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# MAYOR'S POINT

**Bill Krawietz**  
Mayor of Bulverde, TX

On October 30th, once again the Bulverde area received a torrential amount of rain. The level of intensity and amount of rainfall in such a short time period of time was truly devastating. A staggering 10 to 14 inches fell in the upper parts of the Lewis Creek and Indian Creek watersheds, with the event eventually being officially declared a disaster by the County Judge.

Substantial local property damage resulted from the disaster event, most notably in Oak Village North and at the Bulverde Airpark. Lewis Creek flows through the middle of the OVN neighborhood, and the Indian Creek goes right through the Airpark, with both areas being near the bottom of their respective watersheds. Owning a hangar at the Bulverde Airpark, I can say the event was worse than the flood of 1998, and the worst we have personally seen since moving our business there in 1985.

As the City tries to manage the effects of development in our region, one of our biggest concerns is the proliferation of high density neighborhoods and storm water runoff. High density development means two things: increased

impervious cover and centralized wastewater treatment plants. Both of these items can spell disaster during a flood if not properly designed and constructed.

It is unfortunate that during this last flood event the area saw a breach in both a flood detention weir and a nearby sewer main in the newly constructed Johnson Ranch Subdivision. A section of Stahl Lane was also washed out just feet away due to the water rushing out of the weir.

Webster's dictionary defines a weir as: "a low wall or dam built across a stream or river to raise the level of the water or to change the direction of its flow." Basically, what was built on Johnson Ranch, a development outside of the City limits, was an earthen dam across a low lying area with a concrete weir or notch cut into it to let water out at a controlled rate during storm events. Because of the magnitude and intensity of the storm event, water eroded an area between the concrete weir and the surrounding earthen dam. The increased storm water flow then washed out a buried sewer main and the road just beyond it.

Although it is impossible to design and build infrastructure that can withstand all disaster scenarios, this failure was unacceptable in my opinion. City staff and I met on site with representatives of the developer and their engineer after the flood event. While the previous structure was designed to older standards from 10 years ago, we have made it clear that they need to go well beyond what was previously built to ensure that this NEVER happens again. The weir needs to

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be substantially fortified with concrete, energy dissipating devices need to be installed to slow the water being released, and the whole outflow basin should be concreted to protect the sewer main and other public infrastructure that crosses the outflow path. Eventually, culverts need to be placed under the roadway to protect it, and to allow for safer creek crossings during and after storm events.

The timing for this failure could not be worse (or better, depending on how you look at it). The storm water facilities, flood detention features and centralized wastewater system for 4S Ranch, a planned major high-density neighborhood, have yet to be fully approved. I can assure you, they will be heavily scrutinized. 4S Ranch geographically is just to the east of the weir structure that failed, and in many ways will be a continuation of the northern part of Johnson Ranch. The development will drain directly into the Lewis Creek which, as stated before, runs right through the OVN neighborhood.

The City has made major strides in enhancing our developmental standards since Johnson Ranch was approved years ago. Developers must now account for the flow rates coming off their property, and must mitigate the rates of flow to pre-development levels. In addition, from every flood we have better learned how our area's topography reacts to such events, and have incorporated that into a robust Stormwater Drainage Manual that new developments must now rigorously follow. These standards

help ensure that the flooding will not get worse, but we must also begin to develop strategies to make the existing flooding situation better.

One element that has been a topic of recent concern is the definition of the "100 year flood." Many people ask me why we seem to get "100 year floods" or greater on such a frequent basis. The reality is that a 100 year flood is really a "1% flood." It does not mean that you should only have an event of that magnitude every 100 years, but instead that any storm that comes through the area statistically has a 1% chance to reach that defined intensity level. However, since we seem to get rain events that exceed the current definition of a "100 year flood" every couple of years, it's time to update the statistics and again upgrade the drainage standards for new development.

At our November City Council meeting, the City Council authorized a respected local engineering firm to redefine our 100 year flood statistics, complete a detailed storm water drainage analysis of our flood prone Lewis Creek and Indian Creek watersheds, and begin to develop viable flood mitigation measures that we can hopefully implement in the near future.

We will continue to work to protect our citizens from the ill effects of new development and also look for ways to fix those problems that currently exist. That is my promise.

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# COMAL COUNTY CORNER

## Improved and New Facilities Throughout the County

by: Sherman Krause

Last year, a Comal County facilities committee developed a plan to address the increasing infrastructure needs county government was facing. Over the past several months, we have made significant progress on those projects.

First on the list was making improvements to the Goodwin Annex, allowing the Public Health Department to move in. The transition provides better space for the department staff and better access for the public needing those services. The office was closed the last week of October to make the move, and Public Health now offers its services in the new location.

The second project was a new Bulverde satellite office to house local branches of the county clerk's and tax offices and Precinct 2 justice of the peace and constable. The contractors have broken ground on that project and

expect to finish construction in the next few months.

The third item, a new impound yard for the Sheriff's Office, has already been built, and last month, Comal County voters gave the go ahead to issue \$76 million in bonds to begin item No. 4: a new county jail with the current facility to be renovated into Sheriff's Office space.

So now what? A new jail.

As anyone who has worked in construction knows, building can be a long process. When the facility is a 589-bed jail, the process gets more complex, thanks to the specialized equipment and technology needed to keep the jailers and the public safe.

So as important as a new jail is, it won't be built overnight. First, we need to select an architect to finalize the preliminary designs we used to estimate the cost; then, we need to hire a construction manager at risk to oversee the project. Once the architect has completed the drawings and the manager has engaged necessary subcontractors, construction can begin.

Once it begins, construction on the new jail is projected to last about 18 months, with the renovation of the current jail into office space taking another year.

This will be a big project. The votes have been cast; now the work begins.



