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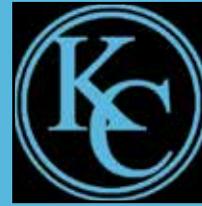
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Mayor's Point



Bill Krawietz

Mayor of Bulverde, TX

I recently had the opportunity to attend the ground breaking of a new retail center located just west of the entrance to the Saddle Ridge subdivision on Bulverde Road. The

multi-tenant complex will be approximately 14,000 sq. ft., with an expected completion date of July of this year. A&E Air Conditioning & Heating, who owns the property and is developing the project, will use half of the new space for their office and warehouse needs, and the remaining half will be offered for lease.

It has taken nearly 10 years for the owner to make his dream a reality. During that time, he has had many dealings with the City of Bulverde. It was enlightening and refreshing to hear his comments at the groundbreaking regarding how he has seen the City mature over the last 10 years, and how it is much easier to work with today.

These comments were not made because the City has lowered its standards in any way. In fact, the City has tightened various regulations to ensure that high standards are met by new development.

I believe dealing with the City is easier today because we have streamlined our operations and made significant changes to our staff. The City Council has been focused on the organization's efforts to emphasize a strong customer service orientation for all City services, from community-oriented policing, to parks and recreation, and public works. Staff has been told to cut unnecessary bureaucratic "red tape" wherever possible. The City even recently added a new employee with a job title of "Customer Support Assistant" to ensure that our front-office provides excellence in customer service.

The results of these higher standards are leading the community down the path of what I like to call "Smart Growth." Since this is Texas and we know we can't stop new development, we must instead guide it and make it work in our favor. Quality attracts quality, and we are beginning to see a higher caliber of project come to our community as time goes on.

Now on to our upcoming municipal election on May 9th. Four candidates have filed for three available "at large" City Council seats. There are three incumbent candidates who currently hold the position: Mr. Kirk Harrison, Mr. Gene Hartman and Mr. Ray Jeffrey. Mr. David Payne has also filed to run, making this a contested race. Also on the ballot will be the City of Bulverde's recently

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drafted Home Rule Charter. Currently the City operates under the Texas Local Government Code as a General Law municipality. If the Charter is adopted by the voters, the City will then operate under a home-grown Charter, just like 93.6% of all other eligible Texas cities do.

The proposed Charter was written by a commission of 16 Bulverde citizens, none of whom held any other elected or appointed position within the City. The law requires that the Commission work independently, without direction from the City Council or me. I would like to thank them for the long hours and many nights they spent deliberating and writing this important document. I would also like to thank the members of the public who attended the public meeting and provided great input to the document that was drafted.

By the time you read this, a copy of the Home Rule Charter will have been mailed to every registered voter in the City Limits, as required by law, so that you can make an informed decision at the polls on May 9th or during Early Voting. If you did not receive your copy please contact Bulverde City Hall, or it may be viewed online at: www.ci.bulverde.tx.us

City of Bulverde Election Information

The City of Bulverde will be holding its annual election on Saturday, May 9, 2015. This year, the Citizens will be electing three members of City Council and voting on a proposed Home Rule Charter for the City.

City Council Election

Three seats on the City Council are up for election this year. Four persons have filed to be on the ballot for these positions: David Payne, Kirk T. Harrison, Ray Jeffrey, and Gene Hartman. The three highest vote getters will be elected.

Home Rule Charter Election

The Citizens will be asked to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the adoption of the proposed Home Rule Charter. If a majority of the votes are "FOR," the Charter will go into effect and the City will be converted to Home Rule status. If a majority of the votes are "AGAINST," the City will continue under its General Law status. As required by state law, a copy of the proposed Home Rule Charter has been mailed to every registered voter in the City. The proposed Charter can also be viewed on the City's website:

http://www.ci.bulverde.tx.us/default.aspx?name=aprojectpage_HRC

Important Dates and Times

Polling Location: Bulverde City Hall, 30360 Cougar Bend, Bulverde, TX 78163

Early Voting: April 27, 2015 through May 5 (Mon.- Fri., 8am-5pm)

Extended Hours: Tuesday, April 28 and Tuesday, May 5 (7am-7pm)

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Getting to Know



Gary Haecker

Over the years, the City of Bulverde Police Department has seen lots of changes, but one thing that hasn't changed is the presence of one of its key employees. Gary Haecker was one of the first two full-time patrol officers who were hired by the City at the Police Department's inception in 2004.

Gary began his law enforcement career 20 years ago with the Bexar County Sheriff's Office, where he was assigned to the jail detention division. Shortly after obtaining his peace officer certification, Gary went to work at the Comal County Sheriff's office where he worked as a patrol deputy. In October 2004, Gary was hired by the City Of Bulverde as a patrolman and was assigned to the night shift. Over the next three years, Gary worked patrol and eventually was promoted to Sergeant on the evening shift. In December 2007, Gary was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, where he worked for the next five years. During that time Gary was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the agency, which helped prepare him for his promotion to Chief of Police in March 2013.

Gary is very involved in the community, serving as a board director for several area organizations such as the Children's Advocacy Center of Comal County, the 100 Club of Comal County, the Guadalupe Valley Peace Officers Association, as well as belonging to several other organizations. One of Gary's career passions is to work with the local youth. Gary has been instrumental in partnering with Bulverde's local schools so that BPD provides support at multiple campus career day events, weekly mentorship visits, Standard Response Protocol Training for school staff and administration, parent/student Meet and Greet exposure during morning school drop off times, safety presentations to staff and students, traffic control assistance around

school campuses, and participation in D.A.R.E. graduations and the Jr. Deputy Academy. In 2014, Gary initiated the Police Officers Educating Teens (P.O.E.T.) Program. This program provides an opportunity for young adults interact with members of the police department in an informal setting and facilitates dialogue about the decision-making process and how those decisions can have long-lasting impact on their life. The program, which is held at City Hall on the last Friday of every month, has been a tremendous success.

