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MAYOR'S POINT



Bill Krawietz
Mayor of Bulverde, TX

It seems there are many misconceptions when it comes to the growth and new development occurring in our area. While reading recent social media posts, there seems to be a prevalent misconception that the City of Bulverde is responsible for or promotes the explosive growth occurring in the area. Nothing is further from the truth; if anything, the City has slowed the pace and enhanced the quality to the best of our limited legal ability as a general law city.

Managing growth has been the main objective of the City since the first day of incorporation. Texas is a strong property rights state. This means all property owners have the right to develop and use their land unless it negatively affects the health, safety, and welfare of their neighbors and the community. Any regulations adopted by the City must be able to pass a stringent burden of legal proof to be enforceable.

The lobbyists in Austin working on behalf of the development community are extremely powerful. In this year's legislative session alone there are literally hundreds

of proposed bills attempting to limit a City's authority to regulate new development.

Over the years, the City has been challenged several times in our efforts to regulate new development and make sure it fits the character of our community. In 2005, the City was stripped of its authority to regulate subdivisions in the ETJ due to changes in the rules which general law cities (non-Home Rule) must follow. Comal County actually filed the inquiry with the State Attorney General due to circumstances pertaining to the City of Bulverde setting a minimum lot size for the Johnson Ranch Subdivision, a subdivision located adjacent to but almost entirely **outside of the City**.

It took many years for the City to regain the authority to regulate subdivisions in the ETJ, **even though our ability to do so remains limited per State law as a general law city**. During that time period that the City lacked any regulatory authority for subdivisions, both the Park Village development located at Hwy. 46 and Blanco Rd. and the 4S Ranch development off of Stahl Lane, submitted development plans and gained vested development rights to the County's high-density residential development standards. While these developments, both **outside of the City limits**, will still be very nice upscale subdivisions, they will have a

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house-per-acre-density never before seen in the Bulverde area.

To regain our local control of subdivision regulation, **albeit limited**, the City had to agree with the County to not impose a minimum lot size for subdivisions in the ETJ if the development has centralized water service and centralized sewer service. This worried the Council deeply because all along the City had contested that one of the key issues with high-density development has been the potential for reductions in area water quality and water availability, as well as the danger of flooding due to storm water runoff from the increased impervious ground cover caused by high density development.

Like most things, there is more than one way to achieve the same goal. The City amended our subdivision ordinance and took out the minimum lot size requirements for ETJ developments. Minimum lot size requirements remain for any subdivisions occurring **inside the City limits**. The City now requires a certain amount of dedicated green space, or open land, in addition to park space for every lot platted in the ETJ. The City unfortunately can't make this new requirement retroactively apply to the grandfathered subdivisions listed above, even though they aren't built yet. Fortunately, both developments have agreed voluntarily to provide a degree of open space in their projects.

Another misconception is that the City will take on a developer's debt on a project if it is annexed into the City in the future. The City can't and wouldn't annex any RESIDENTIAL property that has a Water Control Improvement District (WCID) or Municipal Utility District (MUD) until their bonds are significantly paid off. COMMERCIAL properties in a WCID, such as with the Singing Hills Development, can choose to voluntarily annex themselves into the City should they desire to do so. Some may choose to do so, but only after they have been built and have already circumvented the City's development guidelines and the community's desires. The City does not take on Developer's debts in any way, and is not contemplating doing so.

The City currently is debt free and has in no way ever obligated the taxpayers of Bulverde to assume the debt of any developing property in the area. It has always been our policy to make the new guy pay their own way, and as best as we are able, make sure they are not doing harm to their neighbor.

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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Over the last decade, western Comal County generally, and the Bulverde area specifically, have been experiencing exponential growth which is fundamentally changing the look, feel, and character of our region. Sleepy country roads are becoming congested and less safe. Area highways are perpetually being upgraded but never quite keeping pace with new development. Larger neighborhoods with a higher density of homes and less green-space are exacerbating storm water runoff in a region already prone to flooding. More residents, and the commercial infrastructure to meet their needs, are placing a burden on the community's natural resources and basic infrastructure. As this situation unfolds, area residents often approach the City with several questions:

- **Where is all of this development coming from, and who is behind it?**
- **Why has the City failed to stop the growth?**
- **What will the City do in the future to bring relief to local residents impacted by all this new development?**

The answer to the first question is straight forward: In order to profit from the exploding demand for housing stock within the lucrative Austin-San Antonio Corridor, well-funded real estate developers are buying former ranch land at a record pace and attempting to turn it into subdivisions as quickly as possible. They are choosing Bulverde and Western Comal County because of the area's natural beauty, abundant open space, and limited development regulations.

Which brings us to the second question: *Why has the City failed to stop the growth in our area?* The City of Bulverde cannot stop growth arbitrarily. Texas is a strong property rights state, and **the City is a proud supporter of property rights**, wanting to protect everyone's' ability to use and enjoy their property by ensuring that new development proceeds in a responsible manner that is consistent with the high-quality



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nature of the community and does not harm their neighbor. This means that new development won't degrade local infrastructure and resources, and that current residents are not forced to pay for the improvements necessary to service new residents. Unfortunately, thanks to the Texas Legislature, the deck is stacked against the City when the time comes to manage, or even slow down, the current growth patterns. For example, **did you know** that state law provides that:

- Developers can create their own governmental agencies, called *Municipal Utility Districts* (MUDs) or *Water Control Improvement Districts* (WCIDs), to bypass Cities altogether and provide municipal-like services, such as wastewater treatment and disposal, to their new subdivisions on terms favorable to the developer.
- While cities can determine minimum lot sizes inside their City limits, cities and counties are prohibited from limiting the number of houses being built, or the size of lots created, in new subdivisions **outside of city limits**.
- General Law Cities, such as Bulverde, are not permitted to adopt water conservation and protection measures to ensure the sustainability of local water supplies.

