



THE  
FRONT PORCH  
News



News and Information from the City of Bulverde and our Neighbors  
Issue 4 ★ May/June 2014

# THE FRONT PORCH News

**CITY OF BULVERDE**  
ALL DEPARTMENTS  
(COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS, POLICE, ETC.)

MAIN NUMBER  
830-438-3612

METRO LINE  
830-980-8832

FAX  
830-438-4339

<b>Bill Krawietz</b> , MAYOR	<b>Kirk Harrison</b> , COUNCIL
<b>Rob Hurst</b> , MAYOR PRO TEM	<b>Gene Hartman</b> , COUNCIL
<b>Yvonne Chapman</b> , COUNCIL	<b>Ray Jeffrey</b> , COUNCIL

**COMAL COUNTY**  
MAIN NUMBER  
877-724-9475

ANIMAL CONTROL  
830-608-2016

COMMISSIONER, PCT 2  
830-221-1102

COMMISSIONER, PCT 1  
830-221-1101

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT 2  
830-438-2266

ROAD & BRIDGE  
830-608-2090

SHERRIFF'S OFFICE  
830-885-4883

TAX OFFICE  
830-438-6172

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**  
(IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL 911)

NONEMERGENCY LINE  
830-620-3400

BULVERDE SPRING BRANCH FIRE & EMS  
830-228-4501

CENTRE FOR EMERGENCY HEALTH SCIENCES  
830-228-4504

**BSB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
830-438-4285

**BSB LIBRARY**  
830-438-4864

**FRONT PORCH NEWS**  
editor@ci.bulverde.tx.us



**KenCom Real Estate Services**



**Real Estate**  
**Sales • Marketing • Property Management**



**Yvonne Chapman (210) 240-3148**

**At Your Service**

**YvonneLChapman@yahoo.com**

## Bulverde Feed & Seed



**Deer Feed ~ Feeders**  
**Horse ~ Livestock Feed**  
**Quality Hay**  
**Pet Food**

**(830) 438-3252**

**www.BulverdeFeed.com**

**Hwy 281 Just south of FM 1863**



## Mayor's Point

There are many similarities to the proposed cement plant in Spring Branch to that of the one which was going to be built at the southeast corner of US 281 and FM 1863 in the mid-1990s. At that time, many Bulverde residents had concerns that

included aesthetic, environmental, water availability, and, most importantly, traffic safety at the then unimproved intersection.

A Bulverde-based community group called "Citizens for Environmental Action Now" (CLEAN) was formed to fight the plant. The group raised funds and educated themselves on what could be done. They hired an attorney and petitioned the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to deny the permit. Every person with any influence was contacted and pleaded with. They quickly found out that little could be done. Plans to construct the plant went forward.

Around that same time, community members learned of

San Antonio's plans to extend their City limits northward past the Cibolo creek, effective December 31st of 1997, thus moving their Extra Territorial Jurisdiction all the way up to Hwy 46. If that would have been allowed to occur, it would have meant that eventually the Bulverde community would be annexed and become just another one of the big city's neighborhoods.

This was not what most of the community residents wanted. There was an overwhelming desire to retain our identity and have a say in how we developed. The only answer was to incorporate.

During several Town Hall meetings, community members weighed the pros and cons of being our own City. Cost estimates were put together for maintaining our roads and providing police protection, both of which would no longer be provided by the County after incorporation.

Because there was not sufficient population to incorporate a large enough area, three smaller, separate cities were put on the ballot for the November, 1997 election. The effort passed in favor by a vote of eight to one. This preempted San Antonio's further ETJ expansion.

Eventually, a total of five separate Bulverde Cities were incorporated. Each one was initially independent but later brought together thru a coordinated consolidation effort.

*(Continued on page 4)*

# GUY PETERSON, DDS

*Bulverde  
Dental*

*Caring, Gentle, Personalized,  
and Attentive Dental Care*

- Invisalign® Braces
- Sedation Dentistry
- Dental Implants
- Cosmetic Dentistry
- Superior Dentures and Partial
- Latest Techniques and Technology

2395 Bulverde Rd. • Bulverde, TX 78163

**www.bulverdedental.com**

**830.980.2869**

*Free Teeth Whitening or Free Braun Oral B Electric Toothbrush (your choice)  
when you come in for a new patient exam and x-rays and mention this ad.*

(Mayor, Continued from page 3)

The procedure required that first the smaller city voted to be absorbed. Then, at the next election cycle, the larger city voted to take them in. It took a total of seventeen elections to complete the process.

It was important to consolidate the small cities of two square miles each, and that was the community's intent from the beginning. While each small city would have struggled to provide services on their own, consolidation provided an economy of scale and a coordinated voice from elected officials and administrative staff.

So what happened to the 1990s cement plant? They decided not to fight a city and instead moved beyond our city-limit boundary at the time. Most other negative development since then has also done the same.

Today, as you drive through Bulverde, you can see the benefits of being a city. Development is held to a higher standard, our Police protection is second to none, we have built a first class City Park, and the Community Garden is currently under construction.

I'm not a big government guy. To me, incorporation was a "necessary evil." Sure, the City has had some growing pains over the years but we have matured. Today we have an excellent staff and a City Council that is planning for the future.

This has all been done on a tax rate that is approximately half of what we told the voters during the incorporation effort, and we remain debt free.

**Bill Krawietz**  
Mayor of Bulverde, TX

## League of Women Voters to Publish Guide

The League of Women Voters of Comal Area will publish the Voters Guide in the New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung Sunday edition before early voting begins on April 28, 2014, and post it on the League of Women Voters of Comal Area website [www.lwvtexas.org/local/comalarea](http://www.lwvtexas.org/local/comalarea). They will also distribute the guides to public places in Comal County like libraries. The *Voters Guide*, produced by the League of Women Voters of Comal Area, gives voters information about candidates and their positions, as well as information about local polling places and times.

The League of Women Voters of Comal Area is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The goal of the League of Women Voters of the United States is to empower citizens to shape better communities worldwide.

# City of Bulverde and Comal ISD Elections

On Saturday, May 10, 2014, City and School District elections will be held. This information will help you know when and where to cast your vote.

<b>City of Bulverde Elections</b>	
<b>Office of Mayor and 2 City Council Seats</b>	
Residents within the city limits are eligible to cast ballots in this election.	
Early Voting	Election Day
Weekdays Mon., April 28–Tues., May 6 8 am–5 pm	Saturday May 10 7 am–7 pm 
Wednesday, April 30 7 am–7pm	
Tuesday, May 6 7 am–7pm	
Bulverde City Hall 30360 Cougar Bend	Bulverde City Hall 30360 Cougar Bend

<b>CISD Election: Trustee for District 4</b>	
(encompassing the portions of Bulverde east of Hwy 281) Residents of Trustee District 4 are eligible to cast ballots in this election.	
Early Voting	Election Day
Weekdays Mon., April 28–Tues., May 6 8 am–5 pm	Saturday May 10 7 am–7 pm 
Wednesday, April 30 7 am–7pm	
Tuesday, May 6 7 am–7pm	
Bulverde City Hall 30360 Cougar Bend	Smithson Valley Middle School 6101 FM 311

*Prominent Properties*

BUYING  SELLING  FRIENDLY ADVICE

**JoDee Gilmore**  
Realtor®  
Direct 210.887.5885 • Fax 210.957.7171  
JoDeeGilmore@gmail.com • [www.JoDeeGilmore.com](http://www.JoDeeGilmore.com)

CALL ME TODAY for a **FREE**  
Comparative Market Analysis of Your Home

Specializing in - Residential Home & Land Sales,  
Owner Finance Properties, Luxury Home  
Marketing & Sales, VA & Tx Vet Programs

VISIT [www.JoDeeGilmore.com](http://www.JoDeeGilmore.com) FOR A FULL  
LIST of HOMES FOR SALE in YOUR AREA







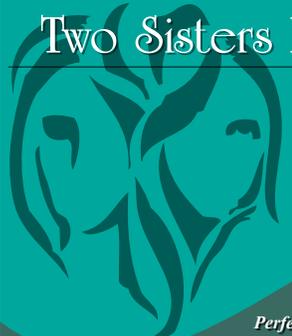
## Getting to Know Danny Batts

Serving as City Secretary since July of 2013, Danny Batts is a relatively new face at Bulverde City Hall. Danny holds degrees in government from UTSA and Texas State University, and came to Bulverde after serving as Deputy City Secretary for the City of New Braunfels and City Secretary for the City of Buda. He grew up in and around Dripping Springs, and along with his wife, Nilsa, is excited to live and work in Bulverde, the "Front Porch of the Texas Hill Country."