In addition to the community policing being offered at the school and youth level, Gary insures the department is involved in several other facets of community-oriented policing as well. Each year BPD leads the local National Night Out (NNO) effort for Bulverde. BPD recently added an NNO Appreciation event for all those volunteering to host NNO events. 2014 was the first year for this appreciation event and was also the first year Bulverde entered the NNO Awards program, placing 6th in Texas for cities under 15,000. This was also the first year for the Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) program, which was rolled out in late 2014. To date, there are 10 trained volunteers actively patrolling the city in a strict observe-and-report capacity. Gary was also critical in progressing the City's "Movies in the Park" events, which kicked off last August with about 400 people in attendance. This year's Movie Events will be held on the 2nd Friday of each month April - August. As those events get closer information will be posted on the police departments Facebook page, as well as the Front Porch News Facebook page, so please keep a close watch. While you're there, be sure to like our Facebook pages. Rest assured, if there's a community event in the City of Bulverde, there's most likely going to be a member of the Police Department present and participating. Many times it is Gary himself. Be sure to stop by and say hello.

When he's not working, Gary enjoys boating, riding motorcycles, and working on building projects. Gary has been married to his wife Toiea for 25 years, and they have three kids; Jessica, Travis, and Tyler. His son Travis currently works at the Kendall County Sheriff's Office. Gary is a resident of Bulverde and truly enjoys serving the community. Gary's door is always open and he is always available to assist if needed. Gary can be reached at 830-438-3612 (ext 205) or his email at: haecker@ci.bulverde.tx.us.

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HOME RULE CHARTER:

What's new and what stays the same?

The citizens of Bulverde are currently considering whether or not they wish to adopt a Home Rule Charter for their municipal government. A Charter is essentially a "local" constitution that lays out the duties, powers, and limitations of the City organization. Under the City's current General Law status, these issues are pre-determined exclusively by state statute. If the voters decide to adopt a Home Rule Charter for Bulverde, the following changes will occur.

City Council

Currently—State law mandates that the City Council consists of five regular members and one non-voting Mayor (the Mayor can only vote to break a tie) who are eligible to be elected to an unlimited number of two-year terms. The Mayor and Council members are elected at large and serve on a volunteer basis, with no compensation.

Charter—The City Council would consist of six regular members and the Mayor would also be able to vote (for a total of seven voting members). The length of the terms of office for the Mayor and Council would be increased to three years, but a limitation of serving no more than three consecutive terms would be imposed. The Mayor and Council members would continue to serve on a volunteer basis, with no compensation.

Note. If the Charter is approved, the current Mayor and Members of the City Council will serve out their original two-year terms, and their successors will be elected to serve for three-year terms. The three Council members who will be elected on May 9, 2015 will draw lots to determine who will serve a two-year term and who will serve a three-year term. This procedure will ensure that the election of City Council members remains staggered. Additionally, the adoption of the Charter will create a new Council seat that will be filled by Special Election in the summer of 2015.

Elections

Currently—State law requires the City to select its Mayor and Council members by plurality vote, where the candidates who receive the most votes are declared elected, even if they receive less than a majority. For example, suppose Candidates A, B, and C ran in a plurality election and received the following vote totals: A 40%, B 35%, C 25%. In such a case, Candidate A would be elected because he or she received the most votes, even though a majority of the voters (60%) voted for other candidates.

Charter—The proposed Charter will require candidates for City Council to run for specific seats on the Council, and to secure a majority (more than 50%) vote in order to be elected. Using the example above, since no candidate received a majority of the votes, Candidates A & B (the two highest vote getters) would proceed to run in a second election (runoff), and whoever received a majority of the vote would be elected.

Note. Both currently and under the proposed Charter, Council members would continue to be elected by the City at large, meaning that every Bulverde citizen has a chance to vote for every Council seat. The City has never utilized a district voting system, and the Charter does not create one.

Ordinances and Local Regulations

Currently—State law empowers the City Council to adopt local ordinances and regulations by simple majority vote. If the citizens are displeased with the ordinances that the Council has passed, they have no recourse and the ordinances take full legal effect upon final adoption by the Council. Additionally, the citizens have no mechanism to force the City Council to adopt ordinances favored by residents.

Charter—The City Council would continue to adopt ordinances by simple majority vote. However, the Citizens could file a Referendum petition requiring the City to gain voter approval before the subject ordinance could be implemented. Additionally, if the Council refused to adopt an ordinance that the citizens felt was necessary, they could file an Initiative petition requiring the City to hold an election to determine whether the ordinance should be adopted or not.

Removal of Elected Officials

Currently—State law does not allow the citizens to remove an elected official from office for any reason. In some rare cases involving egregious or illegal conduct, State Judges are empowered to remove elected officials.

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Annexation

Currently—State law allows the City to annex certain roads, land within Utility Districts, and municipal property unilaterally. The City is also authorized to incorporate new areas into the City Limits at the request of the property owner.

Charter—The proposed charter would grant the City the right to incorporate new territory into the City limits with or without the request of the landowner, subject to the following restrictions: The City limits cannot expand more than 10% per year, neighborhoods must be given three years notice before an annexation can take effect, and the City must provide the services and benefits to the residents of newly annexed territory on the same terms that it provides those services to current City residents.

Note. The City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) is set by state law based on population. The City's current 1-mile ETJ buffer area will remain the same regardless of whether or not the proposed Charter is adopted.

Taxes

Currently—State law governs the setting of the Sales & Use Tax and the Property Tax for the City. Sales & Use Taxes are established by voters at an election. The Property Tax is authorized by the Texas Constitution, with the City Council setting the rate every year via an extensive, multi-month public hearing process. Rate increases of more than 8% are subject to a rollback election if the citizens file a petition.

Charter—No Change. This policy area is exclusively controlled by state law and the state Constitution, and the adoption of a Home Rule Charter will not affect the City's tax rate, taxing authority, or the process by which they are set.

Municipal Budget

Currently—As required by state law, the City Budget is adopted by the City Council in September of each year after public notice is made and a series of public hearings is conducted.