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Despite these handicaps, the City of Bulverde has been attempting all legal avenues to encourage and require responsible growth over unrestrained and unchecked development. Among other measures, the City has implemented a tree preservation ordinance to prevent clear cutting of new developments, and has implemented stronger storm water runoff mitigation requirements for new subdivisions.

When it comes to planning for the future, the course that the City takes will soon be decided by the Citizens of Bulverde. On May 9, 2015, the City will hold an election to determine whether to adopt a Home Rule Charter or continue on as a general law municipality. If the Citizens choose to remain a general law municipality, the City will continue refining and defending the very limited responsible growth regulations we have, both inside the City and in the area just **outside** the City. In addition, we will use the **limited** leverage the City has over the development review process to seek voluntary developer concessions when possible. While these general law regulations cannot reduce the scope or density of new development, they represent the only limited check on completely unrestricted growth in our area.

If the citizens decide to convert their City to Home Rule status, the City will undertake all of the above mentioned initiatives, as well as the following ones only allowed by State Law for Home Rule Chartered Cities:

- ✓ Develop a comprehensive annexation plan which will prioritize the annexation of high-impact commercial zones and **new** proposed residential developments before they develop, while encouraging the preservation of natural ranch lands through the use of non-annexation development agreements.
- ✓ Increase the effectiveness of the City's ETJ development regulations by incorporating new guidelines related to water quality protection.
- ✓ Expand the reach of the City's nuisance regulations related to junk yards, illegal dumping, and industrial pollutants to ensure that such harmful uses are not allowed to flourish in our area.

The City receives numerous questions regarding development around the City and in western Comal County. Below is a list of some of the most common questions we receive, and the answers to those questions.

Q: WHY CAN'T THE CITY CONTROL THIS NEW LEVEL OF INTENSE DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT A CHARTER?

A: State law is very restrictive of what General Law cities can and cannot do. The State Constitution requires that if a community wants to enact more stringent regulations on new development, then they must pass their own Charter, their own set of local rules. In addition, because 93.6% of all eligible Texas cities have already passed their own Charter, very little legal case law has been decided for General Law cities in regulating intense development. This makes it legally dicey for General Law cities to enact development regulations that are more extensive than

the very basic State standard. Cities that do so are more likely to get sued by the well-funded development community and lose in court, wasting tax payer resources.

Q: DOES PASSING A HOME RULE CHARTER GIVE THE CITY A BETTER ABILITY TO CONTROL THIS GROWTH?

A: Yes, the State constitution allows locally Chartered communities to have much more stringent development regulations within their City limits, and for new developments occurring just outside the City limits. Chartered Cities are able to enact various guidelines that help keep new developments from degrading the Hill Country, such as enhanced flood protection, requiring minimum residential lot sizes, enabling architectural standards, protection from light pollution, limiting oversized billboards and signs, and the prevention of clear cutting of trees, etc. Many of these regulations are not available to General Law cities for new developments occurring on properties just outside and adjacent to their city limit lines.

Q: IS BULVERDE PLANNING TO ANNEX EXISTING RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS IN COMAL COUNTY? IS BULVERDE PLANNING TO ANNEX MY RANCH LAND THAT I NEVER INTEND TO DEVELOP?

A: The City has no intention of annexing existing residential neighborhoods. The City also has no intention of annexing land that is committed to remaining in an agricultural use, or conservation easement. In fact, the City encourages large areas of ranch land in our area to remain just that, ranch land and open space, to help preserve what the Texas Hill Country is known for.

Q: WHERE IS ALL THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT IN WESTERN COMAL COUNTY COMING FROM?

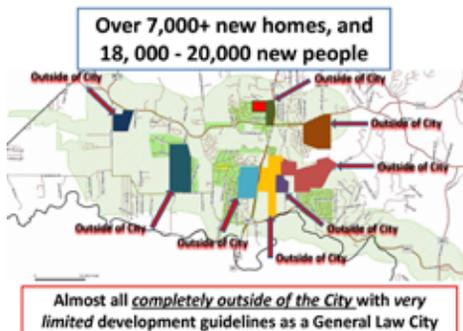
A: In the mid-1990s the City of San Antonio released news that they planned to expand their City limits north on US 281 up past the Cibolo Creek, with their jurisdictional authority expanding all the way to SH 46. Subsequently the citizens of the Bulverde area passed a series of municipal incorporations, with a rather strangely shaped combined City limit line (see included map), which helped stretch the City of Bulverde's jurisdiction to connect with the City of Boerne as well as the City of New Braunfels. Bulverde's municipal incorporation helped halt the City of San Antonio's jurisdictional expansion

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further into Comal County. However, over the last 18 years, high-density private developments have continued to march north of Loop 1604, saturating much of north San Antonio and northern Bexar County. These intense levels of development have now crossed the Cibolo creek, with investors and land owners accelerating their plans to develop properties throughout western Comal County.

Q: WHAT HAS THE CITY DONE UP TO THIS POINT TO CONTROL THE INTENSITY OF NEW DEVELOPMENT IN OUR AREA?

