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Mayor's Point



Just as we must do with our personal finances, the City of Bulverde must step back and analyze its goals and priorities from time to time. Proper financial planning and budgeting helps to put ourselves in a position where we are "ahead of the game." Failing to plan is a plan to fail.

What are those City goals and priorities? Each Council member, staff, and I have varying ideas of what they are... so how do we come to a consensus? We tried a new endeavor last year and it proved to be very productive. We call it a Council Retreat, and it's basically an all-day workshop or brainstorming session of the Mayor, Council, and City Administrator.

It is our intention to take a proactive approach on managing development. Growth should not negatively affect or endanger existing citizens. The City recently initiated a drainage study for the Lewis Creek Watershed, a Multimodal Master Transportation Plan, and a Downtown Bulverde Village Visioning Study. (Please visit the calendar on the back of the newsletter and the City's webpage for more information on public hearing dates when citizens can provide feedback on these opportunities.)

These studies and plans will give the City the necessary information and regulatory tools to work with developers to have orderly, safe and sustainable growth. We have all seen other areas that experience explosive growth and then become rundown with many serious issues after the growth fizzles out. We are dedicated to not letting that happen in Bulverde.

There is always a great and noble community project out there. This is where governments can get in to trouble when it comes to funding.

Our City is based on being fiscally conservative and as a result we have a very low tax rate and zero debt. That is why it is so important to prioritize and put the projects that will have the greatest return on investment at the top of the list.

I would like to thank our local business community who has helped fund these important projects over the years with their collection of sales tax. They are the economic engine that supports the community in so many ways. Support these local businesses with your patronage.

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Bill Krawietz
Mayor of Bulverde, TX

Getting to Know Corporal Gary Edwards



Hired in May of 2005, Corporal Gary Edwards is currently serving as the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) supervisor of the Bulverde Police Department. Gary began his law enforcement career in DeWitt County assigned to the detention division and later to the patrol division. He grew up in the Houston area and comes from a law enforcement family in which both his mother and father served their communities through law enforcement.

In 2005, Gary was hired as the 8th member of the Bulverde Police Department and moved to the area. Originally hired as a patrolman, Gary has worked his way up to his current position as a Detective Corporal. As the sole full-time investigator for the department, Gary is responsible for most of the investigative aspects of the case after an initial report is taken by the agency. Gary is also responsible for presenting all misdemeanor and felony cases to the District Attorney's Office in Comal County. The Criminal Investigation Division strives to investigate all cases thoroughly and bring closure to each case, regardless of the circumstances. As with many employees of the city, Gary assists with many different roles within the police department, such as fleet maintenance, crime prevention, municipal court, special events, etc. As a crime prevention officer, Gary also conducts business and residential safety inspections, which, in some cases, may qualify residents for an insurance credit. May 22nd of this year marked Gary's 9 year anniversary with the City of Bulverde and we are glad to have him. Should you require any CID services, please contact Corporal Edwards at 830-438-3612.



Bulverde's National Night Out



Save the Date

October 7th, 2014

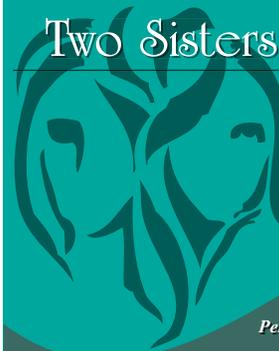
This year's National Night Out for Texas is on October 7th, and members of the Bulverde Police Department are already working to ensure this year's event will be a huge success. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and local first responders, and to discuss ideas for a safer community. If you are interested in hosting a block party or are looking for a block party near you please contact Mary Bell at the police department at 830-438-3612. We look forward to another successful National Night Out in Bulverde.

On the Cover

The new Bulverde Community Park offers some cool fun in the hot summer sun at the Splash Pad! Zachary C. enjoys the water fountains on a warm afternoon! Sister Kaylee and several other kiddos were also in on the wet fun. The new park offers tons of fun, family-friendly amenities for all to enjoy. Residents and neighbors should definitely take advantage of this wonderful gem on Bulverde Lane.



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Bulverde Jubilee

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If you have never attended the Bulverde Jubilee, you have missed out on an old-fashioned, good-time community celebration. Every year, families line the streets of historic Village of Bulverde to watch an authentic, small-town parade, complete with marching bands, cheerleading squads, dance troupes, local celebrities, and floats representing local businesses and schools. After the parade, families stroll through the village to hear live music, taste local flavors, shop dozens of vendor booths, and enjoy plenty of free activities for all ages. The Jubilee showcases the best of small-town life, just outside the limits of America's 7th largest city.