Charter—No Change. This policy area is exclusively controlled by state law and the state Constitution, and the adoption of a Home Rule Charter will not affect the drafting or adoption of the City Budget.

Municipal Debt

Currently—State law authorizes a City to issue debt instruments for infrastructure projects. These instruments usually take the forms of Bonds, which must be approved by the voters, and Certificates of Obligation, which are approved by the City Council but must be submitted to the voters if a petition is filed. The City is currently authorized to issue both types of debt.

Charter—No Change. This policy area is exclusively controlled by state law and the state Constitution, and the adoption of a Home Rule Charter will not affect the City's debt or the manner in which debt is incurred.

Note. The City of Bulverde does not currently have any debt.

Further Information

For more information on the proposed Home Rule Charter, and to review a full copy of the Charter document, please visit the City's website at www.ci.bulverde.tx.us. If you have any questions about the proposed Home Rule Charter for the City of Bulverde, please contact the City Secretary's Office at 830-980-8832 or by email at charterinfo@ci.bulverde.tx.us

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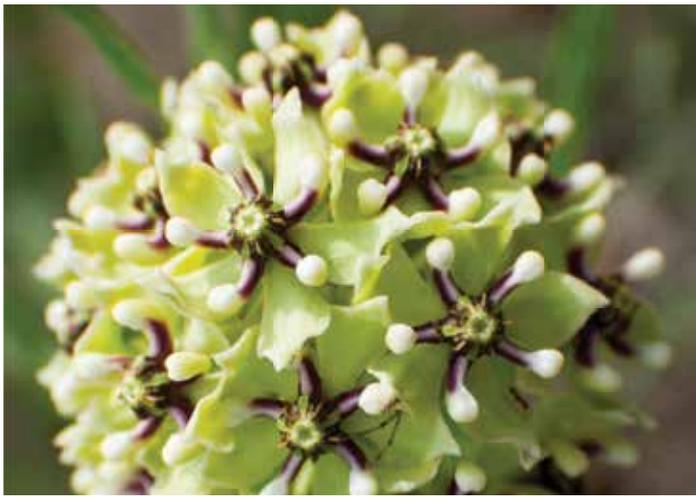
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The Three Beginnings Were an Adventure

The organization that is now Bulverde Spring Branch Fire and EMS actually had three separate beginnings but all have similar stories.

1959—The Spring Branch Volunteer Fire Department was the first emergency services organization in the Bulverde Spring Branch area. The Community Service Committee of the Spring Branch Grange arranged for a community wide meeting to see if the people would support a move to establish a Volunteer Fire Department. The vote that evening was almost unanimously in favor, and a committee of seven men was elected to investigate the project. Interestingly, one of those seven gentlemen, Curtis Bremer, served emergency services for the last 55 years with distinction. The fire department went on to fund their firefighting through a Women's Auxiliary and too many bake sales and barbeques to list.

1966—Bulverde Volunteer Fire Department was formed because of an obvious need for Structure and brush firefighting, but the founders also worked to form a Rescue Squad with medical capabilities in the formative years. Much of the medical work was facilitated by Oak Village North residents including Jerry Williams and his wife Nancy. The department was originally the Bexar-Bulverde Volunteer Fire Department, but was split into two separate departments in 1986 to establish tax funds more effectively between the two counties. Bexar County helped with funding in the early years.

1978—Bulverde-Spring Branch EMS was formed after a 46-year old man died of a heart attack and Bexar County would not cross the county line and New Braunfels was too far. Like both local fire departments, EMS had meager beginnings, transporting out of a converted station wagon. Harry Heimer, Charles Kuhn, Al Cunningham, and Larry Miller, MD, were the founding fathers of EMS. Dr. Larry Miller served as the department's Medical Director for over 25 years. Soon, a slew of bake sales and other creative fundraising began. Many 911 calls were run from the homes of volunteers. Ambulances ran out of a station that is now part of the new Singing Hills development. The ambulances shared the bays many evenings with frisky raccoons.

Over the last 55 years since the creation of the Spring Branch Fire Department (and subsequent departments) financial struggles



First ever Bulverde-Spring Branch EMS ambulance

were always on the top of every meeting and strategic planning session. There was one other constant—every medic, every firefighter, every volunteer, every medical director has pushed for increased standards in training, communications, patient care, as well as fire scene skill and responsiveness.

MONEY TO ROLL...VEHICLES

Both of the Bulverde and Spring Branch fire departments eventually received some limited funding from the Rural Fire Prevention Districts in the 1980s. In 1988 the Bulverde-Spring Branch EMS received taxpayer assistance through the formation of ESD #1—the first Emergency Services District formed in Comal County. Revenues for the first year were \$15,000, but despite what appears to be a meager amount by today's needs, it was much appreciated.

In 2001 Comal County Emergency Services District #4 and #5 were formed to improve public safety and provide a more stable funding base and source. Many factors over the last 14 years have developed to make maintaining a viable Fire or EMS department with up-to-date vehicles and highly trained personnel a huge challenge including:

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Spring Branch Fire fleet from years past

ALMOST TO THE PRESENT

In 2014 ESD #4 representing Spring Branch Fire, and ESD #5, representing Bulverde Fire, agreed that to strengthen the daily operations, they would form a single governance structure with the ESD #1 (EMS). Bulverde Spring Branch Emergency Services, dba Bulverde Spring Branch Fire & EMS was created to manage the merged departments under the direction of Mechelle Salmon. Salmon's leadership team has provided emergency services for an organization that was voted the Bulverde Spring Branch Business of the year in 2013 and Best EMS provider in 2008 and again, out of 871 ambulance providers in the state of Texas, by the Department of State Health Services in 2014.