A: Western Comal County is approximately 215 square miles, while the City of Bulverde is a mere 10 square miles within that 215 square mile area. Texas is a very strong property rights state, meaning property owners outside of cities have very few limitations on how they are allowed to develop their properties, even if they develop them into undesirable or incompatible uses located right next to existing neighborhoods (junk yards, garbage dumps, etc.). The State Legislature tends to favor placing very little regulation on the development community. Comal County has zero ability to regulate zoning or land use, meaning they have no ability to control the type of business or subdivision that comes into the county, or where it gets located, even if the business or subdivision may be considered incompatible with adjacent property owners. The City of Bulverde does have zoning and land-use authority within the City limits, meaning that while the City cannot control the specific business that locates in the City limits, it can guide where it is appropriate for them to locate, such as along major highway corridors versus next to existing residential neighborhoods. Unfortunately, as a General Law Municipality, Bulverde's ability to regulate land use or development intensity outside of the City limits is extremely limited. Most of the new development in the area is occurring in the county, outside of the City of Bulverde. For example, Johnson Ranch (955 homes), Park Village (747 Homes), 4S Ranch (1880 homes), and Singing Hills (360 homes, plus .5 million sq. ft. of commercial retail) are all active developments that are occurring primarily outside of the Bulverde City limits.



Q: IS MORE NEW DEVELOPMENT WITH THIS LEVEL OF INTENSITY ON THE HORIZON?

A: Inevitably. The City is currently aware of 6 developments in the area that have plans to build over 4,000 new homes in the near future. This represents over 10,000 new

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residents to the community as those developments build out. All of them are located just outside the Bulverde city limits. In addition, the City is aware of several additional large ranches that are actively being marketed for future development.

Q: IS THE CITY TRYING TO ENCOURAGE THESE INTENSELY DEVELOPED, HIGH-DENSITY PROJECTS?

A: No. The City has been trying to utilize every means legally possible to limit the intensity of development occurring in the greater Bulverde area, and make sure that any development that does occur is high quality. This has been accomplished via more stringent subdivision regulations such as requiring open space and park space land dedications of new developments to maximize "green" space, requiring multi-decade water availability studies to be completed, as well as requiring traffic and flood impact analyses and mitigation before developments can occur. State law severely limits the ability for general law cities to regulate new development.

Q: OK, I GET IT, WE CAN'T STOP THE GROWTH AND SOME LEVEL OF NEW DEVELOPMENT IS GOING TO OCCUR. WHAT OTHER OPTIONS DOES WESTERN COMAL COUNTY HAVE TO PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY OF THE EXISTING TEXAS HILL COUNTRY?

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A: State law provides local communities with the opportunity to implement guidelines for new developments. This is accomplished when a community adopts a Home Rule Charter, similar to a local constitution, which allows citizens to customize the applicable development regulations that are required for new developments. These more stringent development guidelines ensure that new developments fit within the character of the existing community, meet community standards, and do not cause a detriment to current area residents.

Q: WHAT ABOUT WATER? IS ALL OF THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT GOING TO ERODE THE RESOURCES OF THE TRINITY AQUIFER AND MAKE MY PERSONAL WATER WELL RUN DRY?

A: Before any property is subdivided, no matter how large or small, the property owner must ensure that adequate water is available via a 20-year water availability report. Both Comal County and the City of Bulverde require this. Most new development proposed in western Comal County utilize the services of Canyon Lake Water Service Company, as well as a host of other water purveyors, who provide centralized water service from the Canyon Lake Reservoir. While Canyon Lake is not an unlimited resource, it's a very deep lake (over 900 feet typically) and is arguably one of the least drought affected lakes currently west of Interstate 35. In fact, despite the drought conditions over most of the last decade, CLWSC has not had to implement extensive water restrictions. In addition, the City is actively supporting the creation of a Comal Trinity Groundwater Conservation District. This is yet another mechanism to help manage the inevitable growth that is affecting our community, and to protect our existing citizenry.

Q: IF I AM A BULVERDE CITIZEN, WILL PASSING A CHARTER MAKE MY PROPERTY TAXES GO UP?

A: No. The local City Council can raise or lower the City's property tax rates for Bulverde citizens whether the City is General Law or has its own Charter. The Charter has no effect on the setting of property tax rates.

Q: BUT IF THE CITY ANNEXES NEW AREAS WON'T IT HAVE TO PROVIDE CITY SERVICES TO THOSE AREAS?

A: Yes, however the City would likely only annex new developments that have a tax base that will support the provision of City services to that development, or developments that have a tax base that could even help expand the City's current tax base, helping to actually lower taxes for existing Bulverde property owners. New commercial developments are the most likely candidates for annexation.

Q: IF I AM A BULVERDE CITIZEN, WILL MY PROPERTY TAXES GO UP IF A CHARTER IS NOT PASSED?

A: Quite likely. Extensive levels of new development are being built right now just outside of the Bulverde City Limits. These developments are placing a burden on existing City infrastructure and public services, such as the transportation

network and public safety. Without the ability to bring new developments into the city limits so they can pay their share of taxes for the public burden they cause, existing City property owners will be stuck having to pay for the future maintenance or improvement of burdened infrastructure and enhanced public services that will be required.

Q: HASN'T THE CITY'S PROPERTY TAX RATE GENERALLY GONE DOWN OVER THE LAST 18 YEARS, EVEN THOUGH THE CITY WAS GENERAL LAW?

A: Yes, the City Council has lowered the City's property tax rate almost 30% from what was originally enacted in the 1997 municipal incorporation. This has been in large part due to the extensive expansion of the commercial tax base via the voluntary annexation or construction of stores such as HEB and Home Depot, and the other 200 businesses located in the city of Bulverde. The property and sales taxes that these business establishments have provided have allowed the property tax rate for residential citizens to be lowered over the years. However, much of the available commercially zoned land within the Bulverde City limits has now been developed. It is "built out." Most new commercial development is occurring just outside of the city limits in the unincorporated county, where little development regulation exists and the taxes paid to other entities do not contribute to Bulverde's tax base, or to the provision of local public services like roads and police.