It all began thirteen years ago with a handful of community-minded citizens who wanted to build local appreciation for the historic Village of Bulverde. This group became known as "Friends of the Village." Following the terrorist attacks in 2001, the Jubilee took on new significance as a celebration of patriotism and a symbol of community solidarity.

In the early years, the Friends of the Village funded 100 % of the cost of the Bulverde Jubilee. Over time, the Bulverde Jubilee has grown into a well-attended event and has

become self-sustaining, surviving on revenue from booth sales and donations and sponsorships from local businesses and citizens. In addition, the City of Bulverde has joined as an official sponsor of the 2014 Bulverde Jubilee. Each year, any excess revenues are donated to an area nonprofit organization chosen by Friends of the Village. This year, they have chosen the Bulverde Police Department as the beneficiary.

We'll kick off this year's event with a parade at 11:00 A.M. All activities and vendor booths will be open immediately following the parade. There will be a variety of activities for children and adults, including art and crafts, hair braiding, a petting zoo, The Blue Lion Train, a drumming circle by Drumming Around America, a car bash, live music by The Mo-Dels, a performance by Fire on the Mountain Cloggers and dozens of vendor and food booths. This is an event not to miss!

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The Bulverde Community Park Opens with a Bang!

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Families filled the park and kids ran from playground to playground, exploring the many sites built for just this sort of occasion. The sound of bluegrass music, performed by In-A-Jam Bluegrass Band, filled the air. The splash pad was a popular oasis as children ran over, under, around and through the jets of water as they sprayed upwards. Even the mayor got in on the fun at the splash pad! HEB Buddy was always nearby to high five or give hugs to the enthusiastic park visitors. Buddy even tried his hand at shooting some hoops on the basketball court.

Under the large gazebo, artists were kept busy face painting an endless line of excited children. Once painted, the kids were quick to show off their art to parents and other companions. Bulverde Area Arts Center artists also guided the youngsters in the art of sidewalk chalk. In some situations, giving them some chalk and space on the floor was all it took, as they did their best impression of what art should look like.

The dunking booth drew large crowds as Mayor Krawietz, a local school principal, and an area youth pastor (among others) took their turns on the chair. Cheers went up each time one of them dropped into the tank to 'cool off.'

The photo booth proved to be a necessary stop by children and adults as they donned costumes and hammed it up for the camera. Everyone received copies of their moment in front of the camera.

When anyone got hungry, Smokey Mo's was there to provide barbecue and trimmings. Visitors ate in the picnic areas, under the trees, and just about anywhere they could sit out of the way of the playful kids. Dessert was provided by Hatch 5 in the cupcake walk where you had to 'win' your treat. Snow cones, root beer floats, peanuts, frozen yogurt, watermelon, and lemonade were also available in abundance, provided by St. Paul Lutheran Church, Provisions Outreach, Friends of the Library, Kelani Yogurt, and the BSB Activity Center.

The Lions Club Blue Lion Train stayed busy, giving the youngsters a break from running around and taking them on a tour of the park's expansive area. The ride gave the passengers a long range view of the activities including the inflatable bounce houses and the petting zoo.

Festivity organizers rated the event a great success as festivities ended and the clean-up began. The smiling faces on the many children who filled the park that day confirmed that assessment. For more information about Bulverde Community Parks visit www.bulverdeparks.com.

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Program Begins in September

This year's book, *Wild Rose, The True Story of a Civil War Spy*, has been chosen for this year's read. The 150th Anniversary of the ending of the Civil War was the inspiration and the programming will be based around Civil War topics.

Below are the programs that the FOL has scheduled (subject to change). Refreshments will be served at all programs. The program is scheduled to run from September 27 through October 25. Brochures will be available in August with more details and exact dates and times of events.