Under Salmon's leadership there have been many advances and firsts:

- first state-of-the-art training facility (the Centre) with a State Anatomical Board approved Anatomy Lab
- EMS education and high school anatomy programs established
- research scientists from around the world engaging in cutting edge medical advances and research for the Dept. of Defense, Law Enforcement, and medical groups including Stryker, Smith & Nephew, and Johnson & Johnson
- Centre began hosting residency programs in orthopedics, emergency medicine and oncology
- hired the first Development Director, who has raised over half a million dollars yearly
- founded a medical clinic and CHI (Community Health Initiative) using fixed and mobile facilities (the WOW, Wellness on Wheels), caring for over 600 uninsured/under-insured patients to date

With 6-months preparation by 15 ESD Commissioners, the merger was planned and executed. Salmon and her team worked to see every benefit, every paycheck, and each career continued without interruption. Fire & EMS Chiefs insured cohesion and



Emergency services working an area plane crash

company pride by creating a new combined shield, new uniforms and re-decating all 32 vehicles. This profound change happened without one single delay in fire response, or response to any ill or injured citizen. This merged company includes Bulverde Spring Branch Fire & EMS, the Centre for Emergency Health Sciences, and Acacia Medical, and is a model for Texas and beyond, in both best practices and care for community members.

FAST FORWARD TO MAY 2015

Since 2012, ESD #1 has built the last two Fire & EMS stations. The North Fire & EMS station is located at Indian Hills, the most recent station is located at Johnson Ranch on FM 1863 and is opening this month. With the exponential growth occurring throughout our service area, we still need several more stations across the region.

ESD #4 has a cap of 6-cents on its property tax while ESD #5 has the state allowable cap of 10-cents. Both ESD #4 & ESD #5 want to move towards the construction of needed Fire & EMS stations on:

- Highway 46 East - as well as the critical firefighters & medics to answer the 911 calls
- Highway 46 West + firefighters & medics
- Mystic Shores on FM 306 + firefighters & medics

So ESD#4 community leaders have placed a measure on the May 9, 2015 ballot to raise the ESD #4 cap from 6-cents to 10-cents to help strategically meet the future identified emergency needs of our community. This would be the first property cap increase for ESD#4 since the cap was established in 2004. This election is not for a tax increase, only an increase in the allowed cap. Rest assured, there will be no tax increase in 2015; if there was to be a future 1-cent increase, it would translate to only an additional \$20 per year on a \$200,000 property.

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The Buzz From the Garden

By Joanne Hall, Chair, Bulverde Community Garden

Do you drive by the Community Garden and wonder what all those black bags are? Or wonder what is being spread around the perimeter of the fencing? Well, wonder no more; the bags are filled with sawdust, a natural, non-toxic method of weed control. We have made several attempts at controlling the Bermuda grass in the garden and around the garden. The most popular method of organic weed control, vinegar, has done nothing to kill the grass. So now we're trying to smother it with sawdust. Fresh sawdust pulls the nitrogen out of the soil and plants and we're hoping that a thick enough layer will be enough to kill the very tenacious Bermuda! Sawdust can be used for pathways and can be added to your compost.

From Gardeningknowhow.com: For composting purposes, sawdust would be considered a "brown" composting material. It is used to add carbon to the mix and to balance the nitrogen from the "green" composting materials (like food).

When composting sawdust, you will want to treat the sawdust just as you would dry leaves, meaning that you will want to add it in an approximately 4:1 ratio of brown to green materials. Sawdust actually makes a great amendment for your compost pile, as it will add filler that is somewhat absorptive and will pick up water from rain and juices from the green material, which help with the composting process.

The Bulverde Community Garden Committee wants to thank YouthServe, 2015 for their hard work at the Garden on Saturday, March 7, 2015. YouthServe is a service group of middle school students from St. Joseph Catholic Church-Honey Creek. They achieved building the Monarch Butterfly plot. The committee has submitted a request to the "Bring Back the Monarch Butterflies to Texas" grant program to develop a plot and area where butterfly plants will thrive. We hope to see many Monarchs in the Garden this year and years to come. The youth group also planted a Bartlett pear tree and applied more sawdust to areas in and around the Garden.

The Committee also wants to recognize our two newest donors, Jamie Pujol, owner of Texas Precision Engraving, and Bulverde residents, April and Mark Whitney. Mr. Pujol made a financial contribution as well working with the Committee to create the Garden Donor Sign with the help of Boy Scout Troop 58. The Whitney family made a financial contribution and plan to build a garden plot which will benefit Provisions. A big thank you also goes out to Bill and Becky Compton, Provision volunteers for their donation of a large load of compost material.

The Garden Committee will be offering a workshop on Bee Keeping on Saturday, April 25 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bulverde Activity Center located on Cougar Bend in Bulverde. Local beekeepers Bill and Sue Smith with the Comal County Beekeepers Association will be presenting the workshop on this interesting topic. Garden Workday will start at 8:00 a.m. This free workshop is open to the public.

A follow-up to last month's publication: the 2015 Rodeo tomato, BOBCAT was presented at this year's rodeo. This new tomato is a large fruit, good for sandwiches and hamburgers. It promises to be another favorite.



If you or your business would like to secure a plot (at no cost), please visit the Garden website at www.bulverdecommunitygarden.com or contact Joanne Hall at johall@gvtc.com. Donations gladly accepted. Also, interested persons are invited to attend the Bulverde Community Garden Committee meeting on the third Monday of the month at 5:15pm at the Bulverde Spring Branch Activity Center.

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Spring Happenings at the Library

by Debbie Soelberg, Adult Programs/Outreach Coordinator

Here at Bulverde/Spring Branch Library you are sure to find a class, activity, concert, or event that peaks your interest, encouraging you to learn new things. Take some time to browse our calendar of events. You can click on the groups that you are interested in to reduce the number of events seen on the calendar at one time, which can be a bit overwhelming. For example, if you are only interested in what's happening for adults, click on the calendar box after going to www.bsblibrary.org, then select the Category button, then click the Adult button and only the Adult Programs will show up.

Our Great Decisions Discussion Series continues, Thursdays, April 2-23, 5:45-8:00pm. This discussion series starts off with a small dinner while watching the DVD for the topic put out by the Foreign Policy Association. Then a local guest speaker talks, followed by a discussion based on questions from the audience. We are proud to offer this to our members thanks to the Friends of the Library and Mammen Investments™ as Presenting Sponsor. More information can be found by clicking on the Great Decisions icon on our website, www.bsblibrary.org.

