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# MAYOR'S POINT

**Bill Krawietz**  
Mayor of Bulverde, TX

I sure am glad the Home Rule Charter election is over. As suspected, it proved to be a controversial issue in the community, with much deliberation, and the campaign unfortunately got nasty in its final days. Walking around with a big target on my back was not enjoyable.

Luckily, all the education effort paid off victoriously, with a respectable margin of 62% in favor, and a record local May voter turnout of 1162 votes total—nearly one third of Bulverde's registered voters.

It is surprising that the interest in the City Council election was not as large. It appears that only two thirds of those who voted in the Charter election voted for their pick of Councilpersons.

In the Council election, voters chose newcomer David Payne and incumbents Gene Hartman and Ray

GENERAL ELECTION		
CITY COUNCIL	TOTALS	%
DAVID PAYNE**	471	24.29%
KIRK T. HARRISON	459	23.67%
RAY JEFFERY**	481	24.81%
GENE HARTMAN**	528	27.23%
SPECIAL ELECTION		
HOME RULE CHARTER		
FOR**	718	61.79%
AGAINST	444	38.21%

\*\*Winning candidate or measure

Jeffrey. Incumbent Kirk Harrison lost out by a mere twelve votes. All four candidates received between 27% and 24% of the total votes in a very close race.

Now back to the fallout from the Charter election. I hate to see our community divided over anything. The City will continue to work to reassure our citizens that the barrage of false “tax and spend” propaganda and misinformation is nothing more than that—propaganda.

Many opponents to the charter did raise some very valid points as well. Government can and does make

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*(Mayor, continued from page 3)*

some foolish decisions. Fortunately, we have an intelligent and extremely conservative Council. I assure you that before we make any decisions resulting from our newly granted Charter authority, it will be scrutinized to the fullest extent. The action will be looked at from every angle, because sometimes things appear to be a good idea at first but may have unintended consequences.

With the passage of the Home Rule Charter, the community now has a valuable new tool to better manage development and the inevitable growth that will occur in our area. The City Council and staff have charted a set of goals for the City, which will be reviewed by the new Council over the summer, but we are not all knowing. We need your help to preserve what we love about Bulverde and to continue to make it the best it can be. Make sure your concerns and ideas are heard; your Mayor and Council are listening.

# BULVERDE SPECIAL ELECTION

**Saturday, July 11, 2015**

The City of Bulverde will conduct a Special Election on Saturday, July 11, 2015 to elect one Council Member for Place Three of the City Council. Early voting for this election will take place from June 24, 2015 through July 7, 2015 on weekdays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, with extended voting hours from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on Thursday, June 25, 2015 and Tuesday June 30, 2015. Election Day voting will be conducted on Saturday, July 11, 2015 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. All voting will be held at the Bulverde City Hall, 30360 Cougar Bend, Bulverde, Tx 78163.

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COMAL ACADEMY  
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Thursday, June 4, 2015  
Canyon High School Auditorium - 6pm

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# SUMMER SAFETY

With summer arriving, there comes a lot of outdoor activities and sports. The City asks that everyone keep an eye out for children at play. They are often singularly focused on play and friends, not 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 this summer around Bulverde, from roadway improvements at Hwy 46 and Hwy 281, general street maintenance, and various development projects. Construction sites are natural magnets for children; a lot of interesting construction machinery nearby. 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 for teen drivers. According to the American Automobile Association, the months between May and August are the deadliest for teen drivers, labeling the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day as the “The 100 Deadliest Days” for teen drivers. Here 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. Of the teens (ages 13-20 years) that died in crashes in 2012 (latest data available), approximately 55% of them were not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. 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 [distraction.gov](http://distraction.gov), 10% 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.

One last piece of information which parents may find useful and teen drivers under the age of 18 may not know: Parental consent is required for any minor wishing to obtain a Texas driver's license, and may be withdrawn at any time. Ultimately, parents have the authority to revoke their child's driver's license until the child reaches 18 years of age. Help make our roadways a little safer so buckle up, slow down, and don't drive distracted!

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# THANK YOU

Bulverde/Spring Branch  
Area Employers for a  
Successful Job Fair!