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## Extreme Weather Events in 2015

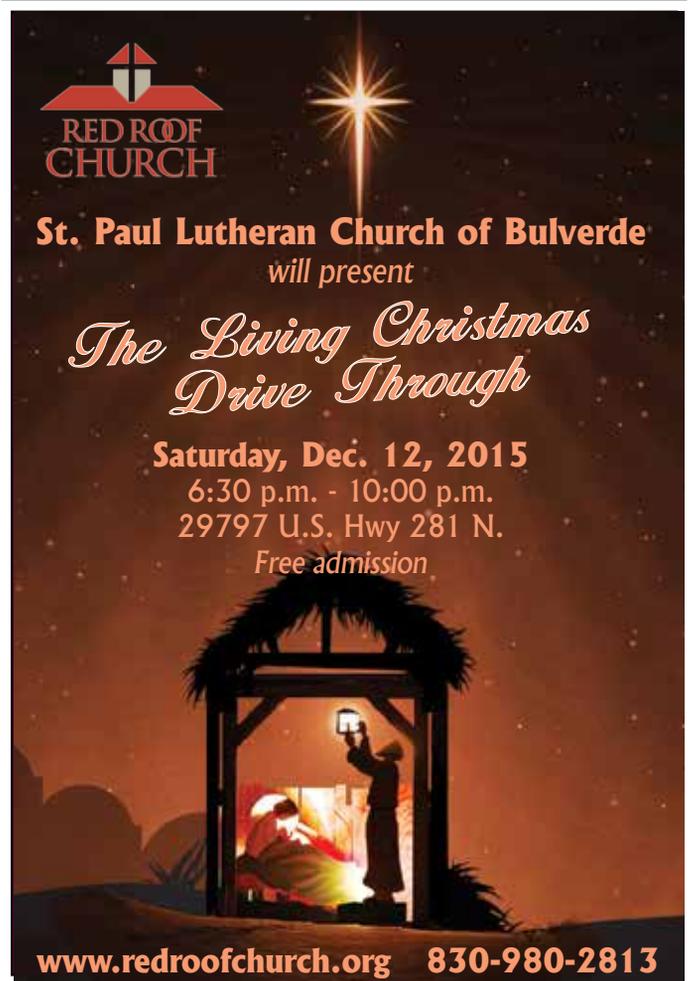
Almost any national or local weather forecast seems to mention something about the “El Nino” weather pattern occurring this winter, with most long range forecasts calling for a wetter-than-normal winter for south central Texas. The weather the Bulverde area has experienced thus far this fall certainly seems to be consistent with those predictions at this point. Comal County has seen its share of wet weather this fall, with a major rain event occurring throughout the Bulverde Spring Branch area in the early morning hours of Friday, October 30th.

The rains started falling hard around 3:00 a.m. and continued with extreme intensity until around 8 a.m., but during that period it’s estimated between 10 to 15 inches of rain fell in the Lewis, Indian, and Cibolo Creek watersheds, particularly at the upper parts of those watershed basins. Anytime that much rain falls in such a short period of time, our hilly locale is likely to see flooding activity. When it occurs at the top of the watersheds in such an intense manner, it means even many of the smaller creek systems see higher flooding activity as the water moves southward through the entire watershed. To put the event in perspective, our region only typically receives an average of 30 to 33 inches of rain all year. For one-third to one-half of that annual total to fall in just a few short hours illustrates the intensity of the extreme rain event on the 30th.

As the rains fell during the peak time for residents to be traveling to work and getting children to school, low water crossings and creeks began to fill rapidly, causing the calls for public safety assistance to start pouring in. Numerous roads in western Comal County had to be closed due to high flood water in low water crossings, including some of our major roadways such as Hwy 46, Hwy 281, and FM 1863. Unfortunately, numerous motorists did not heed the advice to “turn around, don’t drown,” and more than 40 swift water rescues had to be performed for motorists who decided to risk their own lives and the lives of our public safety personnel by trying to cross flooded roadways.

Knowing that flood waters were rising quickly in the north and west sectors of our community meant that water would soon be flowing to the south and east via the Lewis, Indian, and Cibolo Creeks. As the Lewis and Cibolo Creeks rose to levels that caused them to

flow over Hwy 281, on-duty public safety personnel were sent to key locations within the city, not only to warn downstream citizens door-to-door of potential flooding, but also to strategically place themselves in flood-prone areas that are known to be “cut off” due to high water over roadways during extreme weather events. Around 6:00 a.m. that morning Bulverde Police Department personnel began knocking on doors at residences that backed up to Lewis Creek in the Oak Village North neighborhood, warning them of high water levels upstream. City personnel also contacted Comal County Sheriff’s Office dispatch and the County’s Emergency Management personnel to initiate a reverse 911 call to residents in the affected areas, again warning them of the rising waters. Roadways were evacuated and motorists were instructed to move to higher ground. Several residents in those areas chose to leave voluntarily, while a few stuck it out inside their



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The Cibolo, Indian, and Lewis Creeks rose to levels reminiscent of the 1998 floods; with water spilling over Hwy 281 and over FM 1863. One of the key differences with the 2015 event was that with the dedicated work of our City and County emergency management and public safety personnel, we were able to initiate evacuations ahead of the anticipated rising flood waters. Even before the flood waters began to recede, City officials were out surveying the damage to homes, businesses, and public infrastructure; mobilizing crews to clear debris from roadways. Contact was made with various private water system purveyors in the area to insure public water supplies weren't compromised. In the days to follow, the City assisted in coordinating large roll-off dumpsters being delivered to flood damaged areas throughout the community that were hit the hardest to help with their cleanup efforts.

City officials have also been working closely with County Emergency Management personnel, keeping them well

informed of damages and needs within the community in the aftermath of the event, which was quickly declared an official disaster by Comal County Judge Krause. It is anticipated that the event will likely be declared a state disaster, as the extreme weather event affected numerous counties throughout central Texas. In early November, City personnel assisted County, State, and federal FEMA officials tour the Bulverde community to witness the damages first-hand. Various federal assistance programs are available to affected residents and businesses, so be sure to report damages on the County's property damage database if you have not done so already.

Although there was great deal of property damage throughout our community due to this latest extreme weather event, we are very fortunate that there were no reported major injuries or deaths in Bulverde, and much of that thanks goes to our dedicated public safety personnel and their quick and responsive actions throughout the disaster. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the families of the four reported fatalities that occurred in other areas of Texas during the October 30th event.