They say April showers bring May flowers but for the Library flowers arrive in April as we have an Adult Education Class—Flower Arranging—scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 6:30–7:45pm and repeated on Saturday, April 11, 3:00–4:15pm. We will demonstrate arrangements, corsages, boutonnieres, May Day baskets, and posies.

Another Adult Education class in April will focus on Paper Crafts II, a continuation of our class from last year. We will have several examples and patterns to show you using old book papers. It will be on April 21, 6:30–7:45pm and repeat on Saturday, April 25, 3:00–4:15pm.

Our Family Program theme for April is Butterflies. Look for activities centered on a storybook with activities throughout the month focused on butterflies.

You can always find something to do, read, or enjoy at the library! Sign up for our weekly eblast by going to our webpage, www.bsblibrary.org, and clicking on the Sign Up for Eblast icon on the top right hand side.



Art in the Bulverde Area Arts Center gallery at the March exhibit

Local Artists Open Juried Art Show

The public is invited to attend the opening reception of the Bulverde Area Arts Center Spring Juried Show on Friday, April 10, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. This is your opportunity to mix and mingle with the artists and view their art at the BAAC Gallery in Bulverde Village. The show includes art in a wide variety of mediums by some of the Bulverde's finest artists, many of whom have studied extensively in the United States and Europe.

Mary McIntosh was the juror for this show. Her career in art includes a long career in the film industry in Los Angeles as a set decorator. As a self-described naturalist artist she enjoys the variety of the Hill Country terrain which she captures in oil and pastel. She has a studio in New Braunfels where she teaches and hosts workshops. She is a member of the New Braunfels Art League and has received numerous honors for her art.

The show can be seen through May 31. The BAAC Gallery is located at 2355 Bulverde Road, across from Mike's in the Village. The gallery is open Fridays and Saturdays from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Sundays from 11 am to 3 pm. There is no admission charge to visit the gallery.

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BSB Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar

April 15

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April 23

Business Networking Mixer 5:30 – 7:30 pm, Sponsored by Tooth Transitions Pediatric Dentistry, Location: 19851 Hwy 46 W, Spring Branch, TX Member Only Event

More Chamber Happenings

Mid April—The Chamber will be moving into their new location at 121 Bulverde Crossing, Unit 115, Bulverde, TX 78163. Phone number and mailing address will remain the same. Stop by and visit us from 9–5 M–F.

Saturday, May 2—Chamber Market Day Corner of Hwy 46 & Bulverde Crossing; 10 am to 4 pm. 100 + Vendors & Artisans, Food Vendors & Kids' Activities. Free to the public.

Friday, May 8—Leadercast GVTC Auditorium 8 am to 4 pm Great Leadership Training! Join us at Leadercast Live in 2015 as we explore The Brave Ones, and learn what it means to lead in such a way that create bold cultures, builds faithful employees, and produces high achievement.

Monday, May 18—Chamber Golf Tournament -River Crossing Golf Club Shotgun start at 9:00 am. There is still time to sign up today to promote your business or come out and enjoy a great day of golf and fellowship.

For more details on these chamber events or other Member and Community events in our area, please go to our website www.bulverdespringbranchchamber.com or contact our office at 830-438-4285.

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Tree Preservation Around Bulverde

One of the most beautiful aspects of our community is the majestic oak and cypress trees that dot our picturesque hill country landscape. As such, the City of Bulverde has tree preservation requirements to ensure that new development does not “clear cut” this distinctive feature of our community. These tree preservation requirements apply not only inside the City limits, but also in the City’s Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ), a one-mile buffer around the City limits. While these requirements help preserve the nature of our community, they also help fulfill the missions of our armed forces at their nearby Camp Bullis facility.

Camp Bullis is one of several key military installations in our region, and is part of Joint Base San Antonio. While Camp Bullis is not located inside the city limits of Bulverde, it is immediately adjacent to a portion of the City’s ETJ. Camp Bullis is utilized by various branches of the military to provide “real world” training. This “real word” training is intended to mimic remote combat style operations and conditions. Trees and tree canopies help provide the shadows, obstacles, and seclusion often encountered in military conditions found around the world. During night-time training, the trees also provide additional light screening necessary to prepare our military forces for night-time operations and the use of night vision devices. This training is critical for ground forces, but also important for air combat training operations at Camp Bullis. Therefore, it is important to not only have numerous trees on the Camp Bullis property itself, but also in the adjacent areas around the base. Thus, the City’s tree preservation requirements help Camp Bullis accomplish their important military training mission.

It is a common misconception that the City’s tree preservation requirements mean that no trees can be removed from a property at all. The City’s Tree Ordinance specifies that any property owner can remove Cedar, Hackberry, Chinaberry, Chinese Tallow, or Mesquite trees of any size at any time he or she desires. No tree removal permit or permission from the City is required to remove any of these species of trees.

All other tree species having a diameter of at least six (6) inches, when measured four (4) feet above the ground, are considered “protected trees.” A permit or permission from the City must be secured before any protected tree is removed. The City limits the total amount of protected trees that can be removed from a site, basically prohibiting the clear cutting of an entire property. However, the preservation requirements allow flexibility in that the property owner can mitigate the effects of removing those protected trees. Typically, the mitigation effort involves planting back “replacement trees” elsewhere on the property. The regulations typically require that the same “caliper inches” (the total of all the removed tree’s diameters) of new trees be planted back. For example, if five 6-inch diameter trees are removed (a total of 30 caliper inches), seven to eight smaller replacement trees can be replanted to provide a total of 30 caliper inches of new trees. Replacement trees are required to be a minimum size and a variety of species.