The position of City Secretary, also called City Clerk, is established by state law, and is one of the oldest positions in City Government, even being referenced in the Bible (Acts 19:35). Today, the primary responsibilities of the City Secretary's Office are managing the City's records program, overseeing the City's elections, and managing compliance with state open meetings and open records laws. The City Secretary also plays a role in the City Council agenda process, administers oaths to City officials, and routinely interacts with every department of the City.

Mr. Batts believes that it is the mission of the City Secretary's Office to help citizens access their government by facilitating access to City records and providing guidance on City processes. If you need information about your government and aren't sure where to start, please contact Danny and he will be happy to either get the information for you or put you in touch with the people who can answer your questions. You can reach the City Secretary's Office by phone at 830-980-8832 or by e-mail at [battsd@ci.bulverde.tx.us](mailto:battsd@ci.bulverde.tx.us)

**Two Sisters Home Makeovers**



*Staging  
Murals  
Faux Finishing  
Custom Art  
Decorating  
Cement Staining*

*Perfectly accentuating your home's best qualities!*

Erin Walsh-Andreas      Shauna Hulecki  
830.481.3661              830.708.9862

[www.twosistershomemakeovers.com](http://www.twosistershomemakeovers.com)

## On the Cover

Lisa M. Reid, *Focused on Creation Photography*

Lisa M. Reid is a local homeschooling mom with three children (12-year-old twin boys and a 10-year-old daughter) who are no strangers to her pulling the car over so she can photograph "something cool" like a Tarantula crossing the road or a breathtaking field of wildflowers. Her love for nature photography began a few years ago; she says that it allows her "to share God's beautiful creation with others." While Lisa does not consider herself to be a professional photographer per se, she is unquestionably a very talented and passionate amateur who nurtures the idea of expanding her passion into a possible business venture. She has numerous albums of gorgeous nature photography posted on Facebook under the page name *Focused on Creation Photography*. Some of her nature and landscape work is also found on the *Fine Art America website*, listed under the profile name "lisa-reid."

Lisa grew up in Florida, and has since lived in Alabama and Texas, including the last 4 years in the Bulverde area. "Every place I've lived has its own unique beauty; the fun is getting out there and capturing it." *The Front Porch News* is pleased to be able to feature her beautiful work and thanks her for her submission.

## Richter Tree and Lawn Service



### Tree Care

Expert Pruning

Demossing

Tree & Stump Removal

Shrub Care

### Lawn Care

Mowing/Edging/Trimming

Aeration, Weed Control

Fertilizing Programs

One-time clean ups.

We deliver & spread a variety of topsoils, mulches, grass/sod compost, variety of rocks.

Contract Optional • Residential/Commercial  
20 Years Experience

Professional, Dependable, Quality Workmanship

# (210) 663-2303

References Available Upon Request • Fully Insured

Licensed Arborist #916468

# Summer is Here! Stay Safe!

- by Gary Haecker, Chief of Police & John Nowak, Public Works Director

Yes, the summer season is fast upon us! Along with the summer comes the need to watch out for children playing outside, hot weather, and road construction projects.

I'm sure we can all remember our excitement about tossing the book bag into the corner and being "free" for the next three months. With that freedom comes an increase in outdoor activities and sports. The City asks that everyone keep an eye out for children at play. Kids are often singularly focused on play and friends, not on vehicles passing by. Slowing down and paying close attention to your driving habits makes a big difference in reducing accidents. Parents, please also take the time to educate your children about watching out for cars and how to safely cross streets.

There will be quite a bit of construction activity around Bulverde this summer, from developments such as Johnson Ranch and Singing Hills, to general street maintenance and edge protection projects. Construction sites are natural magnets for children, with lots of interesting machinery. However, construction sites can also be dangerous. Parents, please visit with your children about staying away from construction sites. While it may be okay to watch from a distance, getting too close is not safe.

The summer months also often provide additional "free time" for young drivers. Unfortunately, this is also one of the deadliest periods during the year for young drivers. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day is the deadliest for drivers ages 15-20. According to 2011 data, three out of the five deadliest days for youth on our nation's highways occurred during the summer season. The following are a few things parents should discuss with their teen drivers to help keep them safe.

- **Buckle up.** Statistics show that seat belt usage is lowest among teenagers, even though seat belts continue to be proven as the No. 1 life-saving device in accidents. In

2011, almost 60 percent of 15-20 year-old passengers who died in motor vehicle crashes were NOT wearing a seatbelt. Additional seat belt enforcement periods will be utilized during the summer months and especially on holiday weekends due to increased travel. Make "zero tolerance" the rule for your teen when it comes to wearing a seatbelt.

- Don't drink and drive. Talk with your teen about the importance of absolutely no drinking and driving, and the importance of not getting in a vehicle with someone who has been drinking. Let your teen know they can call you for a ride rather than risk being the occupant in a vehicle with an impaired driver.
- Don't speed. Reinforce the implications of driving over the posted speed limit. Speed limits are set for a reason, most importantly: SAFETY.
- Avoid distractions. Remind your teen driver to avoid distractions such as texting, loud music, and talking passengers. According to NHSTA, 21% of all drivers under the age of 20 involved in fatal crashes were reported as "distracted" at the time of the crash.
- Passenger limits. Limit the number of passengers allowed in your teen's car. NHTSA data shows that when there are multiple passengers in the vehicle, crash risk is 3 to 5 times greater than when driving alone. Also, be aware your teen may have driving restrictions on his/her driver's license regarding the allowed number of passengers.
- Curfews. Make sure your teen knows when you expect him/her home, that it is not up for debate, and to allow enough time to get home within curfew without having to speed to get there. In addition, be aware that a teen driver's license may have restrictions on driving times as well.

The safety of you and your family is the City's number one priority; make it your top priority as well. Have fun and stay safe this summer!



Always wanted to speak Spanish?

- \* conversational
- \* friendly, fun professor

**SpanishWithDelia.com**

(210) 560-7005  
(210) 462-6700



**SOUTH TEXAS GROWERS, INC.**

22201 HWY 46 W., BULVERDE, TEXAS  
**(830) 980-9179**  
[WWW.SOUTHTEXASGROWERS.COM](http://WWW.SOUTHTEXASGROWERS.COM)

- Wholesale & Retail Nursery
- Landscape & Irrigation
- Design & Installation



**HOURS:**  
M-F 8-5  
Sat 9-3

*Amazing Love Catering* 



**Banquet facility seats 200**  
**Complete setup available**

Full service catering (In-house only)

- Weddings
- Anniversaries
- Christmas Parties
- Reunions
- Company Parties
- Church Gatherings



**Darlene McIntosh**  
**830-660-2378**

17130 Hwy 46 W., Suite 10 • Spring Branch, TX 78070  
[Faithvillevillage@hotmail.com](mailto:Faithvillevillage@hotmail.com) • [www.Faithvillevillage.com](http://www.Faithvillevillage.com)

# 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 being at the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington D.C. The event draws between 25,000 and 40,000 attendees every year. The memorial features two 304 foot long walls that bear the names of the nation's law enforcement officers who have given their lives in the line of duty. Currently, there are 19,981 names engraved on the walls, with an average of 154 names added each year. The names are dedicated with a ceremony during National Police Week. On average, one law enforcement officer is killed every 57 hours somewhere in the United States, and unfortunately Texas leads the nation with 1,653 officers killed in the line of duty. As of this writing, 28 officers have made this sacrifice thus far in 2014.

As in the past, members of the Bulverde Police Department conduct a ceremony to honor those and their families who have made that ultimate sacrifice and will do so again this year on May 15th. All members of the police department attend the ceremony and are encouraged to invite their families. In the past, other City employees, Council members, and the Mayor have attended. As always we would like to invite the public to attend as well. **Please join us in front of Bulverde City Hall (30360 Cougar Bend) on Thursday May 15th at 5:30 pm.**

Regardless of where you live, please support your local law enforcement as these men and women are willing to sacrifice their lives to protect your community.