As usual here in South Central Texas, it seems to be either feast or famine when it comes to rain. Let's hope El Nino takes it easy on us the rest of the winter, or at least provides rain that doesn't come all at once.

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# HEALTH FACTS

## Understanding Shingles and the Importance of Vaccination

Contributed by Hannah Howlett\*

Shingles is a red, painful, burning skin rash with fluid-filled blisters. Shingles is caused by the same virus as Chicken Pox called Varicella Zoster. After we get the Chicken Pox as children, or the vaccination, the virus remains in our bodies. If our immune system fails due to illness, stress, or fatigue, Shingles rash can emerge. Once you have had Shingles, you are 30% more likely to have another Shingles outbreak. The rash can appear anywhere, but usually on one side of the body. The rash typically lasts up to 4 weeks. Other symptoms can include fever, headache, chills, upset stomach, and tiredness. Rarely, Shingles can lead to pneumonia, hearing loss, blindness, brain injury, or death. One in five people have severe nerve pain that lasts long after the rash is gone.<sup>1</sup> This is called Post Herpetic Neuralgia. Unfortunately, this potentially life-long condition has no cure, and the pain is only moderately controlled medical interventions.

Shingles is far more common in people over 50 years of age and those whose immune systems are weakened due to disease, medication, or stress. It is becoming more common for younger adults to be afflicted with this disease. It is estimated that over 1 million people a year will get Shingles. The best way to protect yourself from Shingles is to be vaccinated. Clinical trials show that vaccination reduces the risk of developing Shingles by 50% and reduces the severity and duration of rash. A one-time dose is recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for most adults 60 years of age and older.<sup>1</sup>

Some people should not get a Shingles vaccine or should wait. Do not get a Shingles vaccine if: you have had a life-threatening allergic reaction to gelatin, neomycin, MSG, or any of its components, a weakened immune system, undergoing a stem cell transplant, have HIV/AIDS or another disease that affects the immune system, medications that affect the immune system (like high-dose steroids, methotrexate, azothioprine, or 6-mercaptopurine), cancer treatment, cancers affecting bone marrow or lymphatic system (leukemia or lymphoma), pregnant or may be pregnant in the next four weeks, breast feeding, active Shingles infection, other live vaccines in last four weeks, moderate to severe illness with temperature greater than 101°F or will donate blood in the next four weeks. You will need to wait 48 hours after

a TB skin test to get the vaccine or 28 days after the shingles vaccine to get a TB skin test.

The Shingles vaccine is given under the skin on the back of the arm with the shortest needle of any vaccine. It can cause soreness or redness where the injection was given. Other possible side effects include fever, swollen glands, joint or muscle pain, and headache. As with any medication, a severe allergic reaction is possible, but unlikely, and usually starts within minutes of the vaccination while you are still at the pharmacy where they can help you. Signs of a severe allergic reaction include itching, redness, swelling of face and throat, difficulty breathing, fast heartbeat, high fever, behavioral changes, dizziness, and weakness. If these reactions occur at home, report them to your doctor. If they are severe and can't wait, call 9-1-1.

The Shingles vaccine is available on a walk-in basis at most pharmacies for people over 60. Most Medicare Part-D programs cover the majority of the cost. It is available by prescription for those over 50, although it may not be covered on insurance plans. This is a live vaccine and it comes frozen. It does take a bit longer to prepare than any other vaccine, so please give your pharmacist a few extra minutes. Please go talk to your pharmacist about a vaccine to help you prevent getting Shingles. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at (830) 438-1123.

1. Vaccine Information Statement by Centers of Disease Control and Prevention US Department of Health and Human Services

\*Hannah Howlett is a Pharmacist at the Walgreens Bulverde location on Hwy. 46.



# A Busy and Fun Year at the Bulverde Community Park!

The park has become a true gathering spot for the community, seeing a huge increase in use since its renovation. Every day walkers, dog walkers, joggers, and bicyclists are using the trails and grounds. Families are enjoying the playgrounds, splash pad, and sports fields. The pavilions have been used for parties, family gatherings, school classes, meetings, and community events. Local residents even go by to enjoy their lunch hour in the park.

In January, the new playground equipment and play surface were installed. The equipment was made possible by a very generous anonymous donation along with matching funds from the City of Bulverde.

The Bulverde Police Department and the Friends of the Park scheduled Movies in the Park on the 2nd Friday of each month from April to August. The movies were very well attended and these will continue in 2016.

In June, the Friends of the Park hosted the 2nd annual Bulverde Fun Fest. This event was also a huge success, with more than 20 activities provided by local businesses and charitable organizations. We had an estimated 800 attendees who enjoyed free food, drinks, and fun. The event had 44 local sponsors and donors along with a host of volunteers to make it all happen.

The Day of Services for the Bulverde Community was launched at the park in August. The event was sponsored by the Spring Branch-Bulverde Lions Club and supported by



the Friends of the Park. The event featured free school supplies, VIN etchings, medical screenings, and many other services all provided by local businesses. This is planned to be an annual event, so mark your calendars for next August.

Several significant donations were received for the park this year.

Doggie waste stations were donated by K-9 Country Club. New park benches were sponsored by Bulverde Hills Dental and Dr. and Mrs. Larry Sunn. The Bulverde Jubilee net proceeds were given to the Friends of the Park along with matching funds from the Gordon Hartman Family Foundation and GVTC Foundation. These funds totaled just over \$17,000 and are earmarked for park improvements for children with special needs.

The Friends of the Park also received proceeds from S.T.A.G.E. Theater's production in February. These and other funds raised this year are slated to be used to add more shade structures to the park. Funds raised by the Friends of the park in 2015 topped just over \$9,000 and was presented to the City of Bulverde for additional shade in the park.

If you enjoy the park, please consider making a donation to the Bulverde Community Parks Association, joining the monthly meetings on the 4th Tuesday of every month at City Hall, or join us for Park Shine with your garden gloves on the 4th Saturday of each month. More information about the Park, sponsorships, personalized brick pavers, and events can be found at [www.bulverdeparks.com](http://www.bulverdeparks.com).

