

ESCAPE RETURNS FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY

Did you like ESCAPE, the Journey tribute band that played the Hot Sounds of Summer Concert Series in Old Town in 2015? They are coming back in 2016 to headline the City's free Independence Day concert and fireworks show on Monday, July 4. The City's celebration takes place at Chisenhall Fields Sports Complex, 500 W. Hidden Creek Pkwy. The gates will open at 5 p.m., with the concert starting at 7:30 p.m. and the fireworks at approximately 9:20 p.m. Start warming up your vocal cords now!

PROGRAM OFFERS PEACE OF MIND FOR FAMILIES

Burleson police launched the Guardian Program, a voluntary and free registry, in February. The program is for those who may be unable to communicate basic personal information due to a diagnosed medical disorder or are prone to wander away or run away from guardians, home, or school due to a diagnosed medical disorder. Special needs include autism, Alzheimer's, dementia, or some other mental/intellectual disability.

The participant or guardian must live within the city limits of Burleson and/or the participant attends school within the Burleson Police Department jurisdiction. At registration, the guardians voluntarily submit a completed application and photo with all of the required medical information. You can find that form on the City website, <http://bit.ly/GuardianProgramapp>. For more information, call Community Resource Officer David Wardlaw at 817-426-9958 or email dwardlaw@burlesontx.com.

SIGN UP FOR PAW PALS BEFORE APRIL 23

Burleson Animal Services proudly presents Paw Pals Animal Care Academy, a free educational program for area youth interested in animal welfare. This academy is noon-1:30 p.m. on four consecutive Saturdays – June 4, 11, 18, and 25. Classes include bite prevention/responsible pet ownership/veterinary care; what it takes to run the Fort Worth Zoo; how to care for farm animals; and graduation.



Paw Pals is for students who are entering the 6th grade in the 2016/2017 school year. The class is limited to 15 students who must either live in Burleson or attend school in Burleson. Fill out the application, <http://bit.ly/PawPalsapp2016>, before April 23. For more information about Paw Pals, call 817-426-9283.

SHOUT OUT TO PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD WINNERS!

In February, the Burleson Fire Department and Burleson Police Department announced their top award winners for 2015. For the fire department, honors went to Rookie of the Year Ben Eason and Firefighter of the Year James Pribble. On the police side the winners include Officer Andrew Prieskorn – Officer of the Year, Sgt. Jody Trumble – Supervisor of the Year, Karen Dawkins/Public Safety Communications Supervisor – Civilian of the Year, Officer Jason Tauch – Rookie Officer of the Year, Officers Cameron Pilgrim and Shayne Morrison – Most Outstanding Community Policing Award, and Officer Tiffany Bauereisen – Ofelia Blair Character Award. To read more about these outstanding public safety award winners, go to www.burlesontx.com/newsreleases on the City website.



IT'S A BOOK SALE!

The Friends of the Library annual book sale is Friday, April 22, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Burleson Public Library. The sale includes hardcover and softcover books for all ages, including popular fiction and nonfiction (biographies, cooking, self-help, history, literature, and more). Buy a bag of books of your choosing for \$10. Single books range in price from 50 cents to \$2.

If you are a member of the Friends, you are invited to a special presale on April 21, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. To be part of this presale you can become a member of the Friends for \$5. Memberships are available at the door during the Thursday night presale. The library is located at 248 S.W. Johnson Ave.

NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL CLOSE APRIL 25

Do you want to be a link between the youth of Burleson and the Burleson City Council? If you are between 13 and 19 years old as of June 1, 2016, you can be nominated to serve on the Burleson Mayor's Youth Council. Teens must live in Burleson or in Burleson's extraterritorial jurisdiction. The deadline for nominations and applications is April 25 by 5 p.m. More information about the nomination process is online at www.burlesontx.com/mycjoin. Contact Lisa Poteete at 817-426-9682 for more details.

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START SPRING CLEANING NOW!

Start cleaning out your garage, the shed, and under the kitchen sink. The City's Household Hazardous Waste event is Saturday, May 14. We're not just accepting household hazardous waste. We are also taking your old electronics and the paper you haven't shredded yet. The event is 9 a.m.-11 a.m.



NOTE: The location has changed. The event will be hosted at the Municipal Service Center, 725 S.E. John Jones Dr. (next to the Burleson Animal Shelter). This event is only open to residents who live inside the Burleson city limits (proof of residency including a City water or solid waste bill is required). Call 817-426-9842 for all of the details.

EXPLORE THE CITY'S BUDGET DATA ONLINE

Thanks to a new partnership between the City and OpenGov, you can explore how City taxpayer money is collected and spent. The new digital platform was launched Feb. 9. Go to www.burlesontx.com/interactivefinancials, then click on the link Interactive Financial Reports.

OpenGov displays five years of government spending and revenue detail. Explore the City's budget data online in various graphical formats selected by you. Users can manipulate the data and drill down to view details or scale up for the big picture. Users can also download the data as an Excel spreadsheet. To see what the City's finance department posts online, go to www.burlesontx.com/finance.

PROMOTE LITERACY BY GOLFING ON MAY 20

The Friends of the Library are busy! They are hosting the 2nd annual Links Fore Literacy Golf Tournament at Hidden Creek Golf Course on Friday, May 20. Registration is at 11 a.m. followed by a barbeque lunch at noon and a shotgun scramble start at 1 p.m. The cost is \$75 for a single player, \$300 for a team of four, \$50 for City of Burleson employees, and \$20 for two mulligans. Proceeds will benefit youth services such as Youth Robotics, Burleson Young Builders, and Summer Reading Club as well as help to provide a safe place for teens after school. For more information, read the brochure and follow the link to sign up online. <http://bit.ly/LinksForeLiteracybrochure>

YOU CAN FILE A POLICE REPORT ONLINE

The Burleson Police Department has set up online access to everything you need to file a minor police report, search for an inmate, and more, thanks to Police To Citizen (P2C). The link, <http://p2c.burlesontx.com/>, went live Feb. 10.

You can report an incident that occurred within the Burleson city limits (it must not be in progress). Only nonviolent crimes can be reported (you cannot report a crime online that results in injuries or involves any weapons). If there is any physical evidence left at the scene, you cannot report the incident online. Read more about it at <https://www.burlesontx.com/crimereportsstats>.

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.

CITY FOCUS

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.

EVENTS CALENDAR



Be Healthy Community 5K, 10K, and Fun Walk
Saturday, April 23
7 a.m. Registration
7:30 a.m. 1-Mile Fun Walk
8 a.m. 5K and 10K
Old Town, 124 W. Ellison St.
817-426-9682
<https://behealthy5k.athlete360.com/>

Far Out Family Fun Campout & Fishing Adventures
Saturday, April 23, 1 p.m. to
Sunday, April 24, 8 a.m.
Bailey Lake
280 W. Hidden Creek Pkwy.
817-426-9104

Burleson Trash Bash
Saturday, April 30
9 a.m.-11 a.m.
Citywide
817-426-9842
www.burlesontx.com/TrashBash2016

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day
Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Burleson Police Department
1161 S.W. Wilshire Blvd.
817-426-9951

Hot Sounds of Summer Concert Series
Fridays, 7:30 p.m.
May 27 – Local Yoakam
June 3 – Poo Live Crew
June 10 – Texas Flood
June 17 – M-80s
June 24 – Ray Wylie Hubbard
Old Town, 124 W. Ellison St.

www.facebook.com/BurlesonTX/events