Hot Wheels is for those between 5 and 7 years old. Youth Survival Tactics Boot Camp, Lego Logo Camp, and Fashion Designers are for campers 8-12 years old. Your Creative Project Expressions and Look at Me, I'm an Author are for those 6-12 years old. And the older students, 10-17 years old can sign up for The Gaming Academy and Web Studio or Video Game Design. For more about each camp, go to the Camps page on the City website, <http://bit.ly/BRiCkcamps>, or call 817-426-9104.



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.



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.

EVENTS CALENDAR



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

Burleson Police Department Open House
Tuesday, May 12
3 p.m.-6 p.m.
225 W. Renfro St.
817-426-9910

Recycled Boat Regatta
Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m.
BRiCk outdoor pool
550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd.
817-426-9842