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SANTA IS COMING TO BURLESON FOR BREAKFAST



The big guy from the North Pole is hosting the City's 16th annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 5, 7 a.m.-11 a.m., at the BRiCk. The event is geared to children from birth to 12 years old (children 2 and younger get in free). Saint Nick's elves will be up before the crack of dawn flipping pancakes, cooking sausage, and serving the orange juice and coffee. Santa will be in the BRiCk's Winter Wonderland until 11 a.m. to hear Christmas wishes, so bring your camera, then stop by Santa's workshop to make holiday crafts. Admission is \$4 for children and \$5 for adults if you buy the tickets in advance. On the day of the event, tickets are \$5 for children and \$7 for adults. Tickets go on sale at the BRiCk Nov. 3.

MOST CITY FACILITIES CLOSE NOV. 26-27 FOR THANKSGIVING

City of Burleson facilities, with the exception of public safety, will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26-27, in observance of Thanksgiving. There will be no trash or curbside recycling collection on Thursday, Nov. 26. Trash will be collected on the next Monday, Nov. 30. Curbside recycling will be collected on your next scheduled day. Hidden Creek Golf Course will close at 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. The BRiCk, Burleson Public Library, golf course, Senior Activity Center, and the Compost/Mulch/Recycle Center will be open Saturday, Nov. 28. If you want to drop off the curbside recycling that was not collected on Thanksgiving Day, please stop by the Compost/Mulch/Recycle Center on Nov. 28. The center is located behind Fire Station #2.

VISIT JOEY THE "REIN-DONKEY" AT RUSSELL FARM

Get your picture taken with our "rein-donkey," Joey, on Saturday, Dec. 19, during the free Christmas at Russell Farm festivities. The City's 30-acre historic farm at 405 W. County Road 714 is the site for fun, noon-8 p.m. The fun includes pictures (bring your own camera) with a donkey wearing antlers; checking out the Christmas trees decorated by community clubs and organizations; hay rides; handmade crafts for sale; tours of the historic Russell-Boren house as well as the Russell Farm Art Center gallery. Call 817-447-3316 for more information.



FAMILY PLACE LIBRARIES PROGRAM CREATES NETWORK FOR FAMILIES

The Burleson Public Library is one of 24 libraries in Texas to be invited to participate in the Family Place Libraries program. The goal of this national program is to expand the role of public libraries as community centers. Family Place Libraries redesigns the library environment to be welcoming and appropriate for children beginning at birth; connects parents with the resources, programs, and services offered at the library and other family service agencies; and reaches out to nontraditional library users. This creates the network families need to nurture their children's development during the critical first years of life and helps ensure all children enter school ready and able to learn. <http://bit.ly/FamilyPlaceLibraries>

PLEASE SHARE YOUR VETERAN'S PICTURES, STORIES

The Burleson Public Library wants photos of your veteran for Operation Remember. Operation Remember works to archive personal histories of Burleson's veterans. A newly redesigned interactive kiosk at Veterans Memorial Plaza helps visitors find personalized bricks and also includes additional information about each veteran, such as photos, biographies, and even excerpts from veteran interviews. But some bricks don't have any personal information listed in the kiosk. The library is asking for families to contribute pictures and biographies of the veterans by emailing veterans@burlesontx.com. Representatives from Operation Remember will also be at the City's annual Military Veteran Tribute on Nov. 7 to scan photos and accept biographies. To purchase a brick, visit the Burleson Public Library or go to <http://bit.ly/VeteransBricks>. The bricks are \$15. Call the library at 817-426-9207 for more information.

COME TO OLD TOWN FOR FIREWORKS!