Many thanks to several of our Bulverde/Spring Branch Area Employers for your participation at our Area Job Fair held on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library. We had over 250 Job Seekers come to the event! It was an absolutely incredible turnout!!

And, many thanks to our collaborative partners identified by their logos below for helping to make this event a Huge Success! We could not have done it without all of you!!!

The BSBEDF is committed to assisting our community in its efforts to manage growth and support our local economy while maintaining our rural character and quality of life. Please visit our website at [www.bsbedf.com](http://www.bsbedf.com) or call us at 830.885.4331 to learn more about who we are and what we do.

*Sherry Mosier*  
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# It's Time for **FUN FEST**

**Saturday, June 13th** is your lucky day because that is the date of the 2nd Annual Bulverde Fun Fest sponsored by the Bulverde Community Park Association. Bring the entire family to the Bulverde Community Park for a day of fun starting at 10 AM and continuing until 2:00 pm.

If you were here for the first Bulverde Fun Fest and thought that was a lot of fun, you are going to really enjoy this year's party in the park. Here are a few of the activities planned for the Fun Fest:

- Face Painting
- Petting Zoo
- Sidewalk Chalk Art
- Splash Pad
- Games
- Free Food
- Music
- Much, much more!

- Smokey Mo's will be there again this year serving free, delicious barbecue sandwiches. Kathleen Banse will be giving away free hot dogs. Other booths will serve watermelon, peanuts, popcorn, and many other delicious treats—so you can spend the entire day at the park.
- The Blue Lion Train, sponsored by the Bulverde/Spring Branch Lions Club, will be operating throughout the Fun Fest providing free rides around the park, and the Bulverde Area Humane Society will have some furry friends at their pet adoption booth to give sweet puppy kisses and find forever homes.
- It has been a great year for the park since the first Fun Fest. New playground equipment has been installed and more

## A look back at the 2014 Bulverde Fun Fest



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landscaping added to make everyone's visit more enjoyable. The number of visitors to the park has grown also to the point that it is nearly impossible to drive by the park and not see cars in the parking lot. The Bulverde Community Park Association, the Friends of the Park, and the City of Bulverde thank all of you for your support and participation.

- The park is located on Bulverde Lane south of the Bulverde Post office. For safety reasons visitors are asked to use the parking lot at the park or alternate parking areas in

Bulverde Village rather than parking along the road. Roadside parking could present a hazard to both traffic on the road and children playing in the park.

- Information about becoming a member of Friends of the Park can be found on the association's website at: [www.bulverdeparks.com](http://www.bulverdeparks.com). If you would like information about becoming a sponsor contact Merri Harrison by email at [merri.harrison@yahoo.com](mailto:merri.harrison@yahoo.com).

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# The stars at night, are big and bright...

One of the many beautiful wonders of our community cannot be seen until the sun goes down each night, and the dark Texas sky with brilliant stars begins to reveal itself. To continue to maintain this natural Hill Country wonder for generations to come, the City of Bulverde enacted Dark Sky guidelines several years ago. These external light-fixture guidelines, which only apply to properties inside the City limits, help preserve the rural nature of our community by reducing overall light pollution, and also help fulfill the missions of our armed forces at their nearby Camp Bullis facility.

The City's dark sky guidelines do not prohibit exterior lighting. Instead, the guidelines simply require that exterior lighting be placed on a property and shielded in a manner that directs light where it is specifically needed. The guidelines accomplish this by requiring that external light fixtures be "full cut-off" fixtures. This is a technical way of saying that the bulbs must be recessed into the fixtures so that the bulb is not visible when looking at the fixture from the side. The guidelines also require that the fixtures be pointed downward, instead of up into our beautiful dark night skies. These two critical elements help keep lighting focused only where it is needed (sidewalks, parking lots, street intersections, etc.), much like using a flashlight in a darkened room, and also help save the property owner money by reducing electricity demand. By focusing the light in this manner, areas outside the lighted area can remain dark, and our star-filled night skies remain dark.

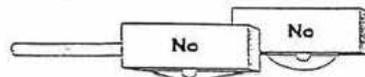
What is a True "Full Cutoff" Outdoor Lighting Fixture?