Q: IS BULVERDE PLANNING TO ANNEX SPRING BRANCH?

A: The City has no intention of annexing existing residential neighborhoods or ranch land that does not intend to develop. The unincorporated county area designated by US postal zip code "78070" is often referred to as "Spring Branch." Currently, 15% of Bulverde's citizens live in neighborhoods with a 78070 zip code. In fact, 35% of Bulverde's businesses have a 78070 zip code as well. Many residents who reside in "78163," a zip code often referred to as "Bulverde," are actually not located within the city limits of the City of Bulverde. An area of raw land in 78070 or 78163 that is adjacent to the City Limit line is likely to be annexed only if it's development is imminent, and the City Council feels the property needs to be incorporated into the City so that an appropriate level of regulation is placed on the developer to develop the property so that the land

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Q: IS BULVERDE PLANNING TO ANNEX ANY AREA AROUND CANYON LAKE?

A: There is no unincorporated county land in the Canyon Lake area anywhere near the existing Bulverde City limit line. The city can only annex land directly adjacent to the City limit line. Canyon Lake is very good distance from Bulverde. It is much more likely that the City of New Braunfels will one day annex land in the Canyon Lake area if Canyon Lake does not incorporate at some point.

Q: WON'T THE CHARTER GIVE THE CITY COUNCIL AN EXTENSIVE AMOUNT OF NEW POWER?

A: A Charter will allow the City Council to have both the authority and legal case law necessary to implement stronger guidelines and regulations to reign in the otherwise unregulated new development growth occurring throughout western Comal County, particularly that which is happening just outside the City's borders.

Q: WHAT IF A CHARTER IS PASSED AND THE CITY COUNCIL GETS OUT OF CONTROL?

A: Councilmembers in General Law as well as Chartered communities serve at the will of the voters. They face routine municipal elections every two or three years. The proposed Charter also allows Councilmembers to be removed even more quickly via a Recall petition. With the proposed Charter,

Councilmembers would also have automatic term limits imposed on them. In addition, if the proposed Charter is enacted by the voters, the citizens themselves would have an option to veto unpopular City Council Ordinances and enact their own.

Q: WHAT ABOUT CITY STAFF? DOESN'T THE CHARTER EXPAND THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITY STAFF?

A: No. The proposed Charter carries over the same duties and responsibilities for City staff that are currently in place via City Ordinance. The Mayor continues to be the leader of the City Council policy making process, similar to a Chairman of the Board, and the City Administrator continues to take care of the day-to-day tasks of the City operations and managing City employees, effectively and efficiently enacting the policies of the Mayor and City Council.

Q: WHEN AND WHERE CAN I VOTE?

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Q: WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

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CITY OF BULVERDE LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE!

The City of Bulverde's new website, www.bulverdetx.gov, is up and running. The site represents a complete overhaul of the City's web presence and will include several new features designed to improve the functionality and user experience of the site. For instance, residents will now be able to:

- Check availability and reserve Park facilities
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- Contact elected City representatives and City staff directly through the website

The City took on the redesign project to help achieve the City Council's goal of improving communication and transparency. The new website was created for the City by CivicPlus, an information technology company that specializes in website design and maintenance for municipal governments. CivicPlus currently has over 1,800 government clients, including surrounding entities such as the Cities of New Braunfels, Garden Ridge, Boerne, Fair Oaks Ranch, and Bexar County. When you have a minute to spare, please drop by the new site and let the City know your thoughts!



Once again, photographer Lisa M. Reid has given us the gift of an amazing cover photo. The Guadalupe River always offers a beautiful venue, but through the eye of an artist like Lisa, the beauty of this natural gem is brought stunningly into focus. The cypress trees that line the Guadalupe have such character in their details. Lisa so skillfully elicits such a tranquil feeling from the scene, one wants to go to this lovely spot along the river to enjoy some contemplative quiet time.

You may also remember Lisa's lovely bluebonnet and bumblebee close up that was featured on our May/June issue of 2014. We at the Front Porch News wish to express our gratitude to her for continuing to share her photographs with us. There were several frames of river photos submitted, each one as lovely as the next, so it was very hard to decide on the final cover shot! Lisa continues to travel and to hone her photographic skills (which are already formidable), and most recently has been studying the art of photographing waterfalls. We hope that she will send more of her amazing photos our way to share with the community. Lisa displays much of her photography in albums on her Facebook page entitled *Focused on Creation Photography* and the Fine Art America website.



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NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officer Memorial Day and the calendar week within the day the 15th falls as National Police Week. This year, National Police Week will be recognized May 11th thru May 17th. There are many events held around the Nation in honor of National Police Week, with one of the biggest events occurring at the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington D.C. The event draws between 25,000 and 40,000 attendees every year. One of the highlights of the memorial is two, 304 foot long walls that bear the names of the Nations Law Enforcement Officers who have given their lives in the line of duty. Currently there are 20,267 names engraved on the walls, with an average of 150 names added each year. The names are dedicated with a ceremony during National Police Week. Sadly, on average, one law enforcement officer is killed every 58 hours somewhere in the Unites States; unfortunately, Texas leads the nation with 1,675 officers killed in the line of duty. As of this writing, 34 officers have made this sacrifice thus far in 2015.