- Sons of the Confederacy—firing demonstrations, artifacts, period uniforms, etc. Children's activities
- Movie Nights—*Glory and Rebel*
- History in Person—*Underground Railroad/Frederick Douglas and The Conscience of a Nation/Lincoln*
- Authors—Discussions/Q&A with two Civil War authors—Edwin Mergele, *The Boy Go To War* and Michael Varhola, *Life in Civil War America*
- Gardening program—Antique roses
- Storyteller and banjo player Dan Gibson
- One Pot Meal and Cornbread Cook-off
- Bus trip to a Civil War site
- Quilt display including an antique quilt from the 1860s



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The Bulverde Police Department has been exploring the possibility of utilizing volunteers from the community to assist in several different areas. As with any new program, there are several different facets that need to be addressed to insure a proper launch and continued success. BPD is currently establishing policies and procedures for the program (selection process, volunteer protocols, etc.), coordinating with the City's insurance provider to ensure the City is protected as well as the volunteers themselves, and of course budgetary implications just to mention a few.

The VIPS program in Bulverde is envisioned to be a supplement to existing patrols, with a strict observe-and-report-only policy, not to supplant our dedicated law enforcement professionals. They will help serve the

BPD as extra sets of eyes and ears in our community, and as an added visual presence in our neighborhoods to help deter criminal acts. Additionally, volunteers may assist with special community events, assist officers with residential and business checks, roadway speed surveys, etc. There are many benefits of a VIPS program, but one of the most important is the enhanced community involvement and building partnerships with members of the community with one common goal; to create a safer community.

Once BPD establishes appropriate policies and procedures this summer and the City Council authorizes the program, the community volunteer application process will begin. Program and application information are anticipated to be disseminated through several different avenues including the Front Porch News, e-mails to home owners associations, and on the City's website. We are excited about this program and look forward to working with members of our community; together as one we can make a difference.

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Summer Reading Program Finale

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The Adult Summer Reading Program at the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library includes these activities:

Thursday, July 10th, 6:30pm, Duffy Hudson as Albert Einstein. Imagine Albert Einstein explaining the Theory of Relativity in a fun, exciting way--no knowledge of mathematics or physics required. The show covers elements of Einstein's life, covering the Speed of Light, Time Travel, along with Gravity and Space in a humorous way. What is $E=MC^2$ anyway?

Tuesday, August 5th, 8:00-10:00pm, Family Astronomy Night at the library. Join Guadalupe River State Park Ranger, Craig Hensley, for an evening of stargazing fun. We'll begin with a presentation on the seasonal constellations along with an audience participation story known as, "The Perils of Andromeda." We'll then head out to look at the moon and other celestial wonders through two telescopes. A drawing for an annual Texas State Parks Pass will be held during the event. **You must be present to win.**

Saturday, August 9th, at 12:00pm is the finale for the library's Adult Summer Reading Program. Join us for the grand prize drawing of the Kindle Fire HD and enjoy an Ice Cream Social to be held immediately following the children's Magik Theatre presentation. Winner need not be present.

End the summer with a BANG at Bulverde/Spring Branch Library! The Summer Reading Program ends August 9th at 11am, with a special performance by the Magik Theatre at the library. *Dr. Krashundbang*, A Scientific Adventure, is an interactive, one-man show that will delight audiences with a combination of humor and science experiments. This family program is open to everyone and will cover the physical sciences and the scientific method in a hilariously educational way. Our hypothesis is that you'll love it!

Following the performance, the celebration will continue with an Ice Cream Social in the library meeting rooms--the cherry on top of a great Summer Reading Program! Join us for a sweet treat and the Adult Summer Reading Program drawing for a Kindle Fire HD. (Winner need not be present.) The Bulverde/Spring Branch Library Summer Reading Program would not be possible without the support of generous donors including, Target, HEB, Broadway Bank, Hochheim Prairie, Friends of the Library, and the Leonard Family. We'd also like to thank all of our adult and student volunteers for the many hours they've spent helping out with the Summer Reading Program.

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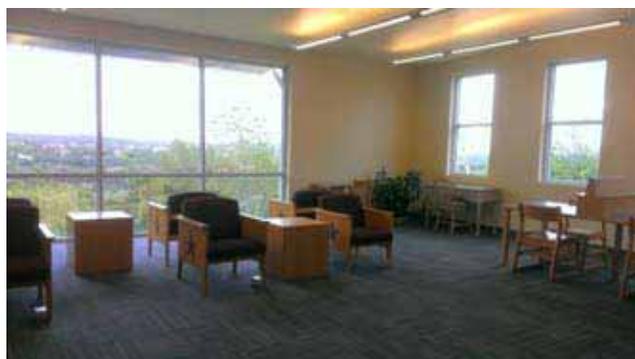
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In addition to the Reading Room, the Juvenile and Young Adult area was expanded to create more study and work space. Kids can sit at the booth to collaborate on assignments or curl up in one of the lounge chairs with a book. The area will be reserved for teens and children after three during the school year to ensure a study space for them. Come by and see both of these new additions! Bulverde/Spring Branch Library is located at 131 Bulverde Crossing.