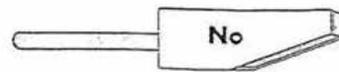
Flat glass lens, eliminates or minimizes direct glare, no upward throw of light. The housing for these fixtures is available in many styles.



Same fixture as above mounted incorrectly - defeating the horizontal mounting design. The fixture now produces direct glare, and can also produce uplight at steeper mounting angles.



Known as just "Cut-off." Center "drop" or "sag" lens with or without exposed bulb, produces direct glare.



Forward-Throw Style. Exposed bulb in the forward direction produces some direct glare.

Light leaving one person's property and going onto an adjacent property is called "light trespass." Light trespass can be common when unshielded fixtures are used and/or when fixture direction is not correctly aligned. The old-style "floodlight" fixture found in most hardware stores is not a dark sky compliant fixture. The unshielded bulbs

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and angled installation often cause a tremendous amount of light pollution on adjacent properties and the night sky. However, shielded dark sky compliant fixtures can easily be found at most hardware stores and online, and typically at prices comparable to the older-style floodlight fixtures that cause so much light pollution. The City also encourages nonessential lighting to be turned off after business hours, or when not in use, and for timers or sensor-activated lights to be installed for security purposes. The City typically handles light pollution violations on a complaint basis only. If a complaint is received, the City will investigate the situation, and a noncompliant fixture may have to be replaced or better aligned to reduce light trespass on neighboring properties.

The dark sky guidelines are most commonly implemented during the building permit process for new construction. City Staff reviews the proposed exterior lighting to ensure the fixtures are the proper type and that they are correctly adjusted so light pollution and light trespass onto adjacent properties is minimized. After construction, City Staff then verifies that the lighting has been installed correctly.

In addition to maintaining our star-filled night skies, the City's dark sky guidelines are also critical to the missions

of our armed forces. Camp Bullis is one of several key military installations in our region, and is part of Joint Base San Antonio. While Camp Bullis is not located inside the city limits of Bulverde, it is immediately adjacent to a portion of the City's ETJ. Camp Bullis is utilized by various branches of the military to provide "real world" training, intended to mimic remote combat style operations and conditions, particularly at night. Limiting the amount of ambient night-time light in the area helps prepare our troops for low light conditions in remote areas of the world and also allows for training with night vision devices. Therefore, it is important to not only reduce ambient lighting on the Camp Bullis property, but also in the areas around the base. Thus, the City's dark sky guidelines help accomplish this important military mission in addition to helping to continue to preserve the rural character of our community and our opportunities for star gazing.

Through a couple of easy steps, simply purchasing shielded instead of non-shielded external light fixtures and ensuring that they are properly installed in a downward direction, a property can be both well-lit and maintain our beautiful dark night skies. For full details of the City's dark sky guidelines, please visit the City's website under the "Ordinances" section; Chapter 3, "Building Regulations."

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ESD #4 Commissioners, Medics, Firefighters, staff, and administration thank you for your impressive support in our May 9th election to increase the property tax cap to the state allowable 10-cents. Your support, as we face unprecedented commercial and residential growth, makes the challenges become opportunities.

ESD #4 Commissioner and President of the Board Larry Hull expressed his gratitude, "Thank you for your support and involvement in your emergency services district. We will keep you informed as plans are being formulated. We are counting on the residents of the District participating in the planning process, particularly those along the 306/Mystic Shores area and the 311/3159 area."

We thank everyone who voted, and will continue to strive for faster response to your homes and businesses despite the increased volume in calls. The best tool Bulverde Spring Branch Fire & EMS has in the fight against time to patient, or time to burning structure, is station placement. We will make judicious decisions, with your assistance, about where the next stations and personnel should be located.

Thanks to your confidence and approval of this cap, we are now one step closer to improved emergency service coverage in our 216 mile District.



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New Station Exterior



Community enjoying large bays



# New Bulverde Spring Branch Fire & EMS Station Opens at Johnson Ranch

Bulverde Spring Branch Emergency Services opened their newest Fire & EMS facility in Johnson Ranch on FM 1863. The 12,000 square foot station has almost 7,000 square feet of bays for vehicles and equipment. There are overnight accommodations for up to ten medics and firefighters, as well as a full kitchen and dining room facilities, conference rooms, and a community meeting room.\*

This Johnson Ranch location is staffed full-time, 24 hours a day by both fire and medical personnel, and will provide a faster response to neighborhoods that have a higher call volume in our 216 miles District. The neighborhoods that will most benefit include Oak Village North, Johnson Ranch, the Beck Road area, downtown Bulverde, and Rim Rock Ranch.

