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DO YOU HAVE YOUR 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.

MOST CITY FACILITIES CLOSE FOR MLK DAY

Trash and curbside recycling will be collected on Monday, Jan. 18, but most City facilities will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday.

Hidden Creek Golf Course will be open, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m., but the BRiCk, library, animal shelter, and Senior Activity Center will be closed.

The Burleson City Council meeting scheduled for Jan. 18 has been moved to Tuesday, Jan. 19. The work session is at 6 p.m. and the general meeting is at 7 p.m. at city hall.

SPECIAL EVENTS MAKE HONORED EMPLOYEE STAND OUT

If you have been to any City event, you know Alton Fore, the City's third quarter Employee of the Quarter honoree. Fore, senior crew leader for the pavement maintenance division, was selected from a field of eight nominees representing the City's public works department.

The community knows the award winner best for his special assignment work – setting barricades for parades and 5K runs; helping with the set up for the Hot Sounds of Summer concerts; and working the Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Recycling/Paper Shredding events, Boo Bash, and the Military Veteran Tribute. <http://bit.ly/ForeEmpofQtr>



FORT WORTH DEPUTY CHIEF PICKED AS NEXT FIRE CHIEF

Ken Freeman, deputy chief for the Fort Worth Fire Department, was selected as Burleson's next fire chief. He will start Feb. 1.

Freeman has spent his 38-year firefighting career with the City of Fort Worth. He was hired as a firefighter in 1977. Freeman was promoted to engineer in 1980; lieutenant in 1983; captain in 1986; battalion chief/operations division in 1989; then deputy chief in the educational and training division, where he currently serves, in 2014. Freeman also served as fire marshal from 2003-2005. His resume includes the role of training coordinator for the Tarrant County College Fire Service Training Center since 2009.

Sixty-nine applied to be Burleson's next fire chief. The search started in August when Gary Wisdom, who became Burleson's first full-time paid fire chief in 1998, announced that he was retiring. <http://bit.ly/Freemanfirechief>



YOU STEPPED UP TO SERVE YOUR CITY!

We asked, you applied, and 60 were appointed to almost a dozen City of Burleson boards, committees, and commissions. Burleson City Council members made the appointments official at the Oct. 5 meeting.

The boards and commissions include the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee, Building Codes and Standards, Cemetery Board, Library Board, Old Town Design Standards Review Committee, Parks Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Burleson Type A Economic Development Corporation, and Burleson Type B Community Service Development Corporation. To see who is representing you, go to <http://bit.ly/Citybdappointments>.

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HEAD TO HIDDEN CREEK SPORTS COMPLEX FOR BUNNY DAZE



Bunny Daze 2016 starts at noon on Saturday, March 19, at Hidden Creek Sports Complex's Field 1 (Bartlett Park is under renovations). Bunny Daze is a free two-hour event. Bring your children, camera, and Easter baskets. There will be onstage performances, carnival games, face painting, and more. The Easter Bunny will be at Bunny Daze to meet and greet and pose for pictures. The Easter egg hunt starts at 1:30 p.m. in the sports complex. The children, up to age 12, will be divided into age groups to hunt for eggs, including prize eggs. This year we have added a section for children with special needs and disabilities. If you want to be a vendor, the booth spaces are \$20 for a 10x10 area. A

cover over your booth is recommended. The park is located at 295 E. Hidden Creek Pkwy., next to Hidden Creek Golf Course. For more information about the event or to become a vendor, call the BRiCk at 817-426-9104.

DIVE IN FOR EASTER EGGS AT THE BRiCK

Grab your swimsuits, grab your goggles – it's time to hunt for Easter eggs in the BRiCk's indoor pool. The Aqua Egg Hunt fun begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 19. Children up to age 11 will be divided into four age groups for hunts in the play structure area and the lap pool. The fee is \$2 for each child. Participation is limited, so preregistration is recommended. You can start signing up on Feb. 15 at the BRiCk, 550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd. For more information, call the BRiCk at 817-426-9104.



HUNT FOR EASTER EGGS AT RUSSELL FARM

Joey the Donkey is putting on his rabbit ears! He is hosting the Easter egg hunt at Russell Farm on Saturday, March 26. Children up to 4 years old can join him at 11 a.m. at the farm at 405 W. County Road 714. Joey will pose for pictures, so bring your own camera and Easter baskets. The 30-acre Russell Farm was donated to the City in 2011. The grounds have several galleries containing wood sculptures by Charlie Boren and local artists, along with historical artifacts. For more information, call 817-447-3316.

EARN YOUR GED IN 2016

Is earning your GED on your New Year's resolutions list? Classes are Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m., starting Jan. 11 at the Burleson Public Library. Adult education GED preparation classes are designed to assist adults in preparing for the General Education Development examination. Instructors teach language arts, reading, writing, social studies, science, and mathematics according to each participant's identified needs.

Prior to starting a GED class, each participant must complete an orientation. Seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. No admittance 15 minutes after class starts. For more information, call the Cleburne Adult Education Cooperative at 817-202-1108.

BEAUTIFY YOUR CITY APRIL 30

Find your boots, round up your friends, and sign up for the City's semiannual Burleson Trash Bash slated for Saturday, April 30. Your commitment of two hours, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., will make a difference.

Volunteers of all ages remove litter and debris from retail corridors, waterways, drainage channels, streets, parks, and other public areas. Call David Lenartowicz, the City's environmental specialist, at 817-426-9842 for more details.

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.



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.