Social Security Benefits and Estate Planning

Everyone needs to be informed of the issues associated with aging, so the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library is hosting a workshop, Saturday, July 12th, 10:30am-12:00pm, titled *Social Security: Options to Increase Your Benefits*, and *How to Talk to Your Children about Estate Planning*, presented by Harry S. Truman, Ben T. Treadaway, and Frank Mullins.

Nearly every American is familiar with Social Security, but the vast majority does not fully understand how it can become a very significant portion of retirement. Mistakes can be costly. With some careful planning, you may be surprised to learn how much you can increase your entitlement, avoid penalties, and even use it as an estate planning vehicle. Plan on attending the July 12th workshop led by Harry S. Truman and Ben T. Treadaway to learn what steps you can take to wisely use your Social Security Benefits.

One of the more sensitive items families are forced to address is how do Mom and Dad want their affairs handled in retirement or upon their death? Many times, the children, or parents, shy away from this subject because it is too morbid or too invasive. In truth, openly discussing estate desires and distributions before implementing an estate plan serves to keep family harmony which leads to a smooth transition from plan to action. Come listen to Frank Mullins present ideas and approaches to initiating conversation about these delicate issues.

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Spring Branch RV Park's new employees are satisfied with their "wage" of all-you-can-eat kibble. "Negotiations couldn't have gone better," smiles Glenda Dean, the Park owner/manager. Their job descriptions include patrolling the area, keeping rodents and snakes away, and stopping other cats from moving in. "Since we found TNR, these cats have become an important asset to our business," explains Glenda.

TNR stands for Trap, Neuter, Return, and Glenda adds, "We used to have too many kittens being born here which was a concern especially because it might affect our RV guests. Now, these three sterilized and vaccinated, resident cats are not reproducing. They are healthy and they are doing us a service of free pest control! It's a great partnership!"

"Caring for them is easy," says Heide Overbeck, employee at the RV Park. "We feed them once a day and make sure they have access to plenty of fresh water."

For information on how to implement your own TNR program, gain access to low-cost spay/neuter services and volunteer assistance (if necessary), come to a free instruction session available once a month (except December) at the Spring Branch EMS building. Everyone is welcome! "I hope other RV Park owners and managers take advantage of this humane solution to cat overpopulation. It works!" says Glenda. Find out more at animalrescueconnections.org



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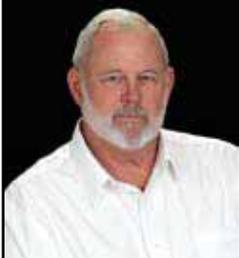


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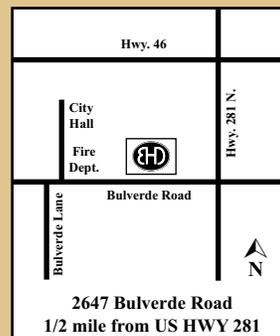
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April Power Lunch

Thank you to our April Power Lunch Speakers of the 2013-2014 Leadership Class: Tammy Dubois (Broadway Bank), Wendy Hahn (Bulverde Spring Branch Activity Center), Candice Canales (Frost Bank), Yuliana Lopez (Frost Bank,) & Mike Johnson (SA Print Supplies).

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May Power Lunch

Thank you to our May Power Lunch Speaker Karen Bierman, Psychologist with Aztec Behavior Health.

Sponsored by Provisions: A 25:35 Outreach.

Operation Thank You

During the week of May 12-16, the Chamber's new Community Guide was delivered to its members during Operation Thank You to show our gratitude for being part of, and supporting the community. An online version of the Community Guide is located on the Chamber website.



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Location: Amazing Love Catering

JULY 24

Business Networking Mixer**
5:30 – 7:30 pm
Sponsored by River Crossing Club

AUGUST 20

Chamber Monthly Power Lunch*
Sponsored By Costco
12 Noon – 1:00 pm
Location: Bulverde Spring Branch Library

AUGUST 28

Business Networking Mixer**
5:30 – 7:30 pm
Sponsored by GVTC

*Power Lunches: See Chamber website
www.bulverdespringbranchchamber.com
or call the Chamber office (830-438-4285) to register.