Emergency Service District #1 secured funding for the facility, which was built by Field Construction.



(L-R) Anne Miller, State Rep. Doug Miller, Dev. Dir. Judy Millsbaugh, Councilmember Ray Jeffery, Mayor Bill Krawietz, Board President Steve Stevenson, and Chief of Police Gary Haecker

### \*Community Meeting Rooms Available

As an additional amenity for the community, the new station has three meeting rooms available where neighborhood associations and other groups can gather. To request the use of a room, go to [www.bsb911.com](http://www.bsb911.com) and select ENTER on the left side. Under the heading How We Connect, select Book a Meeting Space; on the Meeting Rooms page, select Click Here. You will then see a grid view of the reservation system and thumbnail calendars for the current and future months. Click on your desired date and this will bring up the grid for that day. Locate one of the available rooms in the top row of the grid, and then scroll down the column until you find your desired time. Click on the cell for that time and a reservation request form will open. Complete the form and click save. You will be contacted to confirm your reservation and to finalize the details.

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June 17, 2015

Chamber Monthly Power Lunch - Sponsored by GVTC  
12 Noon – 1:00 pm, Location: River Crossing Club

June 25, 2015

Business Networking Mixer, 5:30 – 7:30 pm  
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# The Buzz From the Garden

## Never Water Your Garden Again!

By Cathy Scroggins-Brownlow,  
Cub Master, Bulverde Cub Scout Pack 548

Love the idea of having a garden to grow your own vegetables, but hate the idea of adding "water the garden" to your already too long TO DO list? Imagine enjoying a truly fresh salad right from your own backyard without ever having to remember to water. It is possible with a Self-Watering Bucket Gardening System.

Some of you may remember Bulverde Cub Scout Pack 548 was fortunate enough to have developed a salsa garden last summer in two of our plots. Then, in the fall, we grew pumpkins. We had a great time planting and harvesting. Our Cub Scouts learned quite a bit about the importance of having good soil, quality fertilizer, and the necessity of water.

We developed a rotating watering schedule where each family within the Pack was to water the garden for one week. However, as life tends to do, families got busy and watering was left up to Mother Nature. So this year we decided to take a new approach to gardening. We no longer have the traditional gardening plots. We implemented a Self-Watering Bucket Gardening System.

Our Self-Watering Bucket Gardening System is a series of 5 gallon buckets. The initial bucket has a float valve in it which means that the hose can provide water to the irrigation system constantly and



the water flow will shut off when the bucket gets too full of water. The buckets are connected with drip irrigation tubing, and grommets are used to make the bottoms of the buckets water tight. We planted our vegetables in the same manner as we did in the traditional plots.

The Bear Den of Pack 548 had a great time implementing our Pack garden. Now all we have to do is sit back and enjoy the fruits, or in this case the vegetables, of our labor. Come by the Bulverde Community Garden and see how our model of a Self-Watering Bucket Gardening System. Then, create on yourself and never add "water the garden" to your TO DO list again!

For more information on Self-Watering Bucket Gardening Systems: <http://www.nateshomestead.com/this-weeks-video-worth-watching-ldsprepper-off-grid-self-watering-container-garden-system-made-easy/>

For more information on how to join Bulverde Cub Scouts Pack 548 for an Adventure of a lifetime: Cathy Scroggins-Brownlow, Cub Master, 210.343.9272

*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.*



## Lemongrass Lemonade

Yield: about 4 cups

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 stalks lemongrass, bruised lightly with the side of a knife and cut into 1/2-inch stalks; cut into 4 swizzle sticks (optional)
- 3 cups water
- 1 cup fresh lemon juice (from about 3 large lemons)
- 1/2 cup fresh lime juice (from about 2 limes)
- Pinch salt
- 2 cups ice
- 1 lemon, thinly sliced

In a small saucepan combine the sugar, lemongrass pieces, and water and bring to a boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Lower the heat and simmer 20 minutes. Remove the syrup from the heat; let it sit for about an hour. Strain it into a glass pitcher. Just before serving add the lemon juice, lime juice and salt. Stir well and add ice. Serve in tall glasses with more ice. Garnish with the lemon slices and the lemongrass swizzle sticks.



