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IT'S OFFICIAL, THE CITY HAS A MOBILE APP

The City's official mobile app went live in the App Store and Google Play store in April. Type "Burleson" in the search bar and look for the City of Burleson Texas seal.

The goal is to make it easy for residents – as well as those who work in or are visiting Burleson – to check the calendar, see what events are coming up, fill out online forms, and contact us. You can even pay your utility bill, find a City facility, check job openings, find out when your trash/recycling is picked up, and engage with Burleson. Read more about it at <http://bit.ly/COBmobileapp>.



FIREFIGHTER/EMT SELECTED AS EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

She's a dedicated dynamo, and she wears Burleson Fire Department bunker gear. Firefighter/EMT Jules Knight was selected as the City's Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2016.

Knight is credited for spearheading the fire department's first ever open house in 2015, training a fellow first responder who then became the first female firefighter for the Cleburne Fire Department, and for her most recent endeavor of

serving on the City's community risk reduction program committee.

When Knight was hired by Burleson in June 2009, she marked a milestone as the department's first female career firefighter. Read more at <http://bit.ly/KnightEOQ>.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSTS FREE JUNIOR FIRE ACADEMY

Find out what it takes to be a firefighter when the Burleson Fire Department hosts two free Junior Fire Academy sessions, 8 a.m.-noon, June 20-23 or July 18-21. Junior Fire Academy is for students entering fifth grade in the fall of 2016. Each session is limited to 12 students. The deadline to apply is June 3.

Participants receive bunker gear, tour the fire stations, and learn about disaster safety, extrication, fire safety, fire hydrants, fire hoses and ladders, and search and rescue.

Applications are available at Fire Station #1, 828 S.W. Alsbury Blvd., and on the City website at www.burlesontx.com/juniorfireacademy. Call 817-426-9176 for more information.

ALSBURY BOULEVARD IS CHANGING

By early 2017, you will be able to drive from I-35W to Hulen Street via Alsbury Boulevard. The project includes a divided two-lane roadway, an at-grade crossing of the railroad track, a 10-foot-wide multiuse trail, landscaping, and decorative lighting.

A roundabout will be constructed at Hulen to allow a constant flow of traffic. This project follows the City's Transit Oriented Development Plan and is intended to create a street and area for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic.



ESCAPE RETURNS FOR CITY'S INDEPENDENCE DAY CONCERT

They headlined a 2015 Hot Sounds of Summer concert in Old Town Burleson. In 2016, local Journey tribute band ESCAPE is the star attraction at the City's Independence Day Concert & Fireworks Show at Chisenhall Fields Sports Complex.

The concert starts at 7:30 p.m., but you can get a good seat starting at 5 p.m. when the gates open at 500 W. Hidden Creek Pkwy. The fireworks show, choreographed to patriotic music, will light up the sky at 9:20 p.m. Bring your chairs, blankets, and even your own picnic. Food will be available at the concession stand. Be sure to check the City website, www.burlesontx.com, for updates on road closures around the concert venue.



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BIKE AND WALKING PROJECT IS UNDERWAY

The Summercrest Boulevard/McAlister Road bike and walking project that will link neighborhoods to parks, schools, and other public facilities kicked off in April.

This project includes a side path or bicycle lane separated from the road by a landscaped island from Barkridge Trail to Rand Drive; buffered bike lanes from Rand Drive to Cedar Ridge Road; sidewalks from Barkridge Trail to Cedar Ridge; bicycle lanes and sidewalks on Thomas Street from Hughes Middle School to Summercrest; a widened trail through the south side of the BRiCk property and through the drainage channel to Thomas; and a roundabout at the Thomas/Summercrest intersection. Shared lanes will carry bicycles along Rand from Summercrest to Newton Drive, Cindy Lane and to Douglas Street; from Douglas, shared lanes will continue to Alsbury Boulevard and then to Heberle Drive and James Circle; sidewalks will be added to Douglas from Cindy to Alsbury; and at James Circle an off-street trail will carry bikes and pedestrians to McAlister.

A section of shared lanes and on-street bike lanes and/or buffered bike lanes will continue the route to the existing bike lane section of McAlister. The projected timeline for the opening is early 2017.

THANK YOU TO OUR HOT SOUNDS SPONSORS

We're giving a big shout out to our 2016 Hot Sounds of Summer concert sponsors! They are Fresco's Mexicana, 92.1 HANK FM radio, H-E-B, LuminCare, NuLife Clinic, P and R Print LLC, 95.9 the RANCH radio, and City Market. Thanks in part to their commitment, the City is able to bring you five free 90-minute concerts in Old Town and a free 90-minute Independence Day concert at Chisenhall Fields Sports Complex. All concerts kick off at 7:30 p.m. The lineup includes:

- **May 27: Local Yoakam**
- **June 3: Poo Live Crew**
- **June 10: Texas Flood**
- **June 17: M-80s**
- **June 24: Ray Wylie Hubbard**
- **July 4: ESCAPE**



LIONS HOST INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

The Burleson Lions Club is hosting the annual Independence Day Parade on Monday, July 4. The parade will step off at 9 a.m. from the Kerr Middle School parking lot on Johnson Avenue. Register your entry on the Burleson Lions Club website, <http://bit.ly/Independencedayparade>. The parade includes fire trucks, antique vehicles, bicycles, businesses, civic groups, classic cars, horses, jeeps/off road vehicles, school groups and sports teams. Check the website for the parade route.

DOGS, HEROES, ARTISTS AND ROBOTS . . . ALL AT THE LIBRARY

Summer Reading Club is in full swing June 1-July 31 at the Burleson Public Library. Here are a few things you don't want to miss.

- **Dog Tales:** Sharpen up your reading skills by sharing a book aloud with Natasha, a registered therapy dog, on June 28, July 12, July 26, 10 a.m.-noon. Registration is required.
- **Heroes of the Community:** Meet local firefighters, police officers, and other community heroes on July 6, 11 a.m.
- **Sketch Dojo with ShoNuff Studios:** Collaborate with these professional artists on July 23, 2 p.m.-3 p.m. Ages 12-18 only. Registration is required.
- **Battle Bots:** Tweens and teens, 10-18 years old, team up to design a robot then put it to the test. Space is limited to three two-week sessions, all 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Session 1: June 23 and June 30; Session 2: July 7 and July 14; and Session 3: July 21 and July 28. Registration is required.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Independence Day Concert & Fireworks

Monday, July 4
7:30 p.m.-10 p.m.
Chisenhall Fields Sports Complex
500 W. Hidden Creek Pkwy.
817-426-9104

Christmas in July Craft Fair

Saturday, July 16
9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Senior Activity Center
216 S.W. Johnson Ave.
817-295-6611

SWAG Affair

Thursday, Sept. 1
4:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Chisenhall Fields Sports Complex
500 W. Hidden Creek Pkwy.
817-426-9220

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

1161 S.W. Wilshire Blvd.
817-426-9910

Senior Activity Center

216 S.W. Johnson Ave.
817-295-6611

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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.