**Networking mixers are Members Only events



Benefit Style Show & Luncheon

Do you LOVE style, new clothes, beautiful decorations, and fellowship with fun neighbors and friends? Then join us at the Bulverde United Methodist Church from 11am till 2pm on Saturday July 26, 2014 for a fun filled afternoon. View the creative tablescapes designed by our table Hostesses. Styles will be provided by Dress Barn and Bealls. Raffle items will also be available. Tickets are available now at the Bulverde Spring Branch Activity Center on Cougar Bend. Your ticket purchase includes lunch and the style show. All proceeds from the Style Show will benefit the nonprofit Bulverde Spring Branch Activity Center. For further information, please contact Diane Hartman at dhartman@bsbac.com or call 830-438-3111. See you there!



One of last year's models, the lovely Dianna Burke, shows off a contemporary casual outfit at the 2013 Style Show.

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THE BIG CHILL



BSB Fire & EMS
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Craig Manifold

Emergency Medical Services across the country are constantly looking for the clinical edge that will prevent untimely death and eliminate suffering. With this in mind, progressive services like Bulverde Spring Branch Fire & EMS look toward scientific evidence to support clinical direction and change.

In conjunction with the desire to provide the very best care, your pre-hospital professionals receive guidance from Dr. Craig Manifold, Medical Director and nationally recognized expert in the field of Emergency Medicine.

Over the past several years, a mountain of evidence has surfaced supporting the benefit of cooling patients who have been resuscitated from a cardiac arrest. Obviously, surviving a cardiac arrest is a monumental achievement requiring the entire "Chain of Survival" (recognition, early treatment, appropriate care and transport, and recovery). In our community the "Chain" works because of an unrelenting stakeholder support system and an engaged leadership team, directed by our Board of Directors.

To that end, we have added an additional level of science, ability, and equipment that has proven to decrease neurologic injury following a cardiac arrest. The medical term for this is "Therapeutic Hypothermia" which is simply to say that we cool the body, which prevents additional injury and gives our "systems" time to recover.

Trauma Tec provides aggressive, continuous cooling to the head and blood while the paramedics administer cold fluids intravenously. This combination of treatments and transport to our local cardiac care centers means improved survival and, more importantly, the very real possibility of returning to a normal life without neurologic deficit.



While predicting the future remains a dream, the reality in Western Comal County is often the gift of additional life and the pursuit of happiness. When asked, Dr. Manifold simply adds that "making this all possible is a developed team, supported by community, which is founded in science." What's next for your Emergency Services? Only science can tell!

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SUMMER HEAT

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Tune In: Sometimes you can't beat the heat, but you surely can take precautions to stay safe. We all expect our summers to be hot, but the National Weather Service forecast office may issue additional warnings to heed. When NOAA issues an "excessive heat warning/advisory" they expect probable conditions that pose serious threats to life within the next 36 hours. It is ideal on these days (as with any day if possible during the dog-days of the summer) to minimize outdoor activity during peak temperatures.

Hydrate: The body's cooling mechanism is sweating, and in order to sweat you must have a properly hydrated body. If you are "thirsty," you are already dehydrated. There is no single formula to indicate how much water to drink, as everyone's body is different. The slogan, "drink 8 in 8" (meaning drink eight 8-ounce glasses of water a day) is definitely a good place to start for your minimum water intake. The best way to know if you are drinking enough is monitoring your "output"—your bowel movements should be normal and your urine should be light yellow to nearly clear. Infrequent urination coupled with dark colored urine may be a sign that you are dehydrated and are embarking on a serious health risk.

Got Hydration?
Urine Color Chart

1		If your urine matches the colors 1, 2, or 3, you are properly hydrated
2		Continue to consume fluids at recommended amounts
3		Increased fluid intake
BELOW THIS RED LINE INDICATES DEHYDRATION!		
4		If your urine color is below the RED LINE you are Dehydrated! STOP & DRINK!
5		YOU ARE DEHYDRATED! AND at SERIOUS risk for heat related illness STOP!
6		YOU MUST DRINK FLUIDS STOP NOW
7		STOP! FLUIDS ARE NOT OPTIONAL!
8		STOP! Seek Medical Attention!

Drinking enough water? Check this chart to judge

First Aid: The signs and symptoms of heat-related illness are variable depending on the severity, and should always be considered serious. Though heat-related illnesses are often presented in three distinct categories, it is IMPORTANT to understand that they are not necessarily progressive, nor are they absolute—a person's condition can move into heat stroke with little to no previous signs or symptoms.

