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Al Nelson is back for the City's free Independence Day concert and fireworks show on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>! The City's celebration takes place at Chisenhall Fields Sports Complex, 500 W. Hidden Creek Pkwy. The gates will open at 5 p.m., with the concert starting at 7:30 p.m. and the fireworks at approximately 9:20 p.m.

The day's celebration starts at 9 a.m. on July 4 with the Burleson Lions Club's 11<sup>th</sup> annual Independence Day Parade. The parade route winds from Irene Street to Gregory, Johnson, Ellison, Wilson, Bufford, Warren, Gregory, and back to Irene. The parade will pass in front of Burleson City Hall, but will not go down to Main Street, as it has in years past, due to the construction in Old Town. Residential streets around the parade staging area (Lena, Irene, Dian, Gregory) will be closed starting at 6:30 a.m. on July 4. Johnson Avenue, between Gardens Boulevard and Renfro Street - including all side streets along the entire parade route - will be closed between 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. The theme of the parade is "Honoring our Military Heroes, Past and Present." Antique vehicles, classic vehicles, emergency vehicles, military vehicles and motorcycles as well as businesses, churches, horses, pets, school groups, sports groups and more are what this parade is all about. For more information, call 817-295-5565 or check out the online brochure, <http://bit.ly/July4thparade>.

The fun continues into the night with the 90-minute concert by Al Nelson, followed by the fireworks show choreographed to patriotic music. Al Nelson's shows include tributes to Roy Orbison, Paul McCartney and Elvis, and he even features himself! Nelson headlined the 2008 Hot Sounds concert in Old Town and the City's 2009 Independence Day show.

This is the fifth year in a row that Chisenhall Fields will play host to the City's Independence Day Celebration concert and fireworks show. The City stage will be set up in the field just to the right of the arched entrance to the sports complex. Al Nelson will perform until the lights go down to signal the start of the fireworks show, after 9:20 p.m. Patrons are encouraged to sit on the field surrounding the stage, in the bleachers or on most of the fields throughout the park. The concession stand will be open but patrons may also bring a picnic and beverages. No alcohol, glass bottles, pets, tents or canopies/pop-ups are permitted in the park. Fireworks, including sparklers, are also not permitted. No outside vendors are allowed within the park.

In order to protect the safety of the pedestrians and those driving in to the sports complex, the City will close Hidden Creek Parkway at Irene Street between 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. Advanced warning signs regarding the closures will be posted at Gardens and Irene and at Schumacher and Irene. The full closures will be placed at Garrett and Irene, on the southwest side of Hidden Creek Parkway, and at the 900 block of Irene near the South Burleson Baptist Church entrance, on the northeast side of Hidden Creek Parkway. You can enter Chisenhall Fields Complex at the entrance near the Hidden Creek/Irene Street intersection and at the main arched entrance on Hidden Creek. Once the lot fills up, only the arched entrance will be open. No off-road parking is allowed at Bailey Lake.

The sports complex will have additional spots marked for handicapped parking. Once the parking lot is full no other vehicles will be allowed in the park. When the event is over and vehicles start leaving the complex, for safety reasons, no vehicles will be allowed to enter the complex for approximately 30-40 minutes so that pedestrians and vehicles can clear the park. Those picking up people from the celebration will be allowed in to the complex once the majority of vehicles are clear.

Once the fireworks show ends and traffic begins to leave the park, drivers may turn right, only (towards I-35W), out of the Chisenhall Fields main arched entrance on to Hidden Creek. Drivers may turn left, only, out of the entrance closest to Irene Street. That left turn takes drivers toward the Irene Street intersection and Hwy. 174/Wilshire Boulevard. If you are on Irene Street heading southwest toward Hidden Creek Parkway, Irene will be closed to through traffic at the intersection with Garrett Street, detouring traffic right to Meador Lane then left to Lisa Street then left to Hidden Creek and finally right to Wilshire Boulevard.

There are more than 600 parking spaces at Chisenhall Fields and more than 200 spaces available for overflow at Hidden Creek Sports Complex. Sidewalks connect the venues.