Many thanks to all the donors and volunteers who helped make 2015 such a great year for the Park!



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Comal County is transitioning to a new emergency alert system, and all county residents are encouraged to sign up to receive text, email and/or voice alerts based on their home address.

Comal County is part of the 911 system overseen by Bexar Metro 911, which is transitioning from a system called Geocast to one called Everbridge. Although phone numbers from the old system have been transferred over to the new one, anyone seeking to update information, add an address or phone number, or check to make sure the correct number is in the system must re-register.

Beginning on November 2, Comal County began using Everbridge; anyone who registered on the old system should register again by visiting [mycomalcounty.com/reverse911](http://mycomalcounty.com/reverse911).

“Reverse-911 is our primary tool for letting people know when there’s an emergency in their area,” said Jeff Kelley, emergency management coordinator for

the county. “The Sheriff’s Office can push alerts to people based on where their home is located, but we need them to sign up to connect their cell phone number and email address to their physical address.”

The change affects thousands of Comal County phone numbers currently in the Geocast system. Although those numbers will still receive alerts, their owners should create a new account and re-enter their information to ensure it’s correct.

“We used reverse-911 on October 30 to alert residents in Bulverde and Spring Branch that they needed to shelter in place or seek higher ground, and along River Road that they needed to evacuate because of flash flooding,” Kelley said. “In the new system, you can enter addresses for your home, your work and your children’s school, and connect them all with your email address and cell phone so you can get the alerts that might make a difference in keeping you and your family safe.”



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# Friends in the Village of Bulverde Create a Triple Play for the Bulverde Community Park

The committee for the Bulverde Jubilee known as The Friends in the Village of Bulverde would like to express our gratitude to all the people who helped us raise \$7038.00 for special needs equipment for the Bulverde Community Park.



We are so excited that this year's Grand Marshal, Mr. Gordon Hartman, generously donated \$5000.00 from the Gordon Hartman Family Foundation to this very worthy cause. We are also pleased to announce that through the continued efforts of our committee, The GVTC Foundation granted another \$5000.00 for the same cause.



**This resulted in a total donation to the Bulverde Community Park of \$17,038.00**

We are so proud of the efforts of this committee. Months of planning go into making this annual event happen for our community. As a 501 (c) 3 organization, we strive every year to enhance our community by selecting a worthwhile nonprofit agency



to receive our proceeds. Assisting with operational costs as a sponsor of the Jubilee, the City of Bulverde not only improves the event, but also allows for more generous giving from the committee.

Special thanks to Gene Hartman for helping us with this very needed project. We salute the committee leaders; Jane Wood, Melissa Wood, Nancy Wehrung, Nancy Hotaling, Mary Bell, Margaret Brumley, Patty Prescott, Diane Roberts, Carol DeBoer, Debra Manea, and Diana Messick. We are grateful to the City of Bulverde for their support.

Our community does an awesome job in coming out and supporting this event, beginning with our heart-warming small town parade and supporting the vendors who are here with their wares and wonderful food and drink.

We'll see you in September 2016. Date to be announced soon!

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Since 1978, Bulverde Spring Branch Emergency Services has worked diligently to meet the needs of a rapidly expanding community with an equally expanding need for emergency medical care. We also work to identify, serve, and champion the needs of others. We are a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, and the ambulance fees do not cover the full cost of a 9-1-1 transport. The taxes you pay through your Emergency Service District fund is only 70% of our annual budget, so we must constantly seek additional funding from donations and other sources, such as charitable foundations. We thrive on the kindheartedness of generous individuals and from special talents many have to offer.

If privacy is a concern, and where a decade ago, organizations would encourage donors to be more public to help promote the beneficiaries and their missions, we understand the desire to remain anonymous. Some donors even find that they can do more and better giving by staying out of the limelight. If you need that private connection, Jo Zuercher at our Central Station, can bridge your story, your idea, your labor, your desire, to the right person, place, or thing, all while maintaining that obligation to your guardian angel secrecy! Become a part of an angel program where your anonymous donations, materially or financially, will make a difference for our Bulverde Spring Branch community any time of the year.

Without a budget for creative animation and splashy promotional pieces, we rely on a Dr. Seuss Grinch-like epiphany where a

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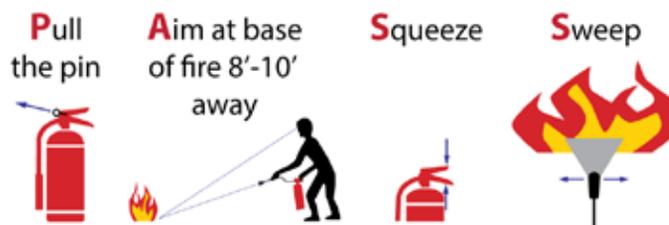
A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing one until the fire department arrives (extinguishers are not intended for out of control fires), and having an extinguisher within reach can be the difference between minor damage and catastrophe, or in extreme cases, life and death. Everyone should have at least one fire extinguisher at home, and experts recommend one for the kitchen, the garage, and workshop. Since fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the number one priority for residents is to get out safely.

Further, it is just as important to ensure you have the proper type of fire extinguisher. Fire extinguishers are divided into four categories, based on different types of fires. Each fire extinguisher also has a numerical rating that serves as a guide for the amount of fire the extinguisher can handle; the higher the number, the more fire extinguishing power. Some extinguishers are made for one specific type of fire, while others are made to work on several causes of fire. For example, by using an extinguisher rated for electronics, you will cause less damage to your computer/software.



Although there are many different types of fire extinguishers, all of them operate in a similar manner, but always read the instructions that come with the extinguisher to become familiar with its parts. Firefighters too often see tragedies because homeowners don't know how to use extinguishers, even when they have them in the house. To use a fire extinguisher correctly, remember the acronym P.A.S.S.