In addition, there are also several exemptions to the tree preservation requirements that allow for additional flexibility. For residential construction, protected trees can be removed to accommodate the footprint of new buildings. Trees removed to accommodate infrastructure projects (water main installation, roadway construction, storm drain construction, etc.) are also not required to be mitigated. However, the design of such improvements must be done in a manner that preserves the most protected trees as possible. Diseased, dead, or dying trees can also be removed without requiring any mitigation. A professional must be used to determine if the tree is dead, diseased, or dying. These exemptions, and the technical requirements for tree removal and replacement, can be found on the City’s website under the “Ordinances” section; Chapter 3 of the “Building Regulations.”

The City’s tree preservation requirements also contain various tree trimming/pruning guidelines. For example, cut branches or tree roots of oak species must be treated with a wound dressing within 30 minutes of being cut. Acceptable wound dressing is readily available at local stores. Flat black spray paint will also work for this purpose. This measure help ensure that the tree remains healthy and is less likely to become infected by oak wilt spores, which can be devastating to the tree and can quickly spread to infect entire neighborhoods of trees.

Finally, the tree preservation guidelines cover more than just tree removal and tree trimming. The preservation guidelines also ensure that construction crews are careful when working around trees to prevent damage to them. The regulations require certain precautions while working around the bases and under the drip lines of trees to ensure the trees remain healthy throughout any nearby construction process. While trees can take some “disruption” around them and still survive, too much heavy equipment exposure can damage root structures and eventually kill the tree.

While some of these requirements may seem daunting, City staff stands ready to help guide you should you have any questions. The preservation of our local protected-species of trees (oaks, cypress, etc) is critical to maintaining the beautiful hill country nature of our community, and it’s critical to our military personnel at Camp Bullis. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions, big or small.

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Run for the Hills 5K/10K Celebrates 16 Years

Saturday, May 2, 2015 the Bulverde/Spring Branch Activity Center will host its 16th Annual Run for the Hills 5K/10K Run-Walk. This family and pet friendly event will focus on wellness information and opportunities in the area. The Wellness on Wheels van will be available for blood pressure checks. What a difference 16 years can make!

Early in the year 2000, Jim Herrington and Tonie Rogers were talking at a Monday Pot Luck Lunch at Bulverde Community Center about a big event to help raise money for the new senior center building on Cougar Bend. Several ideas were brought up but nothing definite was decided on. Jim continued to think about ideas and shared his ideas about a “big” event with Dr. Kevin Scott, a local dentist, while getting his teeth cleaned. Dr. Scott suggested the idea of a 5K run and offered to help. Jim took the idea back to Tonie. It was agreed this was the event to hold but it would take

more than the handful of volunteers currently involved with fund raising for the new center to make it happen. One of those volunteers was Jane Wood. Jane took the idea to the Bulverde Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber Board of Directors unanimously agreed to help and Darlene McGill with Bulverde Physical Therapy came up with a logo. After several months of hard work and dedicated individuals, the first Run for the Hills became that “big” event Jim and Tonie had been hoping for. It was held on May 27, 2000.

The Run for the Hills has become one of the major fund raisers for the Activity Center. It still involves more than a handful of volunteers, community sponsors, and hundreds of participants. A 10K route has been added, as well as a “sleepwalker” category. If you would like to volunteer, sponsor, or participate as a runner contact us at 830-438-3111 or visit our website at www.bsbac.com.

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Zippy

By Tom Blacklock



“What’s in a Name?” —the words spoken by Juliet to Romeo in Shakespeare’s immortal tale of star crossed lovers. Juliet goes on to say that “a name is an artificial and meaningless convention.” These classic words are true even in contemporary times. Take for example the Bulverde Area Humane Society’s Zippy. One only has to look at this 96 pound Lab/Retriever mix to see maybe he was labeled with one of Juliet’s so called “artificial and meaningless conventions.” His massive head and broad shoulders would certainly mandate a more massive name like Brutus, Butch, or even Goliath. And he doesn’t zip around like a Jack Russell Terrier, but instead lumbers around the BAHS property like an overweight water buffalo. But Zippy is the name he came with when his owner surrendered him four years ago and it is a name that has stuck with him since.

While Zippy has an imposing appearance, he is, in reality, a big Teddy Bear. At least he is a Teddy Bear to people and most other dogs. However, he dislikes all manner of cats and has a short fuse for the antics of some puppies. But in general he is a very friendly critter and wants to be noticed with affection and treats. At times he will demand your affection by pushing his bulk against you, knocking you off balance.

Zippy has become our “go to” guy at the shelter whenever canine help is needed. During the past year we have looked to Zippy repeatedly—the first time when a local veterinarian needed a large dog blood donor to help save the life of an injured dog who required a blood transfusion. Thanks to Zippy, the dog was saved. While I am sure that Zippy did not relish the idea of being pricked with a needle, it earned him a ride in a car and a chance to get away from the shelter for a short time. Once again a local vet required blood to save an injured dog and without hesitation Zippy volunteered to be the blood donor. Recently, February being Pet Dental Month, one of the BAHS volunteers was in need of a dog who would allow the volunteer to videotape her brushing a dog’s teeth on camera. This videotape was to be aired on a local television station. Without hesitation, and possibly with a shot at fame, Zippy agreed and was the perfect patient while his teeth were brushed. For some unspecified reason, and his agent is checking on this reason, the airing of Zippy and his dental treatment was cancelled.

Zippy’s willingness to accept things many dogs will not tolerate and his affable personality make him a prime candidate for a forever home. The big, good-natured guy needs a home without cats, one looking for a large dog who will not only provide a sense of security to the family but also a loveable companion.

For more information on Zippy, contact Bulverde Area Humane Society at 830-980-2247.



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The Big Give S.A. is a 24-hour day of giving that will take place from midnight to midnight on May 5, 2015. With hundreds of local nonprofits represented over a dozen counties, there is certainly a cause to fit your passion.

Several Bulverde-area nonprofits are included in this event, including Provisions: A 25:35 Outreach, The BSB Activity Center, Animal Rescue Connections, Triple Me Mac Equine Sanctuary, and St. Jude's Ranch for Children, to name only a few.