- **Heat Cramps** – Symptoms: sweating, painful muscle cramps or spasms usually in the legs and abdomen.
 - o *First Aid* – move to a cooler environment (indoors or in the shade), gentle massage and stretching to the affected muscle and sips of water. Discontinue activity and seek medical attention if no resolution of the cramps.
- **Heat Exhaustion** – Symptoms: heavy sweating, weakness, cool, pale, clammy skin, dizziness, nausea/vomiting, fainting, normal temperature is possible. ** Not all symptoms have to be present**

o *First Aid* – move to a cooler environment, remove/loosen excessive clothing, apply cool compresses, offer sips of water (unless nauseated or vomiting). Seek immediate medical attention if unresolved or person becomes disoriented or doesn't improve.

• **Heat Stroke** – Symptoms: altered mental status or unconsciousness, possible throbbing headache, confusion, nausea, dizziness, shallow breathing, high body temperature (106° or higher), rapid pulse, skin may be hot and dry.

o *First Aid* – **Heat stroke is a severe medical emergency. Call 911!** Until EMS arrives you can move the person to a cooler environment, reduce body temperature with cool compresses, and do NOT give fluids.

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Did you know that Comal County is one of 123 counties in Texas that impose a county sales and use tax for ad valorem tax ("property tax") relief? As a result, sales tax revenue generated within our county helps stabilize property taxes for all county residents. Because we have several overlapping taxing jurisdictions that collect sales tax in our area, Shopping Local not only benefits county residents by stabilizing property taxes and helping to fund emergency and library services, but also take some of the burden off of City of Bulverde residents. Even though Bulverde residents enjoy some of the lowest property tax rates in the state (i.e. 13 cents per \$100 in valuation versus City of San Antonio's 57 cents, New Braunfels's 50 cents, and Boerne's 48 cents), an increase in sales tax revenue can aid significantly in stabilizing or reducing the city's property tax rate, or help fund enhanced services. Sales tax revenues help fund some of the City's infrastructure investments and public services that, as we all know, serve all area residents at one point or another (i.e. roads, drainage, police, planning, parks), even those that live outside of the City limits. This is why it is vitally important to Shop Local and support our area businesses.

If all your needs can't be met by our area businesses, please consider traveling the less congested Hwy. 46 and spending your money in New Braunfels. New Braunfels has really flourished over the last several years by recruiting some fantastic retail, entertainment and service establishments. Please check out what New Braunfels has to offer before spending your money in San Antonio. The goal is to keep our sales tax dollars in Comal County and the City of Bulverde as much as possible to support low property taxes and increased funding for infrastructure, emergency services and our community library.

The BSBEDF is committed to assisting our community in its efforts to manage growth while maintaining our rural character and quality of life. The BSBEDF is always looking for community partners interested in helping to foster quality economic development for our area. Please visit the BSBEDF website at www.bsbedf.com for more information or to sign up for BSBEDF Email Updates.



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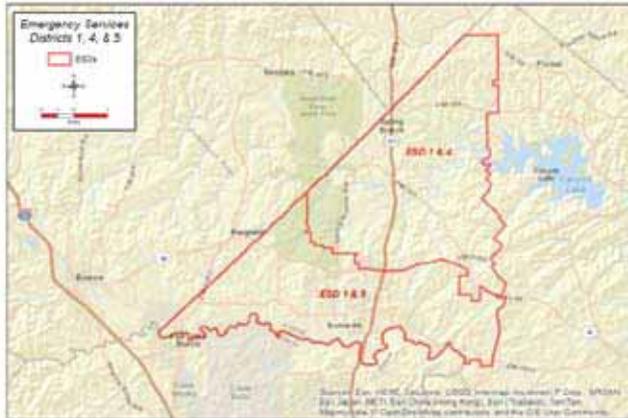
There are three Emergency Service Districts (ESD) that most Front Porch News readers are served by—ESD 1, and either ESD 4 or ESD 5. Most Bulverde residents are provided fire services under ESD 5, while Spring Branch residents are provided fire services under ESD 4. Most everyone in the Front Porch readership is provided Emergency Medical Services (EMS) through the support of ESD 1.