Fireworks will light up the sky in Old Town on Saturday, Dec. 5. This caps off a day full of festivities that includes Breakfast with Santa, the Burleson Rotary Club Parade of Lights, and the City's tree lighting. The tree lighting and fireworks take place at the corner of Johnson Avenue and Ellison Street at 7 p.m. Santa and his helpers have the honors of turning on the 10,000 lights on the City tree, followed by the fireworks show, which is choreographed to holiday music. After the tree lighting, Santa will head to his sleigh to listen to Christmas wishes. For more information about the tree lighting and fireworks show, call the BRiCk at 817-426-9104.

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GET YOUR PARADE FLOAT READY!

The Burleson Rotary Club is hosting the Parade of Lights that steps off from Kerr Middle School at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5. Twinkling lights are a must on each parade entry. Fees in the four categories range from \$10-\$45. Santa will be on that last Parade of Lights float. His final stop for the day is the corner of Johnson Avenue and Ellison Street, which will be bustling with dancers and singers entertaining the parade crowd. For more information about the parade, call Lisa Keese at 817-447-7300. The parade application is available on the Burleson Rotary Club website at <http://bit.ly/2015ChristmasParadeapp>.

ADOPTABLE PETS ARE SPAYED/NEUTERED FIRST

When you adopt a cat or dog from the Burleson Animal Shelter, you don't have to arrange for rabies vaccinations or the required spay/neuter surgery. Your new four-legged family member will have that done before he/she ever steps into your home, and it will only cost you an additional \$75 (the new adoption fee is \$140). The adoption paperwork is filled out at the animal shelter. Under the new ordinance, the animal shelter staff transports the adopted pet to the contracted veterinarian where that adopted pet will be spayed/neutered and receive the rabies vaccination. You and your new pet are reunited at the veterinarian office! <http://bit.ly/2015SpayNeuter>

SHOP THE CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Stop by the Burleson Senior Activity Center on Saturday, Dec. 12, for the Christmas Craft Fair. The fair takes place 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and showcases one-of-a-kind handmade items – sewn creations, art, jewelry, and more – from area vendors. This is a great time to get that special gift for friends and relatives. The center is located at 216 S.W. Johnson Ave., next to the Burleson Post Office. For more information, call the center at 817-295-6611.

CHANGE THE BATTERIES WHEN YOU TURN BACK TIME NOV. 1

The end of daylight saving time means it's time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. The clocks fall back one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1. Changing the batteries while changing the time on your clocks serves as a great reminder. Smoke alarms should be tested once a month and if an alarm "chirps," warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away. For more information about smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, call 817-426-9176.

TAKE THE PET PLEDGE!

Common pollutants found in storm water include oil, fertilizers, trash, soap, and pet waste. That's right, pet waste. Without thumbs, Fido has a hard time picking up after himself, so he needs your help. After a good rain, the runoff from your lawn carries the bacteria into the storm drains, which go directly into our creeks, streams, and lakes. The bacterium in pet waste degrades the quality of surface water and damages wildlife habitats. It can make our waterways unsafe for wading, swimming, boating, and fishing. Storm water pollution can be controlled if everyone plays a part and prevents pet waste contamination from entering the storm drain inlets in the streets. Help Fido and take the Pet Pledge by visiting <http://bit.ly/DootheRighthing>.

CHECK IT OUT ...

For City meeting times and dates, check the Public Notices page on the City website, www.burlesontx.com. Meeting times are subject to change.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Boo Bash

Saturday, Oct. 24
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Old Town Burleson
124 W. Ellison St.
817-426-9104

Household Hazardous Waste, Electronic Recycling & Paper Shredding

Saturday, Nov. 7
9 a.m.-11 a.m.
133 N. Main St.
817-426-9842



Military Veteran Tribute

Saturday, Nov. 7
2 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Plaza
298 E. Renfro St.
817-426-9104

Burleson Arts & Manga Festival

Saturday, Nov. 14
10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Burleson Public Library
248 S.W. Johnson Ave.
817-426-9205

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BurlesonTX/events](http://www.facebook.com/BurlesonTX/events)

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 more information
about each facility, visit
www.burlesontx.com/facilities.