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STOP BY THE FARM FOR CHRISTMAS FUN

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 to 8 p.m. The fun includes pictures (bring your own camera) with Joey; checking out the Christmas trees decorated by community clubs and organizations; hay rides; handmade crafts for sale; and tours of the historic Russell-Boren house as well as the Russell Farm Art Center gallery. Call 817-447-3316 for more information.

GOING ON VACATION?

Are you making vacation plans? Don’t let a burglar ruin them. You can request a free Vacation Home Check from the Burleson Police Department for the time that you are gone. You can fill out a Vacation Home Check form online at <http://bit.ly/Vacationcheck>. The police need your name, address, contact information, departure date/destination and return date, your local emergency contact, and vehicle and home security information. The security checks will be limited to no more than 14 consecutive days and not more than 30 days per year. The goal is to have your home checked on average of once every 24 hours, workload permitting. For more information, call 817-426-9903.

INTERNATIONAL COMPANY IS BRINGING JOBS TO BURLESON

FWAVE, LLC, an international manufacturer of roof materials and emerging technology, is projected to employ approximately 350 full-time employees in Burleson by 2023. The company was recruited by the City’s economic development division. FWAVE is the newest business to commit to the City’s HighPoint Business Park, located north of FM 917 on the west side of I-35W, between FM 917 and Bethesda Road. FWAVE is currently leasing the former Wagner-Smith property on Interstate 35W just south of Hidden Creek.

The performance agreement approved by Burleson City Council in September includes a phased approach, starting with the leased building and growing into a build-to-suit facility in the business park. By the first quarter of 2016, FWAVE will have 30 full-time equivalent employees. By mid-2019, FWAVE is expected to build at least 80,000 square feet at 6501 HighPoint Parkway (the large property north of Chicken E Food Service). By mid-2021, that would expand to a cumulative 200,000 square feet at HighPoint Parkway. Then by mid-2023, the company would occupy a cumulative 350,000 square feet at the business park. This facility would represent a capital investment of at least \$100 million by 2023.

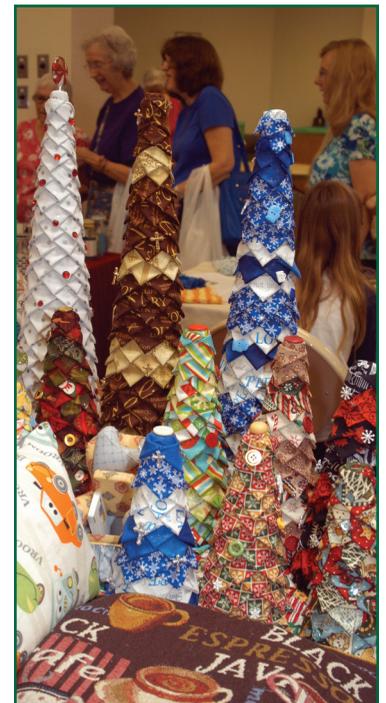
Since 2013, HighPoint Business Park has gone from greenfield to more than 200,000 square feet of new industrial buildings. Nearly 100 acres remain at HighPoint for the addition of job-generating companies to Burleson.

HUT ONE, HUT TWO FOR NEEDY FAMILIES!

Burleson police officers and firefighters will face off on the gridiron on Saturday, Dec. 12, for the 14th annual Heart for the Kids benefit game. Kickoff for the flag football game is 1 p.m. at BISD Stadium on Elk Drive. The only admission for the game is one unwrapped toy for a child. The Heart for the Kids toys/gifts wish list includes bicycles, scooters and toys for children of all ages – newborn to 17 – as well as wallets, purses and jewelry for older teens. Diapers for the babies are also welcome. <http://bit.ly/HeartforKidsgame>

GET YOUR CHRISTMAS CRAFTS DEC. 12

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 from area vendors. The center is located at 216 S.W. Johnson Ave., next to the Burleson Post Office.



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GET THOSE VALENTINE DANCE TICKETS!

Dance with your daughter or son on Saturday, Feb. 13, as the City's parks and recreation department hosts the annual Father/Daughter & Mother/Son Valentine Dance at the BRiCk. There will be two times, 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m. The fun includes pictures, corsages, dinner, dancing, and games. Pre-event tickets are \$16 per couple (\$8 per person) and are available at the BRiCk, 550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd., starting Jan. 7. If you wait until Feb. 13 to buy your tickets, the cost is \$25 per couple or \$12.50 per person. For more information, call the BRiCk at 817-426-9104.

YOUR CITY TAX RATE DID NOT GO UP

What are you getting in the new fiscal year budget that started Oct. 1? You get two firefighters, two community resource officers for the police department, a deputy city marshal for municipal court, second deputy city manager, real property coordinator for engineering services, a full-time position at the library (formerly a part-time position), and a tourism/Main Street coordinator for the development services department. The Burleson Police Department is now also contracting with Mansfield for jail services.

Your City tax rate remains the same at 74 cents. The base water rate has increased an average of 6 percent and the base wastewater rates increased an average of 4 percent. There is no change in your trash/curbside recycling rates. You can peruse the fiscal year 2015-2016 budget online at <http://bit.ly/Approvedbudget1516>.

HAVE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA DEC. 5

Where else can you eat a great breakfast, visit with Santa, make crafts, and get your picture taken? Nowhere but the BRiCk! 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 recreation center at 550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd. This is for children, birth to 12 years old (children 2 and younger get in free). Enjoy pancakes, sausage, and orange juice and coffee while St. Nick is listening to wishes until 11 a.m. Admission is \$4 for children and \$5 for adults. On the day of the event, tickets are \$5 for children and \$7 for adults.



ROTARY CLUB HOSTS THE PARADE OF LIGHTS DEC. 5

The Burleson Rotary Club's Parade of Lights steps off from Kerr Middle School at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5. 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>.

CHRISTMAS FIREWORKS IN OLD TOWN DEC. 5

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 Parade of Lights, and the City's tree lighting. The tree lighting and fireworks are slated for the corner of Johnson Avenue and Ellison Street at 7 p.m. After the tree lighting, Santa will head to his sleigh to listen to Christmas wishes. For more information, call the BRiCk at 817-426-9104.

WE ARE TAKING A BREAK FOR THE HOLIDAYS

City facilities, with the exception of public safety, will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 24-25, and Friday, Jan. 1. Hidden Creek Golf Course will be closed on Christmas, but will be open at its regular hours – 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. – on Dec. 24 and Jan. 1.

There will be no trash or curbside recycling collection on two consecutive Fridays – Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. If you are on the Tuesday/Friday schedule, your next collection day after Christmas is Tuesday, Dec. 29, and after New Year's Day it will be Tuesday, Jan. 5. If your curbside recycling day is Friday, it will not be picked up again until the following Friday. The City's Compost/Mulch/Recycle Center will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 26, and Saturday, Jan. 2, as well as Dec. 24-25 and Jan. 1.

The BRiCk will be closed on Dec. 24, Dec. 25, and Jan. 1. It will be open Dec. 31, but the hours are shortened to 5 a.m.-5 p.m. The library and the animal shelter will be closed Dec. 24-26 for Christmas as well as New Year's Day. The Senior Activity Center will be open Saturday, Dec. 26.



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.

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.