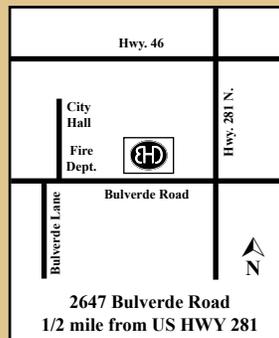
**2647 Bulverde Road  
Bulverde, TX 78163  
830.980.9004**



**John C. Sykes, D.D.S., P.A.**  
General Dentistry

**Dr. Sykes is your personal dentist for:**

- Family Dentistry*
- Cosmetic Dentistry*
- Wisdom Teeth Removal*
- Oral & IV Sedation*
- Crowns & Bridges*
- Dentures & Partials*
- Braces & Invisalign*



**[www.bulverdehillsdental.com](http://www.bulverdehillsdental.com)**

*Visit our website for specials!*

**Customer Service is our First Priority!**

**FREE  
EVALUATION**  
For Braces, Dentures, or  
Wisdom Teeth Removal  
~ Up to \$75 Value ~

New Patients Only with this ad.  
Cannot combine with other offers.  
Limited Time Offer

**FREE  
WHITENING**  
With Comprehensive Exam,  
Full Set X-Rays,  
Routine Cleaning, & Fluoride  
~ \$500 Value ~

With this ad.  
Cannot combine with other offers.  
Limited Time Offer

**\$150 OFF**  
With Comprehensive Exam,  
Full Set X-Rays,  
Routine Cleaning, & Fluoride  
~ Regularly \$300 ~

New Patients Only. Offer good only for  
patients without insurance. With this ad.  
Cannot combine with other offers.  
Limited Time Offer



## The Park is Open!

The renovation of the Bulverde Community Park is complete. After watching the construction crews working on the Park for most of last year, residents can now enjoy this new City facility. The primary focus of the renovation to improve picnic and play areas is now done. Much of the landscaping is in place, but additional plantings are planned in the next few months to make the Park even more attractive.

Residents can now visit the Park and enjoy its many new amenities regardless of the weather. The Park features covered picnic areas, a large covered gazebo, a full-size basketball court with durable nonslip sports coating, several children's play areas, baseball field, soccer field, football field, and a children's splash pad. Sidewalks connect the many picnic and play areas, allowing easy access to everyone—including those in wheelchairs or parents pushing baby strollers. The concrete walking/jogging paths wind around the perimeter of the Park and through the picnic/play areas for exercise-minded visitors. The outer circuit is approximately a half mile long and the shorter circuit is one third of a mile.

Hill country style stonework welcomes visitors at the entrance of the Parking area, where flag poles proudly fly the United States and Texas flags in honor of Bulverde area military veterans. The same style of stonework is used on the restroom facilities and drinking fountains located near the center of the Park. A large paved parking area is located at the southern entrance to the Park.

Attractive lighting is in place throughout the Park allowing visitors to extend their Park adventures into the evening hours. The lights feature dark sky technology and are automatically controlled by sensors.

The Park is located on Bulverde Lane, south of the Bulverde Post office and the Downtown Bulverde Village area. Visitors are asked to use the parking lot rather than parking along the road for safety reasons. Roadside parking could present a hazard to both traffic on the road and children playing in the Park. The Park will be open daily from 6:00 am to 11:00 pm.

## Friends of the Library Bus Trips—a great way to enjoy Texas culture

The Friends of the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library coordinate bus trips regularly throughout the year to allow community members to join others with similar interests to enjoy a trip to Texas cultural sites or just fun places to visit without the hassle of driving yourself. Their latest trip, planned for May 6, 2014, will be to the Edward Steves Homestead and Brisco Western Museum in San Antonio.

In the past, the Friends bus trips included the Painted Churches trail, the San Antonio Riverwalk at Christmas, the Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site in Johnson City, the Dolph Brisco Center for American History at UT Austin, fall leaves tours, and many more. The cost of the trip generally includes the price of the admission, lunch, and transportation. The Friends do not profit from the bus trips, they just want to help share adventures beyond our local area. To find out more about their latest bus trip, check out the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library website at [bsblibrary.org](http://bsblibrary.org).

*Stafford Family  
Dental*



**Scott G. Stafford, DDS, MBA**

30745 N. Hwy 281  
Bulverde, TX 78163

**830.980.3381**

Fax 830.438.3765

[www.staffordfamilydental.com](http://www.staffordfamilydental.com)



## 2014 Adult SUMMER READING

(not just for kids anymore!)

June 14—Kickoff: Food, drinks,  
games for the whole family

Jun 14-Aug 9

- Book reviews for prize drawings
- Grand prize—Kindle Fire
- Fun adult programs including  
Duffy Hudson in a one man play:  
Albert Einstein

Check in the library or at  
[www.bsblibrary.org](http://www.bsblibrary.org) for more details  
to follow

Bulverde/Spring Branch Library



# Literary ELEMENTS

# fold3

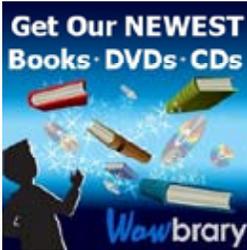
## A new Genealogy database from the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library you can access from home

Do you love to learn about your ancestors? You may already know that the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library offers free use of Ancestry.com and the HeritageQuest genealogy database for genealogy research.

Now, thanks to a generous donation from Debbie and Buddy Neubauer, the library has added the FOLD3 database, the world's premier collection of military records, to the available genealogy services.

Unlike Ancestry, which is only accessible through the computers in the library, you can access FOLD3 from your computer at home after logging in to your library account.

If you would like to learn more about using the FOLD3 database, check the library calendar, as we will offer classes throughout the year on how to use this database to enhance your genealogy research!



## WOWBRARY!

Weekly emails showcasing  
new materials the library  
has to offer

Have you ever wondered what you are missing that the library just added to our collection? Well, you don't have to wonder anymore! The library now offers the Wowbrary service. Sign up to receive a weekly email which will showcase the new offerings at the library. If you see something you like, just click on the item and you will be taken to the library's catalog, where you can reserve it. You will be surprised what you will find!

To set up your Wowbrary account

- go to [Wowbrary.org](http://Wowbrary.org) and enter your zip code
- click on Bulverde/Spring Branch Library
- enter your email

Or, click on the icon on the library's website  
[www.bsblibrary.org](http://www.bsblibrary.org)

**WINE 101**  
wine bar & fine wine retailer  
830.438.8721 [www.wine101Tx.com](http://www.wine101Tx.com)

**Featuring**  
**101 World Wines**  
**Select Wine Club**  
**Delectable Tapas**

**Live Music Every Friday**  
**1/2 Price Wine Bottles\* Saturdays**  
*\*does not include Cult-Wines*

**Bring This Coupon and Enjoy the  
first glass of house wine on us!**  
*\*one coupon per person \*no reproductions*

**2295 Bulverde Rd. Bulverde, TX 78163**



## Bulverde/Spring Branch Library's EXPLOSIVE Summer Reading Program

Looking for free fun for your family this summer? The Bulverde/Spring Branch Library is the place to be! The library's science-themed Summer Reading Program includes programs for all ages, from babies to adults, and will keep the entire family reading all summer long.

### Why participate in the Summer Reading Program?

The American Library Association's research shows that participation in a Summer Reading Program

- Encourages reading as a lifelong habit
- Promotes reading to reluctant readers by drawing them into programs that support literacy skills
- Helps children keep their reading and comprehension skills up during the summer months to avoid "summer setback"
- Generates interest in the library and books

## Reading for Prizes— Pick the Program for You!

### Fizz Boom Read to Me

Designed for pre-readers to instill a love of books, stories, and reading.

With this age group, parents and caregivers will read to their small children, focusing on pre-reading and skills such as:

- Turning book pages
- Recognizing the difference between text and illustrations

Each week the pre-reading goal is met, your toddler will get to pick out a board book as a prize!

### Fizz Boom Read

For Beginning Readers through  
12 years old

Kids in this age group will have to read a minimum of 2 hours each week, almost 30 minutes a day. For each week this goal is met, they will receive tickets to trade for prizes from the M Scientist running the "Libratory," this year's prize shop!

### Spark a Reaction

For Teens ages 13–18 years old

Teens will also have to meet the minimum of 2 hours of reading each



week to earn their tickets to buy prizes. The "Libratory" offers special prizes just for teens, including free food coupons and movie tickets!

## Summer Reading Program Events

### Summer Reading Program Registration

Come register you and your family for the Summer Reading Program on June 14 from 11 am–1 pm. They'll be a craft, food, and giveaways!