The purpose of this community-wide giving challenge is to increase public awareness of the impact local nonprofits make in addressing our community's social challenges, bring nonprofits and donors together, expand the idea of online giving, connect people to the causes that move them the most and, of course, make giving FUN. By turning giving into a shared region-wide experience, we can significantly impact the future of South Central Texas and make a huge collective difference. Last year's event raised over \$2,000,000 for 467 participating agencies!

The Big Give S.A. is part of the national day of giving called *Give Local America*. Communities across the country are coming together on May 5th.

The goals of The Big Give S.A. are to:

INVEST strategically in Bexar and surrounding county nonprofits
DRIVE our community forward through collective impact
LEVERAGE giving with matching funds and prize incentives

How do individuals participate?

On May 5, anyone can make an online gift to a participating organization. All donations on May 5 give your favorite nonprofit the opportunity to earn matching funds and prize incentives. This means that your gift has the capacity to leverage additional funding. You can give by smart phone, tablet, or computer. Minimum donation is \$10. There is not a maximum donation.

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Accolades at Smithson Valley High



Smithson Valley High Head Coach Larry Hill to Receive Prestigious Tom Landry Award

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The man who wore the funny hat on the sideline for the Dallas Cowboys for nearly three decades symbolized so much more than football. Although Tom Landry was the symbol of America's Team, the way he lived

his lived his life and the respect those character traits earned him along the way is what defined him as a man.

It is fitting that Smithson Valley High head coach Larry Hill will receive the prestigious Tom Landry Award from the Texas High School Coaches Association in July.

Some of the criteria for earning the Tom Landry Award, which is voted on by fellow Texas high school football coaches, are: Have a significant contribution to athletes and the game of football in Texas; Be a positive role model for athletes and coaches; and Bring credit to the coaching profession by your actions and lifestyle.

"I've known Larry a long time, so I'm not just saying this because he works in our district, but this is a first-class award and a first-class coach is going to receive it," said Matt Monzingo, Comal ISD Athletic Director. "The way I've seen him lead young men and mold them into adults and leaders in the community is second to none. Larry Hill stands for everything you want in a head coach."

Hill, who served as the president of the Texas High School Coaches Association in 2006-07, has an overall record in his 22 years at the helm of the Smithson Valley High program of 229-71. Hill has taken Smithson Valley to the playoffs 18 of the last 19 years. Included in that streak are three State Championship Games (2004, 2002, 2001), three State Semifinal runs (2008, 2005, 1998), two State Quarterfinals appearances (2007, 2000), and two trips to the Regional Finals (1999, 1997).

"Receiving the Tom Landry Award is quite an honor," said Hill. "Anyone my age that grew up wanting to be a football coach watched Coach Landry and the Cowboys at 3 p.m. every Sunday. More importantly, he stood for all the right things, and that's why this is such an important award. Also, anytime you receive something that's voted on by your peers is very special. It was a great phone call to get."



Smithson Valley Student Named National Merit Finalist

~Article and photo courtesy of CISD

Congratulations to Smithson Valley High's Elizabeth Delgado for being named as a National Merit Finalist! This designation is based on her performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT); only 15,000 out of 1.5 million seniors nationwide are recognized with this honor.

"A student recognized by the National Merit Program has earned a distinctive mark of academic excellence," said National Merit spokesperson Matt Budreau. "This is an honor that will stay with them the rest of their lives."

"I know it's a pretty special group of people who have earned this honor, so I was humbled when I heard the news," Delgado said. "I know this will open so many doors for me."

National Merit Finalists have the opportunity to earn individual scholarships from many corporations, colleges and universities around the nation.

Delgado will likely attend Arizona State University where she plans on majoring in biomedical engineering. Her parents are Philip and Jessica Delgado.

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- Friday, May 8.....Monsters Inc.
- Friday, June 12.....Big Hero 6
- Friday, July 10.....Cars 2
- Friday, August 14.....Despicable Me 1

All movies start 30 minutes after sunset

Bring the entire family or get a group of friends together for a night of fun in the park. Concession booths will be open and other activities such as face painting will be available.

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Sponsor rates are \$100 for one movie, \$250 or three movies or \$375 for all movies (5 to 7). If you would like to become a sponsor or if you need more information contact Larry Sunn at 210-286-8050 or by email at: texsunn@gmail.com.

Winter is a distant memory as the grass turns green and the wildflowers break into bloom. It's a great time to visit your Bulverde Community Park. It is also time to kick off the 2015 free Movies in the Park series. Five movies are scheduled for this spring and summer, beginning with Planes Fire & Rescue on April 10. The movies are sponsored by the Bulverde Police Department and presented by the Friends of the Park. Movies in the Park are scheduled for the second Friday of the every month from April and through August. The feature film will begin shortly after sunset. The April 10 movie will begin about 8:00 pm.

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Pitter Patter of Tiny Paws

March may have come roaring in like a lion but it exited with meows and the pitter-patter of tiny paws. That's right, "kitten season" arrived with the coming of the warmer weather. There are things we all can do to help prevent community and companion cats from contributing to the feline overpopulation.

If you own a cat (or a cat owns you), please have your cat spayed or neutered. This has health benefits for your cat and can help reduce any cat behavioral issues. There are several low-cost clinics in the area that can help; write info@animalrescueconnections.vpweb.com or stop by the PetSmart at Hwy. 281 and Evans for a list.

If you see an outdoor cat, look closely to see if its left ear is tipped. This is the international identification of a cat that is already spayed/neutered and vaccinated against rabies. Stray, abandoned, or even owned cats that have not been sterilized might suddenly surprise you with a litter of kittens. Cats can get pregnant up to three times a year. If a female cat has three litters a year, each with four kittens, that is 12 more cats. And each one of those

cats, if female, could have at least one litter their first year. So you can see how quickly things add up.

Take charge BEFORE this happens! Come to just one free Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) information seminar, learn the ropes, and get all the help and resources you need to make sure your neighborhood cat population is humanely controlled. By spaying and neutering existing cats, we can stem the flow of cats and kittens into shelters that are already overloaded. The workshop explains how the cats can be safely trapped, transported to a low-cost vet clinic, and returned to their outdoor home where they will happily go to work keeping those pesky rodents away from your homes and businesses.