- P – Pin – Pull out the pin
- A – Aim – Aim the hose at the fire
- S – Squeeze – Squeeze the handle (be aware, the handle might be stiff)
- S – Spray – Spray at the base of the fire



Moreover, your extinguisher will need a visual, monthly inspection (done by you) and an annual inspection by a certified extinguisher inspector. Each firm engaged in the business of portable fire extinguishers or fixed extinguisher systems must have an Extinguisher Certificate of Registration (ECR). The extent of work, allowed by the firm (installing or servicing portable fire extinguishers or planning, certifying, installing, or servicing fixed fire extinguisher systems), is limited by the license held by their employees, and as tested and certified by the State Fire Marshal's office. To search for companies and personnel licensed by the State Fire Marshal's Office visit their site: <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/fire/fmli.html>

A few final notes on extinguishers — a typical fire extinguisher contains 10 seconds of extinguishing power. This could be less if it has already been partially discharged. Once the fire is out, don't walk away! Watch the area for a few minutes in case it re-ignites. Recharge the extinguisher immediately after use.

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# 2015 has Been a Banner Business Year in Bulverde

By Sherry Mosier, President, BSBEDF, Inc.



As you probably already know, we have some awesome businesses within our community. In fact, several were recognized this year by various organizations and publications.

Most recently, the *San Antonio Express-News* published its list of “Top Workplaces in 2015” and several of our current and incoming businesses were recognized. On the Large Employers list: **Nationwide Insurance (#7)**, **Security Service Federal Credit Union (#8)**, **Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union (#11)**, and **Christus Santa Rosa Health System (#19)**; on the Mid-Size Employers list: **Express Lube (#10)**, **Allstate (#12)**, **GVTC (#13)** and **Quest Diagnostics (#20)**; and on the Small Employers list: **M&S Engineering (#9)**.

In September, Texas Physical Therapy Specialists announced that they signed an agreement with Learfield Sports’ UTSA Roadrunners Sports Properties to be the official physical therapy provider of University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) Athletics.

In July, the San Antonio Business Journal announced the “2015 Fast Track” businesses with \$10 million or more in revenue for

fiscal 2014. **Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union (RBFCU)** and **Texas Physical Therapy Specialists** were 2 out of the 10 businesses recognized as earning this achievement.

Also in July, *Cablefax Magazine* awarded **GVTC** its Independent Technology Award for the rollout of the **GVTC GigaRegion®**. The honor was also featured in the magazine’s 2015 Top Ops Awards July issue. Cablefax stated GVTC was selected for using Gigabit technology in a creative way and for the GigaRegion’s unique private-public partnership with the cities of Bulverde, Boerne, and Gonzales to promote gigabit speeds and to compete for jobs and generate economic development.

In June, two of our local businesses were recognized as top 50 finalists by the San Antonio Business Journal in 2015 at its annual “Best Places to Work Awards” event. **Futurex** placed **2nd** under the “Medium Company” category and **Service King Paint and Body** took **1st** place under the “Very Large Company” category.

In May, Robert Hunt, **GVTC** Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and Business Operations, was elected Chairman of USTelecom’s board of directors. USTelecom is the nation’s premier trade association representing broadband service providers and suppliers for the telecom industry.

In April, the SABJ announced the winners of its “Best in Commercial Real Estate Awards” and our new Singing Hills Development won Best Retail Development and Best New Development.

In March, Bulverde’s partnership in the **GVTC GigaRegion** earned international recognition. The Broadband Multimedia Marketing Association selected GVTC as a recipient of its coveted “Best in Class Marketing Award” for 2015. This award is given to teams and companies that demonstrate innovation or excellence in marketing broadband services. GVTC won for its GigaRegion Partnership Launch Campaign with the cities of Bulverde, Boerne and Gonzales, which kicked off in June 2014.

Last but not least, at the January 2015 Professional Photographer’s Southwest District Competition, our very own, **Sam Robert’s Photography**, won a Merit Award for their “Gossip Girls” picture.

We are very proud of the accomplishments of our local businesses and the fact that they are a part of this great community. These businesses bring needed jobs to our local economy and provide an ideal workplace for their employees with great career opportunities, benefits, and shorter commute times to foster a better quality of life for our residents. These businesses continue to put the Bulverde/Spring Branch Area

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on the map as the Premier Texas Hill Country Community to live, learn, WORK, and play! Congratulations to all these fine employers for going the extra mile for your employees and our community!

Businesses that joined our community this year include, but are not limited to, ABCD Pediatrics, All County Home Care & Hospice, Archundi Western Wear, Armed in American Firearms, Bags and Brews, Barber 281, Circuit Fitness, Farmhouse Market, Hanson's Hill Country Catering, Kelani Yogurt, Living Rock Academy, Morningstar Mini Storage, Premier Dental Center, Primary Care and Specialty of Bulverde, Romtag Riflewerks, T's Treasures, Walgreens, and Walmart.

To assist all our existing and new businesses, we held our very first community job fair in May, where 25 employers and 318 job seekers participated. In August, we held a job fair specifically for Walmart where 87 applicants signed in. In November, we held our second community job fair where 12 employers and 116 job seekers participated.

Additionally, A&E Air Conditioning & Heating moved its corporate headquarters from northern Bexar County to the new Bulverde Hills Properties retail location at 2877 Bulverde Road in the City of Bulverde's Downtown Village area.

Finally, Faithville Village was acquired by the Masso Family Limited Partnership (MFLP) and has been renamed The Shops at Faithville Park. The MFLP's new entity, Faithville, LLC has redevelopment plans of over \$5 million, which will encompass over 11 acres, approximately 70,000 square feet of lease space featuring 40 different retail, restaurant and professional services--unique gifts, clothing, home decor, spa services, auto services, hair salon, fitness training, delicious cafes, special event center, bed & breakfast suites, amphitheater, children's park, dog park & more. For more information visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/faithvillepark>.

Stay tuned for more businesses to come to our area in 2016!

Please visit our website at [www.bsbedf.com](http://www.bsbedf.com), our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/bsbedf> or call us at 830.885.4331 to learn more about who we are, what we do, and how we can help you start or expand your business. The BSBEDF is committed to assisting our community in its efforts to manage growth while maintaining our rural character and quality of life.