As in the past, members of the Bulverde Police Department are planning a ceremony to honor those and their families who have made that ultimate sacrifice and will do so again this year on May 12th. Every member of the Police Department attends the ceremony and is encouraged to invite his or her family. The Mayor, City Councilmembers, and City Employees also attend. As always, we would like to invite the public to attend as well. The event will be held in front of City Hall on Tuesday May 12th at 5:30 pm just prior to the city council meeting. Cake and refreshments will be served. Regardless of where you live, please support your local law enforcement and their families, as these men and women are willing to sacrifice their lives to protect your community.

S.T.A.G.E. to Host Benefit Performance

S.T.A.G.E., Inc. is honored to present *Rebel Yells*, by Austin playwright Steve Warren, throughout the month of May. *Rebel Yells* is an award winning drama set during the Civil War that tells a tender story of great courage and the search for human dignity. The opening night performance on May 7th is a benefit for Provisions: A 25:35 Outreach. Proceeds from the ticket sales (\$18 each) for this performance will be donated to the Bulverde-based food pantry and service organization. A reception follows immediately after the performance for an opportunity to meet the director and cast. Please note that no season tickets will be honored for this opening night benefit. The show continues to run throughout the month of May. Please call (830) 438-2339 for more information. You may also call Provisions at (830) 438-7899 to inquire about ticket availability.

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Highway 46 East and FM 311 area
Mystic Shores on FM 306 + firefighters & medics

The Challenges

- Growth (commercial and residential)
- Staff and equip stations to keep response times under 10 minutes
- Interoperability radio communications



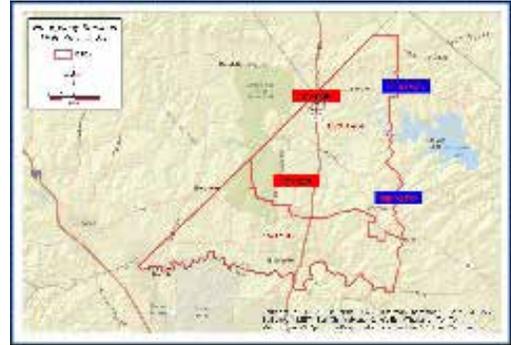
This election is the first request for a property tax issue since the cap was established in 2004.

This election is not for a tax increase, only an increase in the cap. There will be no tax increase in 2015.

The May 9th Election IS Critical

On May 9, 2015, the ballot question is as follows:
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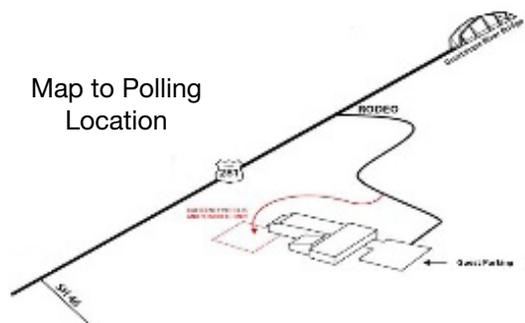
In the Eastern part of Highway 46 West (Recent opening of a Day Station FM 311 and Rebecca Creek Rd.) and at Mystic Shores and FM 306.

Our district is 114 square miles in service area and station placement is critical. Distance is the enemy of life-saving outcomes. Structure fires also require fast action to save occupants and their pets, and to limit damage. Likewise, if brush fires are not contained immediately, the underbrush and Cedar trees can immediately consume acres and threaten structures.



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A lot has changed over the last four decades. EMS is now firmly established as a key component of the medical care continuum, and the important role of EMS practitioners in saving lives from sudden cardiac arrest and trauma; in getting people to the hospitals best equipped to treat heart attacks and strokes; and in showing caring and compassion to their patients in their most difficult moments, is firmly established.

Whether it's the team at Grady EMS in Atlanta who had the expertise to transport the nation's first Ebola patient,

the volunteer firefighters and flight medics called to search for and rescue survivors in the Everett, Washington mudslide, or the thousands of EMS responses that happen 24 hours a day, 7 days a week that don't make the news, EMS is there for their communities in their greatest time of need. Bulverde Spring Branch Fire & EMS has been here for over 36 years.

With the nation seeking ways to control healthcare costs while improving the health of patients, EMS is proving that it is dedicated to providing solutions to the nation's healthcare challenges through innovations. In Western Comal County, those innovations include the WOW (Wellness on Wheels), which is a Mobile Integrated Healthcare Clinic/Classroom. Another innovation is the Community Healthcare Initiative (CHI) that provides home visits by paramedics to perform evaluations to patients newly released from the hospital.

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BSB Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar

- May 8** - Leadercast - 7:30 am – 3:30 pm
Location: GVTC Auditorium, 36101 FM 3159
- May 14** - Bulverde Spring Branch Job Fair - 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Location: BSB Library, 131 Bulverde Crossing
- May 16** - Community Shred Day - 9:00 am – Noon
Location: BSB Chamber of Commerce Office,
121 Bulverde Crossing
- May 18** - 2015 Chamber Golf Classic - 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Location: River Crossing Club, 500 River Way

**For information on any of the above events, please see our website at bulverdespringbranchchamber.com or call the Chamber Office at (830) 438-4285

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The Buzz From the Garden

By Joanne Hall, Chair, Bulverde Community Garden

The Provisions garden plots are “under new management.” The previous gardener moved from the area and a call for help was sent out. Heather Swindall, wife of Provisions Board member Clint Swindall, stepped up to take the reins. Heather has previous home gardening experience, but has called on her friends and community people for guidance and help.

The group was given seeds and went to work in February preparing the beds and starting the seeds. They have since planted those starters along with some donated tomato plants. Currently in the four beds are cucumbers, yellow squash, pole beans, zucchini, and three types of tomatoes. Onions and cabbage, which were previously planted, are among the crop as well.