ESDs are political subdivisions of the State of Texas like school districts or counties. They may support or provide local

emergency services including emergency medical services and rural fire prevention and control services. ESDs impose a sales and use tax and/or property tax to support or provide these services. In addition to other powers, an ESD may also own real or personal property, enter into contracts, employ agents, and accept donations. ESDs are the only practical way to adequately support emergency services in many Texas municipalities, as well as suburban and rural areas of the state.

Each of these ESDs has five Commissioners, all of whom are volunteers, appointed by our elected officials of the Comal County Commissioners' Court to serve two-year terms of service. ESD Commissioners are required to receive orientation and trainings in areas such as the Texas Public Information Act and the Texas Open Meeting Act. Commissioners attend monthly meetings, selected conferences, and some serve on committees that meet periodically.

In Western Comal County, Bulverde Spring Branch Emergency Services (BSBES) has been created to manage the consolidated operations under the direction of Mechelle Salmon. The three ESDs will continue to provide funding for operations, buildings and equipment. The following is a list of all of the ESD Commissioners who skillfully serve us in the different ESDs in the Front Porch readership area.



Meet Your Emergency Service District (ESD) Commissioners

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THE BUZZ FROM THE GARDEN

The Bulverde Community Garden Continues to Grow

Joanne Hall

It is so exciting to see the Bulverde Community Garden growing and producing. The plots made available in Phase 1 are all planted out with veggies and flowers and plans to initiate Phase 2 are in full swing. The Bulverde Garden Committee wishes to express gratitude to Boy Scout Troop 58, led by Scoutmaster Bill Perez, and sponsored by Bulverde United Methodist Church for completing four Eagle Scout projects as part of Phase 1 of the Garden construction. These projects and the Eagle Scouts under the supervision and direction of David Olaez, Life to Eagle Coordinator, who made the projects come to fruition, are as follows: Paver patio by Thomas Broderick; Wood Bridge by Jack Jackson; Disabled accessible raised garden plots by Taylor Kurtz and Wood trellises by Keagan Miller. Other members of the Troop, Mark Olaez, Josh Gomez and Eagle Scout, Mathew Olaez built the 14 raised garden beds and assembled the 2 donated potting benches.

The Bulverde Community Garden Committee would also like to thank the most recent donors, Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union and an anonymous donor who provided the two potting benches. If you or your business would like to secure a plot or make a donation, please visit the Garden website at www.bulverdecommunitygarden.com or contact Joanne Hall@ jothall@gvvc.com



The Cub Scout View of the Garden

Cathy Scroggins-Brownlow
CubMaster, Bulverde Cub Scouts Pack 548

“Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.”

This Chinese proverb not only brought wisdom to many over the last several centuries but has also become the essence of Bulverde Cub Scout Pack 548’s experience at the Bulverde Community Garden.

Part of the purpose of the Cub Scouting program requires scouts to achieve Character Development, Good Citizenship, and Friendly Service. The two gardening plots our Pack has been given helps us successfully work toward achieving those goals.

A committee of parents and scouts decided to plant a “Summertime Salsa Garden”. We are growing tomatoes, cilantro, green onions, jalapenos, and garlic. A “Watering Schedule” was created so each family within our Pack has an opportunity to be a part of the nurturing process of our garden. We will conclude our gardening experience this summer when one of the grandmothers from our Pack gathers the boys together and helps them create and jar salsa.

We are so honored to have been given these two plots by the Bulverde Community Garden Committee. We are already making plans for what we will produce in the Fall. Pumpkin pie, anyone?

If you are interested in joining or finding out more exciting activities occurring within our Pack, please call 210.343.9272 or viewing our website: [bulverdecubscoutspack548@facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/bulverdecubscoutspack548)



Bulverde Cub Scouts Pack 548 planted their Summertime Salsa Garden. Pictured are: The Tipton Family with Scout Jefferson, The Falk Family with Scout Trajan, and The Brownlow Family with Scout Ty.

DUMPED

One cold winter morning not too long ago, the caretakers arrived for work at the Bulverde Area Humane Society (BAHS), where they discovered a cardboard box propped up against the gate. The gate, which is the entrance to the shelter, is at the terminus of a secluded dirt track called King Snake Road and is in unincorporated area of Comal County. Suspecting that some heartless person had dumped a box of kittens on this cold 28° morning, the caretakers found instead a small, injured and half frozen older Chihuahua. He was extremely cold and wet from having urinated upon himself. He was quickly removed from the box and the caretakers and volunteers attempted to warm him until our Veterinarian could examine him. Unfortunately, all efforts failed to save the poor critter and he succumbed to exposure.