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# Downtown Bulverde Village Area Set to be Connected With GVTC Fiber Technology

It's an important advancement for the City of Bulverde and the GVTC GigaRegion®. In the coming weeks, GVTC will make its state-of-the-art fiber network available to hundreds of homes in the Bulverde Hills/Bulverde Estates neighborhoods, along with businesses located in the Downtown Bulverde Village area.

The fiber upgrade brings the latest in communications technology to Bulverde residents, and strengthens the City's partnership with the GVTC GigaRegion. Homes and businesses in this area will have access to a dedicated fiber connection that can deliver Internet speeds up to 1 gigabit, the fastest in the area, along with more than 275 digital TV channels, high-quality voice communication, and GVTC connectHome® security monitoring.

An important benefit of fiber technology is the fast Internet upload speeds, which is very beneficial for Bulverde residents who work from home and need to exchange large files with the office. Fiber internet connections are also great for streaming videos and for those online gamers in the family. Research also shows that homes connected with fiber technology increase in value. The FTTH\* Council released a study that shows fiber connected homes gain an



average of 3.1% in worth. Research firm RVA LLC, found the same thing—fiber technology increases home value by \$5,000 to \$6,000.

GVTC's fiber extension into the heart of Bulverde essentially makes the community a complete fiber city. Through the GVTC GigaRegion partnership, the City, along with the Bulverde-Spring Branch Economic Development Foundation, will have an important asset to retain jobs and attract businesses that need high-broadband capacity to operate their company.

"From the beginning, Bulverde's City leaders embraced the GVTC GigaRegion concept to leverage fiber technology to compete for economic development and enhanced quality of life for our communities," GVTC President and CEO, Ritchie Sorrells, said. "I commend Mayor Krawietz, the City Council, and City Manager E.A. Hoppe for their forward thinking that has contributed to our partnership's success."

GVTC is targeting the end of November 2015 to finish the fiber network extension to the Bulverde downtown area. GVTC will contact customers directly to let them know when the fiber technology is available to them.

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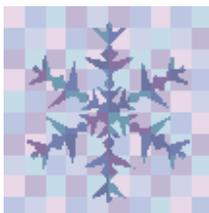
With the holiday season upon us, members of the City of Bulverde and Bulverde Police Department want all citizens, visitors, and commuters to stay safe during the holidays, and will be taking extra steps to assist with creating a safer community. With Halloween and Thanksgiving now behind us, we are looking ahead to Christmas and the New Year.

Additional Bulverde Police Officers will be on patrol during the holiday season, with an emphasis on speeding and DWI enforcement. Enforcement periods coincide with the statewide Texas Department of Transportation Selective Traffic Enforcement Periods. There are also plans for additional bike patrols in commercial areas during peak shopping periods, as well as our Volunteers in Police Services watching out for suspicious activity.

Additionally, the Bulverde Police Department would like to remind everyone to stay alert during the holidays to avoid becoming a victim of crime. Criminals will often target shopping areas during the holidays, looking for crimes of opportunity. When you leave your vehicle, do not leave items of value where they can be seen. Place them under the seat or in the trunk before you arrive at your location. Always be sure you lock your vehicle, as many thefts can be avoided by simply doing so. When walking to and from your vehicle, be observant of what is going on around you. Ladies, please never leave your purse unattended, even while you are inside the store shopping. Incidents have occurred right here in Bulverde with suspects, on video, lifting items from unsuspecting victims while their back is turned.

Staying vigilant is the key to avoid becoming a victim of crime. Our citizens can be one of our best defenses against criminal activity by reporting suspicious activity. So please, if you observe suspicious activities, do not hesitate to report it to local law enforcement.

Best wishes and Happy Holidays from your Bulverde Police Department and the City of Bulverde!



## A Boot Stompin' Christmas at the S.T.A.G.E. Inc. Open House

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Santa has his boots ready to come to S.T.A.G.E. and put a little Christmas in your heart. So get your boots on and join us. We are again participating in the Hill Country Christmas Lighting Tour by hosting an Open House on Sunday, December 13th from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Krause House, 1300 Bulverde Road. Refreshments will be available and the Comal County Community Band will be playing.

Come by, visit with us, enjoy the music of the band, and bring your children to visit Santa—he will be here between 5:30 PM and 8:00 PM.

Nonperishable food items will be accepted for Provisions.

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# The Buzz From the Garden



BY: Lorelei Mayer and Members of the Bulverde Community Garden



With the warm weather this fall, the Community Garden has produced large quantities of fall veggies. Lettuce, tomatoes, beans, peppers, radishes, cucumbers, and onions have been plentiful, not to mention the okra.

This year in the community garden we've had an abundance of okra; enough that some folks got tired of eating it. What to do? Make Christmas ornaments out of the dried pods. Either pick the pods and let them dry or let them dry on the plant. They make great angels with a coat of paint, a bead and a couple of leaves for wings. Or paint them as Santa.

Tomato cages can also be put to good use when wrapped with lights. Fresh or silk greenery can also be added, along with decorative mesh and outdoor ornaments.

Look around your yard: pull some grapevines down and make some wreaths. Decorate it with some attractive seed heads and grasses, our native agarita bush has leaves that look like holly (wear gloves!), nandina has beautiful berries this time of year, spray paint some seed pods of Texas Mountain Laurel. You'd be amazed at what you can create from looking at your garden in a new way!

*If you or your business would like to secure a plot (at no cost), please visit the Garden website at [www.bulverdecommunitygarden.com](http://www.bulverdecommunitygarden.com) or contact Joanne Hall at [johall@gvtc.com](mailto: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.*

## BSB LIBRARY HOLIDAY EVENTS



Can't get enough of Christmas? Then come to Bulverde/Spring Branch Library and participate in our Holiday Events! Ring in December with a glittery welcome by entering a wreath, tree, or table-top display for **Holiday on the Hilltop decorating contest**. Setup is at the Library from November 30 to December 5, and the winners will be announced at the Polar Express Family Event on December 22. "Check out" details on our website <http://bsblibrary.org/>

If sampling holiday treats is more your cup of tea, join the Friends of the Library at their free **Annual Holiday Tea on December 3 from 4-6 pm**. They'll have plenty of delightful goodies and stories to share.