The free workshops in this area are a collaborative effort of Animal Rescue Connections, San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition and Bulverde Area Humane Society. Go to animalrescueconnections.org/Trap-Neuter-Return.html or sanantonioferalcats.org/tnr-schedule/ to see the schedule.

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Plan Ahead for Bulverde Fun Fest in June!

The Bulverde Community Park Association along with Friends of the Park announced the Second Annual Bulverde Fun Fest (BFF) will be held on Saturday, June 13, at the Bulverde Community Park on Bulverde Lane.

More than 600 people attended the inaugural Bulverde Fun Fest held last year to celebrate the Grand Opening of the renovated park. This year's event will feature new activities and new playground equipment, along with many of the same activities enjoyed by children and adults last year.

Much of the success of last year's event was the due to the support of the business community and individuals as sponsors. Sponsorships are available from \$250 to \$1,500.

If you are interested in participating in the production of this event or as a sponsor, contact Merri Harrison at 210-387-9332 or by email at merri@bulverdeparks.com.



There's a lot going on for St. Jude's in April and May. Mark your calendars for these terrific events!

April 18th, The Corvette Association Car Show benefitting St. Jude's Ranch in Boerne, TX 8a - 3p

May 1st - 2nd, Usborne Book Drive benefitting St. Jude's Ranch at McKenna Children's Shelter 1 - 5p & 10a - 5p

May 14th, The Salon Professional Academy Fashion Show benefitting St. Jude's Ranch in San Antonio, TX 6p - 8p

May 16th, Connections Family Fun Day at Gruene Harley Davidson 11a - 3p

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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 April Fool's Day SBB Family Lions 7:30p (Activity Center) BAAC Mtg. 6:30p (Art Ctr.)	2	3 Passover	4	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 Early Voting 8:00a-5:00p (City Hall)	2 Run for the Hills 5K/10K 7:00a (Activity Ctr.) Chamber Market Day 10:00a (Bealls ctr.)
5 Easter Sunday	6	7 Wellness on Wheels 9:00a (Provisions) Planning & Zoning 6:30p	8	9 Wine & Art 6:00p (Art Center) Bulverde Lions 7:00p (Bulv. Comm. Ctr.)	10 Movie in the Park dusk 8:00ish (Bulverde Comm. Park) BAAC Juried Show Opens 5:30p (Art gallery)	11 Big Trash Day 8:00a (City Hall; Bulverde residents only)	3	4 Early Voting 8:00a-5:00p (City Hall)	5 Early Voting 7:00a-7:00p (City Hall) Wellness on Wheels 9:00a (Provisions) The Big Give (Give Local all day)	6 SBB Family Lions 7:30p (Activity Ctr.) BAAC Mtg 6:30p (Art Ctr.) Planning & Zoning 6:30p	7 Rebel Yells (S.T.A.G.E.)	8 Leadercast 8:00a (GVTC) Movie in the Park dusk 8:00ish (Bulverde Comm. Park) Rebel Yells (S.T.A.G.E.)	9 Election Day 7:00a-7:00p (Rebel Yells (S.T.A.G.E.))
12	13 Friends of the Library Board 1:30p (Library) Library District Board 4:00p (Library)	14 Wellness on Wheels 9:00a (Provisions) City Council 6:30p	15 Tax Day SBB Family Lions 7:30p (Activity Center)	16 BSBES 6:00p (353 Rodeo Dr.) ESD #1, 4, & 5 7:00p (353 Rodeo Dr.)	17	18	10 Mother's Day	11 Friends of the Library Board 1:30p (Library) Library District Board 4:00p (Library)	12 City Council 6:30p Wellness on Wheels 9:00a (Provisions)	13	14 Job Fair 2:00p-6:00p (BSS Library) Bulverde Lions 7:00p (Bulv. Comm. Ctr.) Rebel Yells (S.T.A.G.E.)	15 Rebel Yells (S.T.A.G.E.)	16 Armed Forces Day Rebel Yells (S.T.A.G.E.)
19	20 Community Garden Mtg. 5:15p (Activity Center)	21 Native Plant Soc. 7:00p (GVTC)	22 Earth Day	23 Bulverde Lions 7:00p (Bulv. Comm. Ctr.)	24 P.O.E.T. Program 6:00p (City Hall)	25 Beekeeping Workshop 10:00a (Activity Ctr.) Shine the Park 8:00a (Bulv. Comm. Park)	17 Rebel Yells (S.T.A.G.E.)	18 Chamber Golf Tour. 9:00 (River Crossing Golf Course) Community Garden Mtg. 5:15p (Activity Ctr.)	19 Native Plant Soc. 7:00p (GVTC)	20 SBB Family Lions 7:30p (Activity Ctr.)	21 BSBES 6:00p (353 Rodeo Dr.) ESD #1, 4, & 5 7:00p (353 Rodeo Dr.) Rebel Yells (S.T.A.G.E.)	22 Rebel Yells (S.T.A.G.E.)	23 Shine the Park 8:00a (Bulverde Comm. Park) Rebel Yells (S.T.A.G.E.)
26 Free Outdoor Cat Control Class 2:00p (353 Rodeo Dr.) Spring Chicken Festival 10:00a (Bulv. Comm. Ctr.)	27 Early Voting 8:00a-5:00p (City Hall)	28 Early Voting 7:00a-7:00p (City Hall) Friends of the Park 6:00p	29 Early Voting 8:00a-5:00p (City Hall)	30 Early Voting 8:00a-5:00p (City Hall) Bracken Christian School Preview			24 Free Outdoor Cat Control Class 2:00p (353 Rodeo Dr.) Rebel Yells (S.T.A.G.E.)	25 Memorial Day	26 Friends of the Park 6:00p	27	28 Bulverde Lions 7:00p (Bulv. Comm. Ctr.)	29 P.O.E.T. Program 6:00p (City Hall)	30
							31 BAAC Juried Show closes						