### Game Days

Every Monday during the Summer Reading Program, the library will have games and experiments from 11 am–1pm. Come play fun, science-themed games and get hands-on with interactive experiments.

### Wednesday Programs

Every Wednesday at 11 am, the library will host an exciting and educational entertainer. These programs are great for the entire family and are completely free!

### Craft Days

Turn science into art on Fridays during the summer at the library. From 11 am–1 pm, the library will supply everything a young mad scientist needs to get creative with fun for all ages crafts.

The Bulverde/Spring Branch Summer Reading Program runs from June 14 through August 9. For more information please visit [www.bsblibrary.org](http://www.bsblibrary.org) or call 830-438-4863.

**Stone Oak  
VISION  
SOURCE™**  
(210) 445-9020

*Now Accepting  
Tricare Prime and  
Tricare Standard*

*Monday - Friday  
9:00 AM to 6:00 PM*

*Saturday  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM*

*19202 Stone Oak Pkwy,  
Suite 106  
San Antonio, TX 78258*



# Bulverde Office

830.980.5944

www.reliancerr.com

29710 Hwy 281 N. @ Hwy 1863



Bernie Bradfield  
210.287.5828



Tisha Childress  
210.216.2430



Kim Compton  
210.378.2198



Barbara Null  
601.862.0672



Robert Evans  
210.422.2327



Pete Weakly  
361.522.8936



Tori Vendola - Mgr.  
210.391.8653



Sherie Williams  
210.259.1797



Adrienne Nugent  
210.788.1450



Dan & Sherry Outlaw  
210.602.8915



Melody Rackley  
210.887.6769



Melanie Colton  
210.250.1292



Kellee Welborn  
830.388.9362



Liz Brown  
210.748.2414



## RIVER BRANCH

CONVENTIONAL • FHA • VA • USDA • PURCHASE  
REFINANCE • CONSTRUCTION/PERMANENT LOANS

### Our commitment to you:

- Personal Service
- Focus on timely closings
- In-house underwriting, processing, and funding for smooth, seamless transactions



### Annie McNiel

Sr. Loan Officer  
NMLS #1007940  
16607 Blanco Rd., Ste. 1306  
San Antonio, TX 78232  
Office: 210.408.2600  
Mobile: 512.913.4105  
Email: Annie.McNiel@NRLMortgage.com



© 2014 NRL. All rights reserved. Loans are subject to credit and property approval. Certain restrictions apply. Programs and guidelines are subject to change without notice. Rates are subject to change daily. Nations Reliable Lending, LLC NMLS# 181407

Nationally respected.  
Texas friendly.



**Capital Title**  
A Shaddock Company



### Julie Fenton

VP, Business Development  
Email [jfenton@ctot.com](mailto:jfenton@ctot.com)

Contact us today for all your closing needs:

Bulverde Office | 29710 US Hwy. 281 N | Bulverde, Texas 78163  
830-980-6000 (office) | 1-855-275-5302 (fax) | [www.ctot.com](http://www.ctot.com)

## BURN MANAGEMENT

With summer upon us, it's time to head back outside to fire up the grill. With that in mind, let's take a moment to talk about burns. While painful and most often superficial, they can be serious. The key is to know who to take care of the minor ones and when to seek help.

Burns can best be summarized into three categories—Superficial, Moderate, and Serious. In the medical world we assign them various “degrees and percentages,” but suffice it to say that burns are essentially divided into those one can manage and those that require a burn center. In addition to categories, the amount of the body burned also plays an important role in the over-all seriousness of the burn.



Superficial burns generally involve redness of the skin and mild to moderate discomfort. These can best be managed by “turning off the heat and applying the cold.” This mantra works well for sunburns, scalding, and flash burns that haven't blistered. Following the first few hours of pain relief, one can consider an over the counter pain remedy to get through the evening until the pain subsides.

Moderate burns—especially those that involve the hands, feet, face, or genitals—should be assessed by a medical professional. However “turning off the heat and applying the cold” still applies. As the injury progresses, keep in mind that you should NOT pop any blisters.

Severe burns—generally those that have blackened or hardened the skin—must be assessed by a medical professional. These burns may require surgical expertise and could be life altering.

—When in doubt, call us out!

## What can Bulverde/Spring Branch Library do for you?

Here's just a few of the things we offer:

meeting rooms  
computer classes  
eBooks  
DVs  
storytimes  
cake pans for checkout  
computers  
fitness equipment  
copiers  
butterfly garden  
books for sale  
newspapers  
laptops for checkout  
audiobooks  
books  
summer reading programs  
TexShare databases  
free programs  
genealogy resources  
Starbucks coffee  
magazines  
and much more!

Don't have a library card yet?

Here's how to get one:

Bring in a photo ID, such as a Texas Driver's License, student ID, military ID, or Employer ID, and verification of your current address such as a checkbook, voter's registration card, a utility bill or mail that is addressed to you with a recent postmark.



131 Bulverde Crossing  
Bulverde, TX 78163

830.438.4864 [www.bsblibrary.org](http://www.bsblibrary.org)

## WHEN THE CLOCK STARTS

*From the moment an injury occurs, our internal clock starts counting down the seconds toward disability or death. Do you know what to do?*

**Being prepared for a medical emergency** is now much more than a matter for our nation's Scouts. Being ready is, in fact, a matter of life and death. Our country's recent public tragedies in various schools, malls, and sporting events point toward a gap in our nation's most basic medical know-how—for example, knowing how to recognize a medical emergency, how to position a person to maintain their airway, and how to control bleeding.

Of course, there is always more that could be learned, but why let that be THE reason to keep you from refreshing a few basic skills? Critical event analysis points (From Boston and Sandy Hook for example) point toward our need to "brush up on the human users guide" and ensure certain skills get back into the common vernacular.

**Positioning a Patient:** For a person without a spine injury and who has passed out, is having a seizure, or cannot be easily awakened, place them on their side. This will help drain saliva and other items from the mouth and aid in the prevention of choking.



**Bleeding Control:** Depending on the amount of blood, keep this simple progressive process in mind:

- 1.) direct pressure over the area bleeding, press hard enough to squeeze the vessel against the bone.
- 2.) elevate, when possible the wound above the level of the heart.
- 3.) Pressure point, moving towards the body, press the blood vessel to reduce blood flow to the wound.

If it you cannot stop the bleeding with this process, consider a tourniquet.



### Training We Offer

Our comedy First Aid and CPR program offers an entertaining yet informative, hands-on, one-hour course covering first aid (i.e., what you need to know until EMS arrives), as well as CPR for all ages and abilities. Trust us; this course is a fun filled yet life-saving program! Need more? We are an American Heart Association Training Center, scheduling the full catalogue of certification programs. Want even more? Check out our EMT courses, medical professional continuing education programs, and corporate medical workshops. Contact us for more details and to schedule your group today!

FREE UP YOUR TIME, let  
**MISTER CLEAN**  
do the clean up for you.

**14 years of experience**

**We Offer:**

- Residential Cleaning
- Weekly, bi-weekly, or just one-time cleaning
- Move-ins, Move-outs & Make readys
- Get \$10 off your first cleaning!

**210-216-4464**  
Free Estimates  
Licensed, Insured and Bonded

**HILL COUNTRY SEPTIC SERVICE**

**Chlorine Tablets  
10lb.- \$50**

**Stephen Salyer**

**Annual Maintenance  
Contract \$240**

**(830) 968-4202**

Helping you make  
*dreams come true...*  
in Texas

**Sandy Hancock**  
Realtor®

18503 Sigma Rd., Suite 100  
San Antonio, Texas 78258  
**210-288-1326 cell**  
210-581-9050 office  
888-789-4226 e-fax  
sandyhancock@jbgoodwin.com  
www.sandyhancock.homesandland.com

Facebook Pages:  
SandyHancock is my Realtor®  
US Military on the Move by Sandy Hancock

**JBGoodwin**  
REALTORS  
"Your Professional Friend in Real Estate."

**Texas Monthly 5 Star Agent**  
**Luxury League**  
**Platinum Top 50 Finalist 2009, 2011, 2013/14**  
**Winner 2012!**



## MILDRED BARTELS FIRST RESPONDER EDUCATION & TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP

The Bulverde Spring Branch area is fortunate to have so many neighbors and businesses that support Emergency Services. Mildred Bartels and her husband, the late Oliver "Ollie" Bartels have been contributors and supporters of our local firefighters and first responders for over a half century. Their particular emphasis has always been safety, training, and education.