One of the volunteers, Katy Bryant, installed a mailbox on the fence next to the plots. In it is a record book so that whoever helps will know what has been happening and when the plots were watered last. She and Dianne Connor have both been assisting with preparing beds and watering, among other tasks.

The Provisions volunteers are focusing on planting vegetables that can provide an abundance of food for the community people in need. A trellis for the pole beans was built and installed by Clint Swindall and Ed Walsh. A new bed was built by Mark and Devyn Whitney for Provisions, bringing their number of plots to five. Once this bed is prepared, it will provide space for many more plants and more varieties of vegetables. The Whitneys have become very active volunteers, and provided this account of their desire to participate in this community endeavor--

Dear Bulverde,

When both the Bulverde Community Park and the Bulverde Community Garden got started, we were excited for the two additions near our neighborhood. Both are close to our house and we passed by often as they were being constructed. My wife Alice and I have always been avid gardeners, and we particularly enjoyed watching the “Garden” grow (pun intended), as the various groups added new raised-beds, access bridge, storage shed, compost bin, butterfly garden, and other features. It was obvious that a lot of love and care was being given to the site.

With the help of our grandson Devyn, who visits us often, we maintain a vegetable garden at home that more than meets our needs; however, we finally decided to come out of our shell and join in the fun at the Garden. With great assist from Devyn, we are building two raised beds as a donation to the Garden. We plan to use one bed for at least a few seasons, raising vegetables for the food pantry, and the other bed will be assigned by the Garden Committee as they deem appropriate. Devyn and I also had the chance to sit in on one of the Committee meetings and saw first-hand the significant time and effort these folks put in to maintain the quality of the garden, to organize events, and to raise funds. Our family looks forward to being part of the community garden. Both the Bulverde Community Park and the Community Garden are great additions to the lifestyle we have here in Bulverde, and we thank the city for graciously providing the lands and resources for making those happen.

Sincerely,

Alice, Mark, and Devyn



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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URBAN SPRAWL vs. SMART GROWTH

With all of the new and projected growth, what the Bulverde Spring Branch area experiencing is characterized as urban sprawl. Urban sprawl is the expansion of populations away from urban areas into previously remote and rural areas. The following three types of development are typical of urban sprawl, all of which are evident in the greater Bulverde community:

- *Leapfrog Development* is where developers build new residential communities a good distance from urban cities, leaping over vacant parcels of land that are closer to cities so they can build on less-expensive land and/or build outside of municipal jurisdictions to avoid the costs of local government development guidelines.
- *Strip or Ribbon Development* takes place when extensive commercial development occurs in a linear pattern along both sides of major roadways, such as we've seen along US 281 and Hwy. 46.
- *Low-density, single-dimensional development* is characterized by large swaths of very similar residential subdivisions.

Among these types of development, there are problems inherent and common to all three. Transportation issues such as roadway congestion, poorly planned rights of way and access, increased pollution and traffic noise, and additional accidents and fatalities become apparent. Demands on existing infrastructure and requirements for new/additional infrastructural, such as new schools, roadway construction and maintenance, water and sewer systems, and provisions for emergency and municipal services, all take on a new level of priority when rural communities experience unplanned and loosely controlled urban sprawl.

While state law doesn't allow communities to just "close the gate" on new people moving to our area—you can't stop local property owners from selling their property and developers from buying it—a community can choose to manage urban sprawl with the right tools.

The right tools to manage urban sprawl are available when community leaders are given the authority, along with careful checks and balances in place, to carefully and thoughtfully plan infrastructure, transportation, and jurisdictional development; to obtain needed access to roadways and thoroughfares, and to authorize and implement regulation and guidelines that promote "smart growth" within the city, rather than haphazard development. That doesn't mean cities pay for new developments, it means they have the authority to make developers build new growth and infrastructure in a way that cohesively benefits the area, rather than causes it harm.

Smart Growth promotes a shift in the conventional development patterns. It's an endeavor to reframe the conversation from growth vs. no growth (or NIMBY: "Not In My Backyard") to good/smart growth vs. bad/dumb growth.

- Smart-growth initiatives identify the relationship between development patterns and quality of life, and implement new policies and practices that promote better housing, transportation, economic development and preservation of environmental quality.
- Smart growth values long-range, regional considerations of long-term community viability over a short-term, developer-driven

focus. The goals of smart growth are to achieve and maintain a unique sense of community and place; expand the range of transportation, employment, and housing choices; equitably distribute the costs and benefits of development; preserve and enhance natural and cultural resources; and promote public health.

With the continued growth our community is experiencing, we really need to look at the bigger picture and plan for the future. We need to implement the elements of smart growth to manage urban sprawl through the only means we have available; empowering the City of Bulverde with the ability to carry out the desires of the community. This will help create a community that is viable over the long term and will help grow our local businesses and develop our workforce.

This is another reason why the BSBEDF, in cooperation with Alamo Workforce Solutions, the City of Bulverde, the Bulverde/Spring Branch Area Chamber, and the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library, is planning a Community Job Fair to be held on Thursday, May 14, 2015 from 2pm to 6pm at the Library.

The BSBEDF is committed to assisting our community in its efforts to manage growth while maintaining our rural character and quality of life. Please visit our website at www.bsbedf.com or call us at 830.885.4331 to learn more about who we are, what we do, and for more information about the upcoming Job Fair.

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First, make sure the kittens truly have been abandoned. The mother cat may be hiding or hunting. If the kittens look healthy and are clean and sleeping together, the mother cat is taking care of them. If they are dirty, thin and crying, they probably have been abandoned or orphaned, in which case you want to take them to a veterinarian as soon as possible to have them evaluated.