The Library will also be telling its share of tales during December. The live rendition of Clement Moore's **Night Before Christmas will be presented on December 12 from 11 am-1 pm**; and Ms. Elizabeth will be reading **The Polar Express on December 22 from 6-7:45 pm**. Expect a good helping of milk and cookies, crafts, and a "special guest in red" on both days. Just remember to show up and park that sleigh out front for some Ho-Ho-Wholesome Holiday Fun.

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# The Season of Love is Upon Us!



by: Animal Rescue Connections

You love your pets and want to keep them safe. Here are a few holiday tips so that the entire family can have a safe and happy holiday season. You can find more at our website, [www.animalrescueconnections.org](http://www.animalrescueconnections.org).

- Keep the cats and dogs away from the candy. Most of it, especially chocolate and xylitol, is toxic. Even a small amount can be fatal for your pet.
- Keep cats and dogs away from candles. A wagging tail or mad dash can tip over these items, cause burns or start a fire.
- Tinsel may be pretty but it can cause serious intestinal problems if ingested.

And if you are thinking of adding to your household over the holidays, remember that “Love can be Blind,” so consider opening your home to a special needs cat or dog. So if you are thinking about adopting a blind cat or dog, here are some things to consider.



Just because your companion is blind doesn't mean you can't rearrange the furniture. You can, but be sure to give your cat or dog time to figure out the new placement of things. And don't move things like food dishes and litter boxes. It's important to keep those items in the same place.

Your cat or dog will use their other senses to orient themselves to their new home. Dogs' and cats' sense of smell and hearing are superior to that of humans. Humans have about 5 million odor-sensitive cells in their noses; for cats it's 19 million and dogs its 200 million.

The keys are to:

- be patient with your blind cat or dog,
- use toys that make noise and stimulate the senses,
- let your cat or dog know you're coming by saying something before picking up or petting him or her,
- be consistent in feeding routines, and
- be safety conscious and don't leave things lying around that the cat or dog can hurt themselves on or fall into. Block access to the outside and hazardous areas.

Animal Rescue Connections sometimes has special needs animals available for adoption (including three blind kittens and a cat with special dietary needs due to a physical injury). To learn about any of our animals available for adoption, stop by and see us at PetSmart at Hwy. 281 and Evans or visit our page at <http://tinyurl.com/q35pphk>.

## Our Crisis of Pet Overpopulation Every Pet Owner's Responsibility

by Carrye Franzel



The crisis of overflowing animal shelters is profound in our area. We are in one of the worst areas nationally for euthanizing healthy animals simply because we have too many. In the Pacific Northwest, the Northeast, and some other US regions, shelters are near empty and strays are nonexistent.

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- No spay/neuter laws
- High stray populations—dogs and cats
- Most pets not carrying identification
- Lack of awareness—that pet ownership is a responsibility

At the Sulverde Area Humane Society (BAHS), we receive calls daily from owners wanting to surrender their pets. Calls always exceed our capacity for intake. Stray intake pushes the limits further. This is the norm for area shelters and county-contracted facilities like San Antonio's Animal Care Services—overwhelmed and overrun with unwanted litters, owner-relinquished, and abandoned animals. The New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung's October 29 cover story featured the Humane Society of New Braunfels' (HSNBA) recent intake crisis which forced them to place overflow animals in crates in the hallway. Many were clearly pets, likely escaped during the storms, picked up by Animal Control and taken to HSNBA, the Comal County facility. Most of the animals picked up were without identification – no collar/tag, no microchip, with little hope of reuniting with the owner. Comal County Lost and Found Dogs (CCLFD) maintains an always-active Facebook page because lost and found pets are an epidemic here. And most of their posts are for dogs and cats without any form of identification. This is sadly typical in our area.



Adopting a pet should be a lifetime commitment to the animal, 14 or more years is not unusual. Most life changes do not mean giving up a pet, if the original decision to acquire one was well-made. But many are acquired without thought to the time a pet takes,

exercise needs, or whether that animal fits the lifestyle. A puppy requires exponentially more; as a young adult dog, he is the most common owner-surrender to a shelter. We often hear at these times “I don't have time for him anymore.” This would not be happening with such regularity with more honest assessments of the ability to provide for a pet. Being a responsible pet owner means thinking long term, not just to what is appealing at the moment. It means if you get one, spaying or neutering that pet and keeping up-to-date on vaccinations. It means keeping identification on your pet—a tag, a Sharpie-marked collar, a microchip, a rabies tag—something that can give your pet a chance to get home if she gets out. It means you don't let your animals wander the neighborhood, where lives are shortened and unwanted litters are created.

Our crisis of pet overpopulation has a solution. All we need do is look elsewhere to know it is possible. Every pet owner can help bring us one step closer to a healthy pet population, perhaps even vacancies in our animal shelters.

*(Photos courtesy of Laura McKenzie of the New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung and the New Braunfels Humane Society)*

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# 10 Ways to Conserve Water in Your Home

by the Comal Trinity Groundwater Conservation District



Water conservation has become an essential practice in all regions, especially in Comal County where water continues to be scarce. The Comal Trinity Groundwater

Conservation District (CTGCD) is committed to sustaining water availability for many years to come. In addition to saving money on your utility bill, water conservation helps prevent water pollution in nearby lakes, rivers, and local watersheds.

Conserving water can also extend the life of your septic system by reducing soil saturation, and reducing pollution due to leaks. The smaller the amount of water flowing through these systems, the lower the likelihood of pollution.

Our CTGCD research indicates that we use 50 to 70 gallons of water indoors each day and about the same amount outdoors, depending on the season. Indoors, 3/4 of all water is used in the bathroom. In the average home, the toilet accounts for 28% of water use. Running a sprinkler for two hours can use up to 500 gallons. As much as 150 gallons of water can be saved when washing a car by turning the hose off between rinses. Washing a sidewalk or driveway with a hose uses about 50 gallons of water every 5 minutes.