Their donation of the land at FM 311 and Hwy 281, which was designated as a firefighter training location, in the early 1980s was instrumental in the establishment of the first official station within the District. This facility, located at 9850 FM 311, is now the **Comal County ESD #4 Curtis W. Bremer Training Center in Appreciation of Mildred and Oliver Bartels.**

Many of our current firefighters and first responders were trained at this location as volunteers and are now full time, professional firefighters serving all of our neighbors in the Bulverde Spring Branch area. The education and training required to obtain the certifications necessary to become a

professional firefighter and emergency medical technician is extensive. It can also be a financial challenge to someone just starting a career who is interested in emergency services.

In 2013, Emergency Services District No. 4 established the **Mildred Bartels First Responder Education, Training, and Scholarship Fund** in honor and recognition of Mrs. Bartels' continued support of our local firefighters and emergency service personnel. Mildred has generously contributed to the funding for this scholarship so that financial challenges will not stop a young person from pursuing a career in emergency services. Bulverde Spring Branch Emergency Services will provide volunteer opportunities for these applicants during their training and education phase.

If you are interested in supporting this scholarship fund with a tax-exempt contribution, please contact Judy Millspaugh at 830-228-4206, or [judy.millspaugh@bsb911.com](mailto:judy.millspaugh@bsb911.com) or mail your donation to Comal County ESD No. 4, Attn: Mildred Bartels Firefighter First Responder Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 601, 353 Rodeo Drive, Spring Branch, Texas 78070.



9258 Culebra Rd. Ste. 106 • San Antonio, TX 78251 • 210-365-0410

### Professional Office Space



#### Executive Suites for Lease

Great Culebra Location - High Traffic Area  
Large Private Offices ranging in size from 10x12 to 12x24  
Suites have use of a Conference Room and Reception Area  
High Speed Internet plus all Utilities except Phone Service

**David M. Bissland**  
REALTOR®

210-365-0410



(\$595 mo.  
to  
\$1295 mo.)



CONNECT - TRADE - SAVE

210.281.1111  
[www.itex.com](http://www.itex.com)

**WE BUY SILVER AND GOLD COINS~210-444-9400**

## Stone Oak Scuba

**202 N Loop 1604 E #116  
San Antonio, Tx 78232  
Located in the offices of  
San Antonio Self Storage**

San Antonio's Newest and Best Diver Training.  
See us for all your Equipment needs.

**\$50 off  
first class  
with this  
ad!**



**(210) 267-2027**  
[www.stoneoakscuba.com](http://www.stoneoakscuba.com)





# CHANGE FOR THE GOOD... IS GOOD

There's been a change, but one you may not notice. Emergency Services Districts (ESDs) in western Comal Count—ESD 1, ESD 4, and ESD 5—have voted to strengthen the daily operations of FIRE and EMS, including support functions under a single management structure.

Bulverde Spring Branch Emergency Services (BSBES) has been created to manage the consolidated operations under the direction of Mechelle Salmon. Salmon's leadership team has provided emergency services for a 36-year-old organization that was voted the Bulverde Spring Branch Business of the year in 2013. The three ESDs will continue to provide funding for operations, buildings and equipment.

## FAQ From the Community

**Q:** Will the change improve response times for FIRE and EMS?

**A:** As a priority for BSBES, there will be improved resource allocation and faster response times by both FIRE and EMS. Additionally with the consolidation, we now have an additional Quick Response Vehicle that will immediately handle predefined emergency situations.

**Q:** There is so much expected growth in our area, is this the right time for consolidation?

**A:** This is the best time. A seamless transition is already underway with a reinforcement of sound management and policies that will serve the community well, as more businesses and families flock to our area.

**Q:** What about all the firefighters in the consolidation—what happens to them?

**A:** All of the Bulverde and Spring Branch firefighters, as well as the Fire Chief and Administrator, who applied under the consolidation, were offered positions and all accepted.

**Q:** Does the community have fewer firefighters or medics now?

**A:** There are now more firefighters and medics under BSBES than before the consolidation. We will still respond to all 911 calls with the highest trained professionals utilizing state-of-the-art technology.

**Q:** What about benefits for firefighters after the change?

**A:** Firefighter tenure and benefits transitioned with them to BSBES. They were fully vested in their previous retirement packages, and will now have greater medical, dental, vision, short-term and long-term disability plus a generous lifetime benefit. Additionally personnel will gain a contributory 401K plan and tuition assistance offered annually.

**Q:** Will there be fewer fire and EMS stations with the consolidation?

**A:** No, the number of stations will remain the same although a mobile station will be relocated to an area with a higher call volume, which will result in faster response. BSBES will use taxpayer dollars most efficiently, and avoid duplication of resources, equipment and facilities.

## Save cash with barter.

Increase Sales \* Conserve Cash  
Move Inventory \* Use excess production

Learn how to leverage your goods and services by TRADING with other small business owners for the things you NEED.

Bartering is an age-old, time tested method of doing business.

Call Rob for an appointment or to attend an informational session.

(210) 827-0965

Rob.Borchardt@Itex.com



**CHAMBER  
MARKET DAY**

Vendors & Artisans Featuring Jewelry, Gifts, Decor  
Food Items, Door Prizes & Kids' Activities!

**Saturday, May 10**  
10 am - 4 pm  
BEALLS Parking Lot  
Off US HWY 281  
at Hwy 46W and Bulverde Crossing Rd.



# 2013-2014 Leadership Bulverde/Spring Branch

**Leadership Bulverde/Spring Branch** is a program designed and facilitated by the Bulverde/Spring Branch Area Chamber to help develop informed, committed, and qualified leaders for Comal County. By taking an intensive look into the issues affecting Comal County, Leadership Bulverde/Spring Branch prepares and motivates participants to provide quality, dynamic leadership within the area.

Leadership Bulverde/Spring Branch requires a 9 month commitment. Participants are selected through an application process based upon their past involvement in the community and their ability to set and achieve high personal goals. New classes embark each September on a journey to understand the inner-workings of our area, including Managed Growth and the Economy, Quality of Life, Human Services, Local Government, Justice, Education and State Government.

Each year the Leadership class facilitates Leadercast, a one-day leadership event broadcast live from Atlanta, GA directly to GVTC and hundreds of locations around the world. Renowned speakers have included First Lady Laura Bush, Jack Welch, Andy Stanley, Malcolm Gladwell, Laura Schroff, John Maxwell, Dr. Henry Cloud, Simon Sinek, Randall Wallace, and Desmond Tutu. This year's event is on May 9th at the GVTC Auditorium. See the Chamber of Commerce website or call the office to purchase your tickets to attend. Special pricing is available to Leadership alumni, chamber members, and groups.

Founded in 2007 by Ola Armstrong, the Leadership Program will graduate its 7th class in May 2014. Graduates have gone on to distinguish themselves in local business and civic careers. For more information on our Leadership Program go to [www.bulverdespringbranchchamber.com/leadership.php](http://www.bulverdespringbranchchamber.com/leadership.php) (Note: class size is limited). You may also contact Mechelle Salmon (Co-Chair) at [mechelle.salmon@bsbems.org](mailto:mechelle.salmon@bsbems.org) (830) 228-4201 and/or Tammy Dubois (Co-Chair) at [tdubois@broadwaybank.com](mailto:tdubois@broadwaybank.com) (830) 438-8381

**This year's Leadership Program participants attended a Leadership Skills session at T Bar M.**



**1st row:** Mike Johnson, San Antonio Print Supplies; Tom Hackleman, DJL Ventures/ MCMI; Christen Patterson, Bulverde/Spring Branch Area Chamber of Commerce; Yuliana Lopez, Frost Bank; Gilma Lopez, St. Jude's Ranch for Children; Amanda Pawkett, Randolph Brooks FCU; Deborah Schuler, Individual;

**2nd row:** Wendy Hahn, Bulverde Spring Branch Activity Center; Larry Rakoski, City of Bulverde; Randy Miranda, Frost Bank; Steve Klein, Randolph Brooks FCU; Melody Peckens, Broadway Bank; Sam Shelton, Retired;

**Back:** Laura Boylan, GVTC



**Kathleen Banse**  
**State Farm Insurance**

33200 Hwy 281 N.  
Bulverde TX 78163

**830.438.7025**

[kathleen@kathleenbanse.com](mailto:kathleen@kathleenbanse.com)



Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.®

**Personal Attention, Professional Results**



**ROBERT EVANS**  
**GRI, ABR, SRES, TAHS**

**210.422.2327** Cell

**830.980.5944** Office

**830.980.9102** Fax

[robert@gvtc.com](mailto:robert@gvtc.com)

[www.BSBrealestate.com](http://www.BSBrealestate.com)

29710 US Hwy 281  
Bulverde, TX 78163





## BULVERDE/SPRING BRANCH AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

WELCOMES RECENT NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

### NEW

Christopher Voss Inc.  
City of Bulverde, TX  
Crisis Center of Comal County  
DHJB Development LLC  
Diamond X Real Estate  
EdenHill Communities  
Healing Arts Community Health Center of  
Blanco and Canyon Lake, LLC  
James Troutz/ Troutz Home Improvements  
Kika's Vintage Knick-Knacks  
Pat Rodriguez / Mary Kay Cosmetics  
Pit Crew IT Services  
Rancho Mirando  
Ryland Homes  
San Antonio Express-News/Stone Oak Weekly  
Serenity Springs Spa  
Teresa Ruiz / Rigel Realty  
The Carol Griffith Group - Keller Williams Hill  
Country  
Town & Country Real Estate  
Willow Bend Mortgage

### RENEWING

A to Z Helpers, LLC  
Acacia Medical Mission  
Amazing Love Catering  
Anderson Aviation  
Best Western Plus Blanco Luxury Inn & Suites  
Bulverde Area Arts Center  
Bulverde Community Park Association  
Bulverde Physical Therapy and Wellness Center  
Canyon Springs Golf Club  
CIMA Hospice  
Cummings Financial Services  
Cynthia Guerra  
Franklin Park Stone Oak - Assisted Living  
Guadalupe River State Park  
Hill Country Montessori School  
Joseph McNaul  
K Charles & Co.  
Karen Bierman, PhD  
KDO Jewelry Designs  
Kirkwood Manor Nursing and Rehab Center  
Margaret A. Brumley

Marlee Green  
Michael A Arnold, PLLC  
Mike's In The Village  
Millennium Dental  
NB Mattress  
RE/MAX GENESIS  
REOC Development, LLC  
Sekula Plumbing Company  
Sharon Herbert - Anders Realty  
Southwest Water Company - Diamond/Water  
Services  
Stafford Family Dental  
The Fury Godmother  
The Home Depot  
Tom Hotaling Insurance Agency  
Tri-Built Services, Inc.  
Wendy's of San Antonio #43  
Woody & Dolly Woodward



**TRAINING:** Pet Galaxy has trained and treated hundreds of dogs from all over South Texas. We offer help with everything from simple basic obedience training to treating complex psychological issues.

**DAYCARE AND LODGING:** Pet Galaxy offers dream vacations for your pets, because pets deserve vacations too!

**GROOMING AND STYLING:** We offer a large grooming department with experienced pet stylists.

**CALL US TODAY** to customize your dog's training, or your pet's perfect vacation!



**Pet Galaxy**  
PET HOTEL, RESORT & SPA  
[www.PetGalaxyUSA.com](http://www.PetGalaxyUSA.com)

13060 US Highway 281 N, Spring Branch TX 78070  
830-885-5335

# Recent Ribbon Cuttings



**Bulverde Thrift Store**



**Farmers Insurance - Whitney Rambie**



**Farmers Insurance - Monica James**



**Roadhouse Arts, Inc.**

## B/SB Area Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar

### MAY 9

Leadercast  
7:30am-3:30pm  
GVTC Auditorium

### MAY 10

Spring Market Days  
10:00am-4:00pm  
BEALLS Parking lot off 46 and Bulverde Crossing

### MAY 21

Chamber Monthly Power Lunch\*  
Sponsored By Provisions Outreach  
12 Noon-1:00 pm  
Location: Bulverde Spring Branch Library

### MAY 22

Business Networking Mixer\*\*  
5:30-7:30 pm  
Sponsored by Texas Physical Therapy Specialists

### JUNE 18

Chamber Monthly Power Lunch\*  
Sponsored By Smithson Valley Counseling Center, Inc.  
12 Noon-1:00 pm  
Location: Bulverde Spring Branch Library

### JUNE 26

Business Networking Mixer\*\*  
5:30-7:30 pm  
Sponsored by Service King Collision Center

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

\*\*Networking mixers are Members Only events

Thank you to our **February** Power Lunch Speakers

Val Gatti, Bookkeeping by Val &

Eldyn Ingerick, Eldyn L. Ingerick, PLLC, CPA

Sponsored by Bookkeeping by Val

*Thank you!*

Thank you to our **March** Power Lunch Speaker

Marty Chrisman, Broker with Limestone Country Properties

Sponsored by RBFCU

Nationally respected.  
Texas friendly.



**Deanna Talley**  
Escrow Officer  
Email [dtalley@ctot.com](mailto:dtalley@ctot.com)

**Julie Fenton**  
VP, Business Development  
Email [jfenton@ctot.com](mailto:jfenton@ctot.com)

Contact us today for all your closing needs!  
Bulverde Office | 29710 US Hwy, 281 N | Bulverde, Texas 78163  
830-980-6000 (office) | 1-855-275-5302 (fax) | [www.ctot.com](http://www.ctot.com)

Let your neighbors  
mind your  
business



Put your ad here.  
**210 558 3160**  
[sales@neighborhoodnews.com](mailto:sales@neighborhoodnews.com)

# Spring has Sprung in the Garden

A REPORT BY THE BULVERDE COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE

There has been much activity in the Garden during the last month. The Bulverde Community Garden, a new project of the Bulverde Community Park Association in conjunction with the City of Bulverde, is located on Cougar Bend between City Hall and the Bulverde Activity Center. With strong support from the City of Bulverde, the deer fence is up and water lines are in. The raised beds are built and soil and mulch are in place. The Boy Scout Troop 58 of Bulverde United Methodist Church has generously provided the labor to build the Garden and there are numerous Eagle Scout projects planned to enhance the Garden.

Applications are being accepted for garden plots and the plots are assigned on a first come, first serve basis; there is no fee for plots for this first year. If you, your business or organization would like a plot please visit the website at [www.bulverdecommunitygarden.com](http://www.bulverdecommunitygarden.com)

[bulverdecommunitygarden.com](http://bulverdecommunitygarden.com) to obtain an application and guidelines or contact the Garden Chair, Joanne Hall at [johall@gvtc.com](mailto:johall@gvtc.com). Donations both financial and in-kind are greatly appreciated as well.

The Bulverde Community Garden Committee would like to express sincere gratitude to the following in-kind and financial donors who have made the Garden become a reality: Bulverde Feed & Seed, Bulverde Garden Club, Boy Scout Troop 58-Bulverde United Methodist Church, City of Bulverde, Canyon Lake Water Service Company, Cragg's Do It Best, Digital Expressions, GeoSource, Locke Hill Pet & Lawn Supply, Maverick Door & Millwork, Middleman Construction Company, Millberger Nursery, Money Mailer Cen Tex, Singing Hills Development, South Texas Growers, Inc., Stone & Soil Depot, Inc., and Wells Fargo.



**59<sup>th</sup>**  
*Annual*

## *You Are Invited...*

### **GVTC Membership Meeting Wednesday, June 25, 2014**

**New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center • 375 S. Castell Avenue  
Doors Open at 5:30 pm • Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm  
(Easy Parking Off S. Castell Ave. & W. Garden St.)**

••• **REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED** •••

**For Active Members Only:**

Free Gift Bags • \$2,000 in Gift Cards & Cash Prizes

**Register to Win Fabulous Prizes\* Including:**

*Samsung 50" HDTV, Apple iPad, Bose Wave Music System III, HP All-In-One Desktop Computer, HP Pavilion Notebook PC, Weber BBQ Grill, Yeti Cooler, Dyson Vacuum & More! \* Members must be registered & present to win prizes.*

**Capital Credit Check  
Important Information:**

Capital Credit checks will be distributed only to active members who are registered and in attendance at the 59th Annual Membership Meeting. To receive a capital credit check at the meeting, bring your Annual Meeting Notice and you must provide proper identification. Members will not be allowed to pick up checks for other members. Capital credit amounts for active members not attending the meeting will be applied to the members' account on the next billing cycle after the Annual Meeting.