Fostering kittens can be extremely rewarding. First, keep them warm and away from other animals. Prepare a box with some old towels. If you have a heating pad, put it on the lowest setting and wrap it in 1-2 towels; you can also use a hot water bottle. Put it to one side of the box so the kittens can move away from the heat if they are too warm. Most heating pads will turn off after 2 hours so remember to check it; this is a good reminder of when to feed the kittens as well.

To feed the kittens, purchase some kitten milk replacement (KMR) formula and a nursing bottle (available at most pet food stores and grocery stores). Never give cow's milk to kittens. It does not contain all the nutrients kittens need and will cause diarrhea, which increases the likelihood of dehydration.

To feed a kitten, position the kitten similarly to the way he would

nurse from his mother, laying on its stomach with its head elevated. Do not turn the kitten on its back to feed or there is a danger of getting formula in its lungs. Consider wearing a special t-shirt when you feed the kitten, leaving the shirt in the room with the kitten to help prevent cross-contamination to and from other animals in the house. Once the kitten is done eating, burp it by holding it upright and gently patting its back.

You will also need to learn to stimulate the kitten to urinate and poop (they do not do this on their own at this age). Details about how to do this are on our website.

When a kitten is about 4 weeks old, it can be transitioned to using a litter box. Never use clumping clay litter at this stage. Kittens are investigating everything with their mouths and ingesting clay litter is very dangerous. For the kittens' safety use shredded newspaper or pine pellets in the litter box.

When the kitten weighs 3 pounds (at about 3 months old), it can be spayed or neutered, and receive a rabies shot. If you do not plan on keeping the kitten, find it a good home or check out our "Foster Your Own Rescue" program.

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2ND ANNUAL BULVERDE FUN FEST IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

The Second Annual Bulverde Fun Fest is scheduled for **Saturday, June 13**, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Bulverde Community Park. The Bulverde Community Park Association, along with Friends of the Park, are working on plans for more activities and events to make this year's event more exciting and fun-filled than last year.

More than 600 park visitors turned out last year for the Grand Opening of the renovated park. The multiple playgrounds were well tested, and new equipment has been installed this year to provide more options for kids of all ages.

Other activities for this year's event include a petting zoo, the Blue Lion train, face painting, moonwalk with slide, sidewalk chalk art along with food booths featuring watermelon, lemonade, snow cones, popcorn, Smokey Mo's Barbecue and lots more.

Sponsorships Available for 2015 Bulverde Fun Fest

The Bulverde Fun Fest is designed to entertain the children but the adults of the community can get involved also. Sponsorships are available for businesses, organizations and individuals ranging from \$250 to \$1,500. Organizations and groups are also invited to participate with manpower to manage booths and activities.

Other activities planned for future dates are Free Movies in the Park on the second Friday of the month from April through August, Music in the Park and Community Festivals in the Park

The park lives up to its name: The Bulverde Community Park. The Friends of the Park are grateful for the support the community has provided in the past. If you would like to become a sponsor or want more information about sponsorships and participating in events, contact Merri Harrison at 210-387-9332 or by email at Merri@BulverdeParks.com.



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LIONS' ANNUAL CAR SHOW A HUGE SUCCESS!

Stock cars, custom jobs, modified, chopped, flamed, tubed, and shaved are words that take on a whole new meaning when heard at the Bulverde Car Show. On March 29th, the Spring Branch Bulverde Family Lions club hosted a spectacular Open Car Show at the Bulverde Baptist Church. Fast becoming a Bulverde signature event, the Club's annual effort raises funds for St. Jude's Ranch for Children and sends local youngsters to the Texas Lions Camp—a residential camping facility for children with severe burns, physical disabilities, type 1 diabetes, and cancer.

Lions Club President Larry Sunn, advised that when all was said and done, over 160 cars, some worth well over three hundred thousand dollars, showed up to show off in 44 classes. Each class received awards in the top three places. All awards and trophies were expertly designed and built by Lions Patti & Gary Dawson, and Margie Sunn.

Gearheads came to Bulverde from nine surrounding counties and as far away as Waco and Houston; these folks are serious Car Show participants. David May from San Antonio, winner of the Lions Pride trophy with his candy-apple-red 1937 Ford Coupe, said he attends at least one car show per month.

Throughout the stunningly beautiful day, it was as though you were walking through a rainbow of blues, reds, purples, blacks, greens, golds, yellows, and pinks. There was even a 1946 Chevy that was painted to look like rust. One didn't know where to look first. There was the phenomenally tricked out Hummer from Austin, a finely manicured 1999 Shelby, and an extremely rare 1941 Lincoln Zephyr—recipient of the Best in Show trophy—that, according to the owner Buddy Jordan, had been built right after Pearl Harbor.

The show featured 24 pre-1940 classic cars, 10 Corvettes, 22 Mustangs, several chopped trucks, and a pack of Rat Rods. Awards were presented by members of Bulverde's City Council to Buddy Jordan of Spring Branch for Best Paint, Mike Ross of Bulverde for Best Under Hood, and Anthony Mello of Devine for Best Interior. Mayor Bill Krawietz presented the Mayor's Trophy to Dan Dettmer of Bulverde, and Schertz resident Kenny Johns' 1927 Ford Rat Rod was declared the vehicle "Most Likely to be Pulled Over."

The show was complimented by vendors selling various goodies and a wide variety of food. The hosting Spring Branch Bulverde Family Lions Club sponsored an invitational Pinewood derby that was open to race car enthusiasts of all ages. Pinewood race car kits, donated by the Lions Club, were given to young racers who built, decorated, and then raced their newly-constructed treasure on a track provided by the Bulverde Baptist Church. Trophies and ribbons were awarded happy racers in six places of 12 classes.