Finding dumped animals at the gate or along Wiley and King Snake roads that lead to the shelter has become all too frequent. BAHS Staff and volunteers have found dogs running free, chained to the gate, chained to utility poles and trees, left in cages, and thrown over the fence into our compound. Cats and kittens have been left in cardboard boxes, cages, and animal carriers. Two ferrets were left at our gate in a cage on a hot summer afternoon without food or water; one ferret was already dead when found by BAHS personnel.

Dumping animals at our gate, or anywhere for that matter, is not only heartless but illegal. Texas Penal Code 42.092 subsection (b) (4) specifies that anyone who unreasonably abandons an animal commits a crime which may be punishable by a term of confinement and/or a substantial fine. The Staff and Board of Directors at the Bulverde Area Humane Society take this crime seriously and report illegal dumping to the Sheriff's Department, and will cooperate in any manner to insure the prosecution of those found violating this law. BAHS has even installed surveillance cameras at the shelter and along the roads leading to the facility to aid in the identification of people who dump animals.

Understandably, circumstances can arise wherein a person is no longer capable of caring for an animal. In such cases, we encourage these people to contact us and, if we cannot take the animal, we can offer some advice on how to deal with their problem. We can be contacted at (830) 980-2247 or on line at www.Bulverdeshester.com. We also encourage anyone who sees someone dumping an animal to get the license number of the vehicle (if possible) and report the incident to the police or sheriff.





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Bulverde, TX 78163

JULY

Bulverde
and other local events

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOTES: Bulverde City Council, Bulverde Planning and Zoning Commission, and Friends of the Park meetings are held at Bulverde City Hall (30360 Cougar Bend)							NOTES: Bulverde City Council, Bulverde Planning and Zoning Commission, and Friends of the Park meetings are held at Bulverde City Hall (30360 Cougar Bend)					1	2
6	7	1	2	3	4	5	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Planning & Zoning 6:30p	SBB Family Lions 7:30p (Activity Center) BAAC Mtg. 6:30p (Art Center)		Independence Day	Monthly Yard Sale (Bulverde Thrift Store)			Planning & Zoning 6:30p	SBB Family Lions 7:30p (Activity Center) BAAC Mtg. 6:30p (Art Center) CISD registrations (www.comalisd.org)			Monthly Yard Sale (Bulverde Thrift Store)
		City Council 6:30p (Downtown Bulverde Village Visioning Press.)	TxDOT Community Meeting on 281 Mobility 5:00p (BSB Library)	Art & Wine 6:00p (Art Center) STAGE: All Shook Up; 8:00p curtain	STAGE: All Shook Up; 8:00p curtain	STAGE: All Shook Up; 8:00p curtain							
13	Friends of the Library Board 1:30p (Library) Library Dist. Board 4:00p (Library)	Ntv. Plant Soc. 7:00p (GVTC)	SBB Family Lions 7:30p (Activity Center)	BSBES 6:00p (353 Rodeo Dr.) ESD #1, 4, & 5 7:00p (353 Rodeo Dr.) STAGE: All Shook Up; 8:00p curtain	STAGE: All Shook Up; 8:00p curtain	STAGE: All Shook Up; 8:00p curtain	10	Library Dist. Board 4:00p (Library) CISD registrations (www.comalisd.org)	City Council 6:30p (Budget Presentation) CISD registrations (www.comalisd.org)	CISD registrations (www.comalisd.org)	Art & Wine 6:00p (Art Center) CISD registrations (www.comalisd.org)	15	16
20	Community Garden Mtg. 5:15p (Activity Center)			STAGE: All Shook Up; 8:00p curtain	STAGE: All Shook Up; 8:00p curtain	BSB Activity Center Style Show 11:00a STAGE: All Shook Up; 8:00p curtain	17	Community Garden Mtg. 5:15p (Activity Center)	Ntv. Plant Soc. 7:00p (GVTC)	SBB Family Lions 7:30p (Activity Center)	BSBES 6:00p (353 Rodeo Dr.) ESD #1, 4, & 5 7:00p (353 Rodeo Dr.)	22	23
27	Outdoor Cat Control class 2:00p (353 Rodeo Dr.) STAGE: All Shook Up; 4:00p curtain		Friends of the Park 6:00p				24		First day of school for CISD			29	30
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