**GVTC**  
COMMUNICATIONS

[GVTC.COM](http://GVTC.COM)



## AREA TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

The BSBEDF was instrumental in forming the Highway 46 Corridor Coalition (H46CC), a regional collaboration of economic development and chamber organizations along the Highway 46 Corridor from Boerne to Seguin, inclusive of Canyon Lake. The H46CC identified Highway 46 as our No. 1 Priority with respect to regional transportation issues as we believe it to be the new outer loop, especially given that the population of our region is expected to more than double over the next 25 years. We need to get in front of growth and plan for the future now, not later. Our first mission involved sending a letter of support to the newly named Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO; formerly the San Antonio-Bexar County MPO) to encourage them to be proactive versus reactive in transportation planning for our region. We requested that consideration be afforded to improve those portions of Highway 46 within the city limits of Bulverde, as recommended by the Comal County Commissioners Court in Resolution No. 2013-48, passed and approved November 21, 2013.

MPOs are regional agencies created by federal law to conduct the transportation planning process. This process qualifies our metropolitan area to receive over \$200 million annually in state and federal transportation funding. The MPO recently sought input on projects requested for the short range Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Fifty-five projects worth \$435 million, including the HWY 46 project, were submitted for the \$55 million available in MPO discretionary funding. Late in the process, however, the MPO doubled that figure to \$110 million—but after public input had already been received; the public had been asked to pick projects totaling \$55 million and knowing the figure had changed likely would have made a difference in the voting. Despite regional support, support from our elected officials, and having one of the highest technical scores (one of the top three), the HWY 46 project was not selected to move forward. Visit <http://www.sametroplan.org> and/or <http://www.mobility2040.org> for more information regarding the MPO and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), “Mobility 2040.”

Fear not, as we are researching other funding opportunities available to our area in hopes of finding a way to help finance these desperately needed improvements. In addition, the City of Bulverde has initiated a Multi-Modal Master Transportation and Thoroughfare Planning study that will help determine transportation needs, policy, design, etc., and aid significantly when applying for future funding opportunities.

Public involvement is very important to ensure that your tax dollars are spent wisely and that the needs of the community and the region are addressed. The BSBEDF strongly encourages more citizens to get involved and educate themselves on the issues facing our community. For instance, the Texas Transportation Funding Amendment will be on the November 4, 2014 general election ballot as a legislatively-referred constitutional amendment. The proposed amendment would direct one-half of the current transfer of General Revenue to the Economic Stabilization Fund (also known as the “Rainy Day Fund”) to Fund 6—the “State Highway Fund”—to be used for

construction, maintenance, and acquisition of rights-of-way for nontolled public roadways. We encourage everyone to get involved, educated, and most importantly, to vote! It’s up to you, the People, whether this transportation funding amendment goes forward or not.

On another note, this one concerning US Hwy 281, the federal government requires that an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) be completed before transportation capacity can be added to US 281 and, as a result, the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (ARMA) has been assessing the potential social, economic, and environmental impact of improvements along the US 281 corridor. The ARMA will hold an “Open House” to review the Draft Preferred Alternative Schematic Plans for US 281 from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Drive in Bexar County on Thursday, May 8, 2014 , 5:30–7:00 p.m. at the Summit Christian Center, 2575 Marshall Road, San Antonio, Texas. Verbal and written comments from the public are requested. A court reporter/transcriber will be available to accept verbal comments at the open house or you can visit their website at <http://www.411on281.com/us281eis> to submit comments online, obtain their address for written comments, and/or view the draft plans.”

The BSBEDF looks forward to continuing to assist our community in its efforts to manage growth and advocate for infrastructure while maintaining our rural character and quality of life. As public issues arise, we will post information and related links on our website at [www.bsbedf.com](http://www.bsbedf.com) or you may call us at 830.885.4331 for more information.



*Sherry Mosier,  
Executive Director*



Do you want your home **SOLD?**

**David M. Bissland**

OWNER / REALTOR®

**210-365-0410**

*30 Years Experience Helping Sellers*

*If you're ready  
for the best, then  
you're ready for  
David Bissland!*



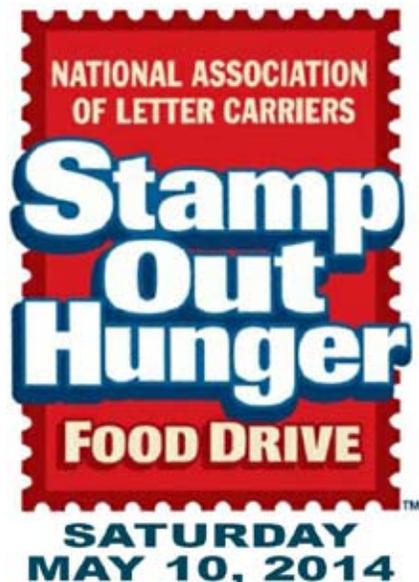


## BAHS NEW HOURS, NEW ADOPTIONS!

The Bulverde Area Humane Society (BAHS) is expanding weekend adoption hours. Why? To increase access to the shelter animals who are looking for new homes. More than 400 animals come through BAHS in an average year—pet dogs and cats surrendered by their owners, discarded litters of kittens and puppies, and strays.

Adopting a kitten or puppy should be a lifetime commitment to the animal—14 years or longer. Many pets are in shelters today because they were brought home without much thought to the long term. The cute kitten all too quickly becomes an adult cat. A puppy without socialization or training develops into a problem dog and is brought back to the shelter. We repeatedly see the return of adult dogs that were adopted here as puppies, as well as owners surrendering pets stating they don't have time for them anymore. These shelter intakes decline when pet ownership is understood as the responsibility it is.

So if you are ready to make the commitment to a new dog or cat, take advantage of our expanded adoptions hours—Sundays, 1–4pm; and Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10am–1pm. Pay us a visit, and you just might find your next best friend!



Remember to leave a bag of canned/dry goods out for your mail carrier to collect. All proceeds will be distributed to local food pantries! Thank you!

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING —THE FACTS

Join Dottie Laster, human trafficking expert, on May 8, 2014, 6:30pm at the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library, to learn about this often ignored but pressing issue our nation faces. Raising awareness and educating the public about the dangers of human trafficking has been a mission for Ms. Laster for more than 10 years. Her involvement in the movement has led to the rescue and restoration of hundreds of victims from all over the country who would still be living in bondage in the commercial sex industry, labor servitude, and modern day slavery.

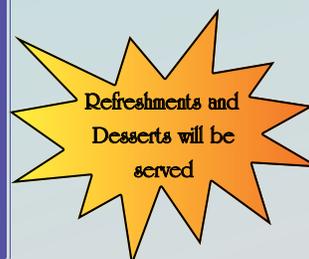
Ms. Laster is the co-founder of the San Antonio, Texas, Coalition Against Human Trafficking and the past Administrator of the Orange County, California, Human Trafficking Task Force. She has successfully written millions in grants to assist children and victims of human trafficking.

### Christ Centered Weekly Bible Study

Starting on Sunday, May 18th  
Time: 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Location: Bulverde Spring Branch  
Activity Center  
30280 Cougar Bend, Bulverde TX 78163

For more information:  
830-629-0405  
[www.christpresnb.org](http://www.christpresnb.org)





## Meet June "Bug" Ready Member of BSB Activity Center

- by Tonie Rogers, certified instructor, BSBAC

At 83 years young, June "Bug" Ready has stayed active! She moved to Bulverde nearly 40 years ago with her husband John, when there was no traffic and you had to drive to HEB at Brookhollow for groceries. June and John, working for General Electric for 42 years, moved 18 times and lived in 11 states, but she always wanted to come back to Texas. When they moved back, they lived in Oaks Village North for over 35 years until John built June's dream house on a hill in Windmill Ranch. John passed away 3 years ago.

As a member of the Bulverde Spring Branch Activity Center, June has served on the board of directors for several years, wrote the Center's weekly newsletter for the Bulverde Community News, and took care of the Annual Yearly Report for the Center. She is also a member of the Center's Gospel Singing Group, loves to line dance and exercise.

I met June a little over 20 years ago as my student. She started exercising with me twice a week, and to this day she is still coming to my Easy Pace classes. She has participated in nearly all of the Run for the Hills 5K/10ks, and is getting ready for this year's 15th Annual Run for the Hills, which is on Saturday, May 3 (sponsored by the Activity Center). June has taken 1st place in her age group for the last ten years. Her comment is "I amaze myself every time I finish the race just because I can still finish the race." June will be the first to tell you that exercise is and will continue to be an important part of her daily life. In her own words, "The benefits I receive from all the activities are so beneficial to my quality and longevity of my life. I am happy I can set an example of how important it is to stay active to my five grandchildren and one great grandchild."