The GTCGD offers these 10 water conservation tips for your home:

1. Check faucets and pipes for leaks. A small drip from a worn faucet washer can waste 20 gallons of water per day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds of gallons.

2. Check your toilets for leaks. Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately. Most replacement parts are inexpensive and easy to install.

3. Don't use the toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket. Every time you flush a cigarette butt, facial tissue, or other small bit of trash, five to seven gallons of water is wasted.

4. Use your water meter (if you have one) to check for hidden water leaks. Read the house water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.

5. Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators. Inexpensive water-saving low-flow shower heads or restrictors are easy for the homeowner to install. Also, long, hot showers can use 5 to 10 gallons every unneeded minute. Limit your showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down, and rinse off. "Low-flow" means it uses less than 2.5 gallons per minute. Also, all household faucets should be fit with aerators. This single best home water conservation method is also the cheapest!

6. Put plastic bottles in your toilet tank. To cut down on water waste, put an inch or two of sand or pebbles inside each of two plastic bottles to weigh them down. Fill the bottles with water, screw the lids on, and put them in your toilet tank, safely away from the operating mechanisms. This may save ten or more gallons of water per day. Be sure at least 3 gallons of water remain in the tank so it will flush properly. If there isn't enough water for a proper flush, users will hold the lever down too long or do multiple flushes to get rid of waste. Two flushes at 1.4 gallons are worse than a single 2.0 gallon flush. For new installations, buy "low flush" toilets, which use 1 to 2 gallons per flush instead of the usual 3 to 5 gallons. Replacing a 3 to 5 gallon flush toilet with a low volume 1½ gallon flush model represents a 70% savings in water flushed and will cut your indoor water use by about 30%.

7. Insulate your water pipes. It's easy and inexpensive to insulate your water pipes with pre-slit foam pipe insulation. You'll get hot water faster and you'll avoid wasting water while it heats up.

8. Adjust your hygiene routine to use less water—take shorter showers; turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush; stopper and fill your sink with a few inches of warm water to swish your razor in to clean it—small adjustments like this can reduce water use more than you might think.

9. Use your dishwasher and clothes washer for only full loads. Automatic dishwashers and clothes washers should be fully loaded for optimum water conservation. Most makers of dishwashing soap recommend that you not pre-rinse dishes; this is a big water savings. Avoid the permanent press cycle on your washing machine; it uses an added 5 gallons for the extra rinse. For partial loads, adjust water levels to match the size of the load. If you're in the market for a new clothes washer, consider buying a water-saving frontload washer.

10. When washing dishes by hand, don't run the water for rinsing. If you have a double-basin, fill one with soapy water and one with rinse water. If you have a single-basin sink, gather washed dishes in a dish rack and rinse them with a spray device or a panful of hot water.

Connect with us at your Comal Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (CTGCD). Attend the CTGCD monthly meetings or sign up for our water conservation newsletter at [www.ComalTrinityGCD.com](http://www.ComalTrinityGCD.com). In the next issue we'll publish tips for water conservation in your yard and garden.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>NOTES:</b> Bulverde City Council, Bulverde Planning and Zoning Commission, and Friends of the Park meetings are held at Bulverde City Hall (30360 Cougar Bend)						
	1 Planning & Zoning 6:30p	2 BAAC mtg 6:30p (Art Center) SBB Family Lions 7:30p (Activity Ctr.) Chamber Annual Mtg. 5:30p (Max's Roadhouse)	3 FOL Christmas Tea 4:00p (Library)	4	5 Holiday Hunger Run 5K/10K 6:30a reg./8:00a run start (Tejas Rodeo)	
6	7	8 City Council 6:30p	9	10 BSBES 5:30p (353 Rodeo Dr.) Bulverde Lions 7:00p (Bulv. Comm. Ctr.)	11	12 Night Before Christmas 11:00a (Library)
13	14 Friends of Library Board mtg. 1:00p (Library) Rural Library District mtg. 4:00p (Library)	15 Native Plant Soc. 7:00p (GVTC)	16	17 ESD #1, 4, & 5 5:30p (353 Rodeo Dr.)	18 POET Program 5:30p (City Hall)	19 Shine the Park 8:00a (Bulv. Comm. Park)
20	21 CISD Holiday CTGCD* 6:00p (JR Fire/EMS station)	22 CISD Holiday Polar Express 6:00p (Library)	23 CISD Holiday	24 City Hall Closed CISD Holiday	25 Christmas City Hall Closed CISD Holiday	26
27 BAAC Holiday Art Show Ends	28 CISD Holiday	29 CISD Holiday	30 CISD Holiday	31 CISD Holiday		

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## JANUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 Planning & Zoning 6:30p (Activity Ctr.)	6 BAAC mtg 6:30p (Art Center) SBB Family Lions 7:30p (Activity Ctr.)	7 Wellness on Wheels 1:00p (St. Joseph's Honey Ctr.)	8	9
10 S.T.A.G.E. Auditions 4:00p (S.T.A.G.E.)	11 Friends of Library Board mtg. 1:00p (Library) Rural Library District mtg. 4:00p (Library)	12 City Council 6:30p	13	14 Bulverde Lions 7:00p (Bulv. Comm. Ctr.)	15	16 Garden Workshop 10:00a (Activity Ctr.) S.T.A.G.E. Annual Membership Mtg. 6:00p (S.T.A.G.E.)
17	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day City Hall Closed CTGCD* 6:00p (JR Fire/EMS station) CISD Holiday	19 Native Plant Soc. 7:00p (GVTC)	20 SBB Family Lions 7:30p (Activity Ctr.)	21 BSBES 5:30p (353 Rodeo Dr.) ESD #1, 4, & 5 6:30p (353 Rodeo Dr.) Friends of Library Annual Meeting 5:00p (BSB Library)	22	23 Shine the Park 8:00a (Bulv. Comm. Park)
24 31	25	26 Friends of the Park 6:00p	27	28 Bulverde Lions 7:00p (Bulv. Comm. Ctr.)	29 POET Program 5:30p (City Hall)	30

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