

# CITY FOCUS

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## LEARN BASIC CPR FOR FREE!

Do you want to learn the basics of how to save a life? The Burleson Fire Department is hosting free public CPR classes one Saturday a month. The three-hour classes will start at 9 a.m. and take place at Fire Station #1, 828 S.W. Alsbury Blvd. This free public education class teaches chest compression only. No CPR card is issued. Firefighters will also discuss and demonstrate the use of an AED (automated external defibrillator). See the class schedule, <http://bit.ly/CPRclasses>.

## CHECK OUT THE HOT SOUNDS OF SUMMER LINEUP

Who are the headliners for Hot Sounds of Summer 2016? The Friday night fun starts May 27 with Local Yoakam, a Dwight Yoakam tribute band. June 3 is Poo Live Crew, a classic rock variety show. Texas Flood, a Stevie Ray Vaughan tribute band, plays June 10. The M-80s (1980s retro rock) are signed up for June 17. And Ray Wylie Hubbard (country) is the Hot Sounds finale on June 24. The free 90-minute concerts start at 7:30 p.m. in Old Town Burleson, 124 W. Ellison St.



## MEARNS TAPPED AS EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Adding two major projects to her plate in 2015, in addition to her regular daily duties, earned Kelly Mearns the City of Burleson's Employee of the Year honors.

The executive assistant for the city manager's office was part of a two-person team that took on the project of redesigning the City's website that went live in July 2015. Since then the

team has been putting the finishing touches on what will be the City's first mobile app. Mearns also spearheaded a new software program for creating agendas for City Council, Planning and Zoning, and City boards/committees. Mearns was one of four vying for the City's top honor for 2015. <http://bit.ly/MearnsEmpofYear2015>

## STONE ROAD SHOULD OPEN THIS SUMMER

Stone Road, which runs behind Sam's Club and currently ends on the south end at Centre Drive, is being extended to Renfro Street. You can see the construction activity from Renfro, just east of the Sonic. Stone will be a four-lane roadway with a 10-foot-wide multiuse trail on the east side. Due to construction limitations related to the Spinks Airport, the road alignment had to go around the Spinks property and includes two roundabouts that provide a smooth route for the 90-degree turns that were required. The Texas Department of Transportation will be installing a traffic signal at the intersection of Stone Road and Renfro Street in the coming months. The City expects Stone Road to open in summer 2016.

## PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY IS APRIL 30

The Burleson Police Department is partnering with the DEA for National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The event will be hosted at the police department, 1161 S.W. Wilshire Blvd. Residents may drop off unused, expired, or unwanted medications, in both pill and liquid form, for safe disposal. This includes over-the-counter as well as prescription drugs. If you can't make it April 30, there is a drug take-back box in the front lobby of the police station.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OLD TOWN?

Have you stayed in the loop about the proposed 1-acre plaza, plans for higher education, and mixed-use development in Old Town Burleson? If not, then we have answers about parking, funding/taxes, the closure of Ellison Street, the appearance of the proposed building, and more. Find them in the Old Town FAQs: <http://bit.ly/OldTownFAQs>.



## BRING THE WEE ONES TO RUSSELL FARM TO HUNT EGGS

Children up to 4 years old are invited to join Joey the Donkey at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 26, at Russell Farm for an Easter egg hunt. Joey will don his bunny ears and pose for pictures, so bring your camera. The farm is located at 405 W. County Road 714. For more information, call 817-447-3316.

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## ARE YOU TRAINING FOR APRIL 23?

The 5th annual Be Healthy Burleson Community Fun Run is Saturday, April 23, in Old Town. The event includes a 1-mile fun walk, a 5K, and a 10K. The fun walk steps off at 7:30 a.m. and the 5K and 10K runners start at 8 a.m. The event will include live music, giveaways, and family fun activities. Register online, <https://behealthy5k.athlete360.com/>, or register in person at Burleson City Hall (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.).



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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**  
1161 S.W. Wilshire Blvd.  
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](http://www.burlesontx.com/facilities).

### EVENTS CALENDAR



#### Me & My Monkey

Saturday, March 12  
1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

#### The BRiCk

550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd.  
817-426-9104

<http://bit.ly/BeatlesTribute31216>

#### Aqua Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 19  
10 a.m.-noon

#### The BRiCk

550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd.  
817-426-9104

<http://bit.ly/AquaEggHunt>

#### Bunny Daze

Saturday, March 19  
Noon -2 p.m.

Hidden Creek Sports Complex  
295 E. Hidden Creek Pkwy.

817-426-9104

<http://bit.ly/BunnyDaze>

#### Arbor Day

Friday, April 22  
10 a.m.-11 a.m.

Stribling Elementary  
1881 E. Renfro St.

817-426-9291

<http://bit.ly/Arborday422>

#### Yappy Hour pet adoptions

Friday, April 22  
7 p.m.-10 p.m.

Lost Oak Winery  
8101 County Road 802

817-426-9283

<http://bit.ly/YappyHour0422>

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

### POLICE DESIGNATE EXCHANGE ZONE

Do you use classified advertising websites such as Craigslist, or do you buy, sell, or trade merchandise via social media sites? Burleson Police designated their parking lot as an exchange zone. Residents are encouraged to use 1161 S.W. Wilshire Blvd. (Elk at Wilshire) to exchange merchandise that you intend to sell or purchase. The exchange zone creates a safer way to meet a stranger instead of them coming to your home or meeting at an unsecured location. Parents/guardians can also meet at 1161 S.W. Wilshire Blvd. to exchange their children during custody or visitation times. <http://bit.ly/Policeexchangezone>

### WHAT'S GOING UP IN BURLESON?

Do you want to keep up with what's being built in Burleson? Then check out the building permit activity reports on the City website, <http://bit.ly/Bldgpermitreports>. The reports are updated by the 15th of each month. You can see everything from residential permits – including average home value and square footage – to commercial permits as well as the number of permits issued for fences, sprinkler systems, and more. Do you need a permit? Call 817-426-9632.

### SIGN UP FOR ACTIVITIES ONLINE

Have you heard of WebTrac? It's an online program that the BRiCk utilizes that allows you to sign up for adult athletics, aquatics, camps, youth programs, youth athletics, special interests, and facility rentals. Go to WebTrac, <http://bit.ly/BRiCkWebTrac>; set up a username and password; and check it out, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. It's that easy.

### HONOR VIETNAM VETERANS MARCH 26

The 5th annual Vietnam Veterans Celebration is slated for Saturday, March 26, at 1 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Plaza, 298 E. Renfro St. The Burleson Heritage Foundation and the City of Burleson are hosting the event.

Jan. 12, 1962, marked the United States' first combat mission against the Viet Cong. In 2012, on the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, President Obama issued a proclamation declaring March 29 as Vietnam Veterans Day. March 29, 1973, was the date that the last of the troops left Vietnam.



### CHECK IT OUT ...

For City meeting times and dates, check the Public Notices page on the City website, [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com). Meeting times are subject to change.