June is a great role model for many of us for what can happen when you stay active your whole life—making exercise a daily part of your life does work. And there's the added benefit of making new friends. Everyone is invited to join us at the Activity Center and meet June!

# Bulverde Fun Fest

The Bulverde Community Parks Association and the City of Bulverde are proud to announce the formal Grand Opening of the remodeled Bulverde Community Park on Saturday, June 14, 2014, from 10 am to 2 pm. The celebratory event is called the **Bulverde Fun Fest**, and will feature activities for the entire family.

Merri Harrison, Friends of the Park chairperson said, "The Friends of the Park are very excited to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Bulverde Community Park and encourage you to 'Bring your BFF (Best Friend Forever) to the BFF (Bulverde Fun Fest)!' Our slogan **Bringing Our Community Together** is what this Park is all about. It's a place to enjoy with your family, your best friends, and our community."

Fun Fest activities will begin at 10:00 am with a ribbon cutting sponsored by the Bulverde/Spring Branch Chamber of Commerce. Continuous activities are scheduled to give visitors of all ages an opportunity to become familiar with the Park and enjoy all the new features added during the extensive remodeling.

Visitors will be treated to free barbecue, face painting, photo booth, Lions Club Blue Train, cupcake walk, sidewalk chalk art, and more. One of the special events is a dunking booth featuring current mayor Bill Kraweitz, along with other distinguished "dunkees" from our community.

The Friends of the Park express their appreciation to the following businesses for their generous support to makes this event possible.

### Live Oak Sponsors

City of Bulverde  
Smokey Mo's Barbecue

### Red Oak Sponsors

Frost Bank  
Sam Roberts Photography

### White Oak Sponsors

Spring Branch/Bulverde Lions Club  
Tejas Rodeo  
KenCom Real Estate  
Texas Physical Therapy Specialists  
New Braunfels Mattress  
ACME Brick  
Home Depot  
South Texas Growers  
Broadway Bank

Information about sponsors or membership in the Bulverde Community Parks Association is available on their website at: [www.bulverdeparks.com](http://www.bulverdeparks.com) or contact Merri Harrison at 210-387-9332.

DOUBLE PANE WINDOWS • MIRRORED WALLS  
REPLACEMENT GLASS • SHOWER ENCLOSURES  
GLASS TABLE TOPS

*Free Estimates*

## B&T Glass & Mirror

TOMMY MOON  
BRIAN MOON

656-8507

Some of the content herein may be the copyrighted property of the City of Bulverde, the contributing authors, or our publisher's licensors. No article from this publication may be used, reproduced, transmitted or distributed with the exception that you may photocopy one copy thereof for your personal, noncommercial, home use only. Articles that appear in *The Front Porch News* do not necessarily reflect the official position of the City of Bulverde and/or Neighborhood News, Inc., and their publication does not constitute an endorsement thereof. The appearance of any advertisement in *The Front Porch News* does not constitute an endorsement by Neighborhood News, Inc. and/or the City of Bulverde. Neighborhood News, Inc. is not responsible for errors beyond the cost of the actual ad space. Any publication of Neighborhood News, Inc., whether draft or final, is the sole property of Neighborhood News, Inc. and cannot be reproduced or distributed in any way, whether in print or electronically, without the express written consent of Neighborhood News, Inc. © Neighborhood News, Inc.

Commercial Ad Information: This newsletter is published in part from the assistance of the advertisers within. Please support them whenever possible and let them know you saw it in *The Front Porch News*. For commercial advertising rates, sizes, and availability, contact Neighborhood News at [sales@neighborhoodnews.com](mailto:sales@neighborhoodnews.com) or call them at (210) 558-3160. Visit the Neighborhood News website at [www.neighborhoodnews.com](http://www.neighborhoodnews.com).

### Shweiki ad



## BAAC Recognizes Artist Laura Heye

The Bulverde Area Arts Center congratulates member Laura Heye as the recipient of the Best of Show award at their recent juried art exhibit. The show featured art that was selected by a three-member panel of judges based on a range of artistic criteria. Laura has won numerous awards with her art, including first place and honorable mention honors in previous juried shows, before taking the top award this year.

Laura is a founding member of BAAC and has been a consistent exhibitor since its inception. She is a multitalented artist who began her art career taking paper making and book classes at the Southwest School of Art. A few years later she became interested in watercolor and began studying that art form. Now she says watercolor has become her favorite medium, and she still attends classes in San Antonio to improve her skills.

In addition to her painting, Laura is also an excellent calligrapher. She is a member of the San Antonio Calligraphy Guild and has exhibited in their shows. Laura lives in Bulverde with her husband, Gustave "Buzz" Heye. They have two beautiful daughters and three darling granddaughters.

You can see watercolor art by Laura and other local artists at the Bulverde Area Arts Center Gallery located at 2355 Bulverde Road, #9, across from Mike's in the Village in old Bulverde. The gallery is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 4 pm to 8 pm and Sundays from 11 am to 3 pm. There is no admission charge to visit the gallery.





Bulverde City Hall  
30360 Cougar Bend  
Bulverde, Texas 78163

PRSRST STD  
ECRWSS  
US POSTAGE  
PAID  
BOERNE, TX  
PERMIT NO.204

*Time Dated*

\*\*\*\*\*ECRWSSDDM\*\*\*\*

**Postal Customer**

**Bulverde, TX 78163**

**MAY**

*Bulverde  
and other local events*

**JUNE**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	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 Friends of the Park 6:30p Early Voting (see p.4)	2 Early Voting (see p.4)	3 15th Annual Run for the Hills (BSB Activity Center) Monthly Yard Sale (Bulverde Thrift Store)	1	2	3 Planning & Zoning 6:30p	4 SBB Family Lions 7:30p (Activity Center) Comal Academy graduation (CLHS auditorium) BAAC Mtg. 6:30p (Arr Center)	5 Friends of the Park 6:30p MECHS graduation (CLHS auditorium)	6	7 Comal ISD Graduations (San Marcos) Monthly Yard Sale (Bulverde Thrift Store)
4	5 Early Voting (see p.4)	6 Early Voting (see p.4)	7 SBB Family Lions 7:30p (Activity Center) BAAC Mtg. 6:30p (Arr Center)	8 Planning & Zoning 6:30p Art & Wine (Arr Center) 6:00p "Tom Walker" (S.T.A.G.E.) ARMA Open House re: US 281 (2575 Marshall Rd.) 5:30p	9 Leadercast (GVTC Auditorium) "Tom Walker" (S.T.A.G.E.)	10 General Election: City & CISD (see p.4) Chamber Market Day 10a-4p (Bealls, Hwy 46) "Tom Walker" (S.T.A.G.E.) Stamp Out Hunger food drive by USPS	8	9 Library Dist. Board 4:00p (Library)	10 City Council 6:30pm	11	12 Wine & Art (Arr Center)	13	14 Bulverde City Park Grand Opening Oak Village North Neighborhood Garage Sale
11 Mother's Day	12 Library Dist. Board 4:00p (Library)	13 City Council 6:30p	14	15 Peace Officer Memorial 5:30p (City Hall) BSB EMS (6:00p) ESD #1, 4, & 5 7:00p 353 Rodeo Dr. "Tom Walker" (S.T.A.G.E.)	16 "Tom Walker" (S.T.A.G.E.)	17 "Tom Walker" (S.T.A.G.E.)	15 Father's Day	16	17 Nrv. Plant Soc. 7:00p (GVTC)	18 SBB Family Lions 7:30p (Activity Center)	19 BSB EMS 6:00p ESD #1, 4, & 5 7:00p (353 Rodeo Dr.)	20	21
18	19 Nrv. Plant Soc 7:00p (GVTC)	20	21 SBB Family Lions 7:30p (Activity Center)	22 "Tom Walker" (S.T.A.G.E.)	23 "Tom Walker" (S.T.A.G.E.)	24 "Tom Walker" (S.T.A.G.E.)	22 TNR Class 2:00p (353 Rodeo Dr.)	23	24	25	26	27 POET Program 6:00p (830-438-3612)	28
25 TNR Class 2:00p (353 Rodeo Dr.) "Tom Walker" (S.T.A.G.E.)	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29 Mayor's Town Hall Mtg. 6:00p (Library)	30 POET Program 6:00p (830-438-3612)	31	29	30	<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)				