

CITY FOCUS

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CELEBRATE WITH US ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

Don't leave Burleson on the Fourth of July! The City's Independence Day Celebration concert and fireworks show takes place at Chisenhall Fields Sports Complex on Saturday, July 4. This is the fifth consecutive year for the Fourth of July celebration at Chisenhall. The gates to the park at 500 W. Hidden Creek Pkwy. will open at 5 p.m. The 90-minute Fourth of July concert featuring Al Nelson starts at 7:30 p.m., and the fireworks show choreographed to patriotic music will start shortly after 9 p.m. Admission is free. Al Nelson's concerts span three decades of music, and he is known for his showmanship and vocal talents. He has been entertaining audiences since his first show band went on tour in 1970. Nelson's shows include tributes to Roy Orbison, Paul McCartney and Elvis, and he even features his own work. Nelson has performed in Branson, Missouri; Las Vegas; on Broadway; and across Texas.

NARCOTICS INVESTIGATOR TAPPED AS EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Burleson Police Inv. Larry Sparks has that "every guy" ability to relate with all facets of the community, and that's a trait that sets people at ease. This is especially important when your career field is law enforcement. Inv. Sparks was selected as the City's first Employee of the Quarter for 2015. He was one of 13 nominated from the public safety field: fire department, police department and fire marshal's office. Sparks is the field supervisor with the STOP Special Crimes Unit. He was cited for his work ethic – "He has a schedule I cannot begin to imagine trying to keep up with"; his willingness to help others – "Even though teaching is more time consuming, and the task could have been completed more easily if he had done it, Sparks understands that by teaching he is creating the officers who will lead tomorrow's department"; and his knowledge – "His knowledge of narcotics and the 'players' within our area is second to none." <http://bit.ly/SparksEOQaward>

REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING

We need your help in eliminating illegal dumping and littering. What kinds of things are illegally dumped? Construction and demolition debris (drywall, shingles, lumber, bricks, concrete, siding); appliances; abandoned vehicles, automobile parts and tires; old, used or soiled furniture; leaves, grass clippings and tree limbs; household garbage; medical waste; and household hazardous waste products (cleaners, paint, motor oil, asbestos, etc.) are the most popular. Help us by calling code enforcement at 817-426-9832, emailing code@burlesontx.com, or calling the Burleson Police Department at 817-426-9903. To respond, code enforcement officers need the date, time and location of the incident; vehicle license plate number and a detailed description of the vehicle involved; and a detailed description of the person involved. Thank you for helping us keep your community beautiful!



DOUBLE THE FUN AT JUNIOR FIRE ACADEMY

Do you want to be a firefighter? The deadline to apply for the Burleson Fire Department's four-day Junior Fire Academy is July 1. This year, the 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 session is Monday-Thursday, July 27-30, 8 a.m.-noon. The second session

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 are available at Fire Station #1, 828 S.W. Alsbury Blvd., and online at <http://bit.ly/Jrfireacademyapp>. Contact Firefighter Jon Wheat or Secretary Kristie Menchaca at 817-426-9176 for more information.

KEEP IN STEP WITH THE BUDGET

If you are interested in what the City's budget for fiscal year 2016 (Oct. 1, 2015-Sept. 30, 2016) will include, keep an eye on the Budget Planning page, <http://bit.ly/BudgetPlanning>, on the City of Burleson website.

CHECK WEBSITE FOR ELECTION RESULTS

If you are looking for the results of the May 9 Burleson City Council election, call 817-426-9662 or go to burlesontx.com/elections. Two of the three races were contested.

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HONOR OUR MILITARY AT INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Show your patriotism on Saturday, July 4, as the Burleson Lions Club hosts the 11th annual Independence Day Parade in Burleson. The theme is "Honoring our Military Heroes, Past and Present." The parade kicks off at 9 a.m. from Kerr Middle School on Johnson Avenue. 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>.



CONNECT WITH COUNCIL JULY 14

Don't miss your chance to Connect with Council on Tuesday, July 14. The Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce will host a joint Business After Hours and Connect with Council featuring Burleson City Councilmembers Rick Green and Matt Aiken. The event is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. For more details, including the location, check the City of Burleson website, burlesontx.com.



HOT SOUNDS FEATURES FIVE!

Rocking the stage at the City's Hot Sounds of Summer concert series are Reagan James (*The Voice*) on May 29; J.D. Monson (country) on June 5; ESCAPE (Journey tribute) on June 12; Buddy Whittington (blues) June 19; and Le Freak (disco) on June 26. The Hot Sounds of Summer showcases free 90-minute concerts that start at 7:30 p.m. 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>

NOW IT'S EASIER TO BE A LIBRARY VOLUNTEER

The library volunteer program expanded with a new online participation system that allows new volunteers to sign up and go through the approval process at their convenience from any computer. Existing Burleson Public Library volunteers may log their hours, sign up to assist with special events or shifts, and update their contact information. Volunteer opportunities include assisting with special programs, teaching how to shelve materials, sorting through donations, basic repair and processing of materials, and more. For information about becoming a library volunteer, call 817-426-9210 or email agoshey@burlesontx.com. The library is located at 248 S.W. Johnson Ave.

SHOP EARLY AT THE CHRISTMAS IN JULY CRAFT FAIR

The Burleson Senior Activity Center is hosting a craft fair on Saturday, July 18, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the center at 216 S.W. Johnson Ave. (next to the post office). This is your chance to shop early for unique handcrafted gifts for your friends and relatives. If you are a crafter and you're interested in selling your one-of-a-kind handmade items, call the Burleson Senior Activity Center at 817-295-6611.

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.

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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.