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Spring Market Day

The Bulverde/Spring Branch Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring The SPRING CHAMBER MARKET DAY on Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Bealls parking lot off US Hwy 281 at Hwy 46W and Bulverde Crossing. The Spring shopping event will be host to more than 100 local vendors and artisans featuring jewelry, gifts, accessories, food items and many exciting door prizes. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a wonderful day of Mother's Day shopping and fun for the entire family.

S.T.A.G.E. to Hold Auditions

Auditions for **FORBIDDEN BROADWAY**, A musical created and written by Gerard Alessandrini, will be held on Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 4:00 P.M. at S.T.A.G.E., Inc. at Krause House Theatre, 1300 Bulverde Road in Bulverde.

Director Lou Garza and Musical Director Steve Angle will hold open auditions for 3 men and 3 women in singing roles, to sing take-offs of various Broadway show tunes. Please bring a prepared musical piece (preferably a Broadway show tune), with CD of music or sheet music. Accompaniment will be available for those bringing sheet music. Scheduled show dates are July 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31, and Aug 1, 2. Contact Mona Klein or Charlotte Miniard for more information (830) 438-2339.



Lions' Raffle Winner Receives Spurs Tickets

Cathy Brownlow, of the *Just Hatched* boutique in Bulverde was presented with four 3rd row seats and two VIP parking passes to the San Antonio Spurs vs. the Houston Rockets basketball game in San Antonio. Lions Club Treasurer Eldyn Ingerick presented the \$2,000-value winning tickets to the lucky winner. The raffle is part of the signature Bulverde Car Show, and helps the SBBLions raise funds for St. Jude's Ranch for Children and the Texas Lions Camp.



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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.

Movie Sponsorships Available

If you are a business owner and want to get more exposure locally consider becoming a movie sponsor. As a sponsor your advertising message will be displayed on the large screen prior to the movie showing. After the movie begins the ad messages will run on a continuous loop on a screen near the concession area.

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.



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Do You Know a Community Hero?

It's time to give something back to those in our community who so selflessly sacrifice their time and energy on a daily basis, especially for the pets in our community. Royally Spoiled Pet Services will begin hosting a complimentary Community Heroes Pet Tech First Aid and CPR Class every six months to thank our Community Heroes for their service. The first class will be on June 6, 2015.

The heroes nominated for this class are not required to work only with animals. We are looking for heroes who daily go above and beyond in their line of duty, and who may have a dog or cat in need of triage care cross their path someday. Maybe they have a special story that sets them apart, or they just work tirelessly day after day to improve our city and surrounding area.

The recipients of this complimentary class will learn necessary pet-saving skills including choking management, rescue breathing, pet CPR techniques, bleeding protocols, heat and cold-related injuries, and snout-to-tail assessment. Upon completion, they will be awarded a two-year training certificate and a patch to wear proudly.



For the first class, an invitation has already been extended to four heroes from local agencies who volunteer daily to support our local pet community. They are Samantha Wohler of Animal Rescue Connections, Lisa Andreasen-Davila of Canyon Lake Animal Shelter, Leanne Doglady of Comal County Lost and Found Dogs, and Kate Cook of Bulverde Area Humane Society.

There are two openings left in the first class, and we want to hear from you!

We plan on having six openings to fill at each Community Hero class every six months. Please nominate your community hero on our website at www.royallyspoiledpetservices.com or on a link you can find on our Facebook page. Thank you.

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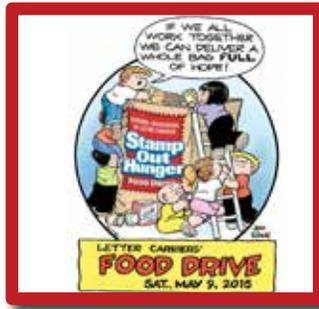
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						2 Run for the Hills 5K/10K 7:00a (Activity Ctr.) Chamber Market Day 10:00a (Bealls ctr.)
3	4 Early Voting 8:00a-5:00p (City Hall)	5 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 6:00sh (Bulverde Comm Park) Rebel Yells (S.T.A.G.E.)	9 Election Day 7:00a-7:00p Stamp Out Hunger Letter Carrier Food Drive Rebel Yells (S.T.A.G.E.)
10 Mother's Day	11 Friends of the Library Board 1:30p (Library) Library District Board 4:00p (Library)	12 Wellness on Wheels 9:00a (Provisions) Police Memorial Ceremony 5:30p (City Hall) City Council 6:30p	13	14 Job Fair 2:00p-6:00p (BSB 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.) Chamber Shred Day 9:00a (121 Bulverde Xing)
17 Rebel Yells (S.T.A.G.E.)	18 Chamber Golf Tourm. 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 5:00p (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.)
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						

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7 S.T.A.G.E. ELFS recitals 4:00p & 7:00p (STAGE)	8 Friends of the Library Board 1:30p (Library) Library District Board 4:00p (Library)	9 Wellness on Wheels 9:00a (Provisions) City Council 6:30p	10	11 Wine & Art 6:00p (Art Center) Bulverde Lions 7:00p (Bulv. Comm. Ctr.)	12 Movie in the Park dusk 8:00sh (Bulverde Comm. Park)	13 Bulverde FunFest at the Park 10:00a (Bulv. Comm. Park)
14 Flag Day	15 Community Garden Mtg. 5:15p (Activity Ctr.)	16	17 SBB Family Lions 7:30p (Activity Center)	18 ESD #1, 4, & 5 5:00p (353 Rodeo Dr.) BSBES 6:00p (353 Rodeo Dr.)	19	20
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