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# EVERY HERO HAS A STORY

Summer is right around the corner and Bulverde/Spring Branch Library has just what you need to stay busy and cool all summer long! We've got a Summer Reading Program for every age group, from babies to adults. Join us Saturday, June 13 at 5pm to kick off the program. We'll have food, games and fun for the whole family. Continue reading all summer long to win prizes and attend events that will edify and entertain. Register at the Summer Reading Program Kickoff and visit [www.bsblibrary.org](http://www.bsblibrary.org) for more information.

This year's theme is based around superheroes! Here are a few books to get you in the superhero spirit:

## PICTURE BOOKS

### ***Super Hair-O and the Barber of Doom* by John Rocco**

A boy fears that he has lost his super powers after a villain captures him and cuts the hair that he believes is the source of his strength.

### ***Ten Rules of Being a Superhero* by Deb Pilutti**

An instruction manual for aspiring superheroes that follows the adventures of action-figure Captain Magma and his sidekick/owner Lava Boy as they outsmart a villainous dinosaur, evade a bee, and save a worm from certain destruction.

### ***Zero the Hero* by Joan Holub**

Zero believes that he is a hero, but the counting numbers think he is worthless until they get into trouble with some Roman numerals, and only Zero can help.

## JUVENILE BOOKS

### ***Sidekicks* by Jack D. Ferraiolo**

Scott Hutchinson has an alternate identity as Bright Boy, the sidekick of Phantom Justice, but with the help of his rival sidekick, Monkeywrench, Scott begins to question whether Phantom Justice is really a hero.

### ***The Princess in Black* by Shannon Hale**

Who says princesses don't wear black? When trouble raises its blue monster head, Princess Magnolia ditches her flouncy dresses and becomes the Princess in Black

### ***The Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom* by Christopher Healy**

The four princes erroneously dubbed Prince Charming and rudely marginalized in their respective fairy tales form an unlikely team when a witch threatens the whole kingdom.

## YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

### ***Superman Earth One, #1* by J. Michael Straczynski**

This original graphic novel gives new insight into Clark Kent's transformation into Superman and his first year as The Man of Steel.

### ***Doctor Who: How to be a Time Lord***

This ancient book contains thousands of years of Time Lord wisdom- which the Doctor has 'improved' with his own notes and doodles as a guide for the next Doctor. It contains everything you need to know to be just like him. So keep it under your fez and don't tell the Daleks.

### ***My Life in Pink & Green* by Lisa Greenwald**

When the family's drugstore is failing, seventh-grader Lucy uses her problem solving talents to come up with a solution that might resuscitate the business, along with helping the environment.

## ADULT BOOKS

### ***Batman/Superman : Cross World (Batman/Superman, #1)* by Greg Pak**

The Dark Knight and the Man of Steel are close friends in the modern day- but the two weren't always such close allies. Discover how two of the World's Finest Super Heroes met for the first time in the New 52, and the mysterious adventure that takes them to a whole new world- the world of Earth 2!

### ***The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley**

Eleven-year-old Flavia de Luce, an aspiring chemist with a passion for poison, is propelled into a mystery when a man is murdered on the grounds of her family's decaying English mansion and Flavia's father becomes the main suspect.

### ***The 100 Greatest Heroes* by H. Paul Jeffers**

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## LAURA HEYE WINS BEST OF SHOW

A watercolor by Laura Heye was awarded Best of Show honors at the current juried art exhibit now on display at the Bulverde Area Arts Center. This is the second year in a row that Laura has received the top award in the juried show. The show was juried by Mary McIntosh, an award winning New Braunfels artist who recently retired from a career in the film industry in Los Angeles.

Other awards for outstanding art in the show included Jeanne Keller - second place, Jane Wood - third place, Robert Pettigrew - honorable mention, Keller - honorable mention, Heye - honorable mention.



### NEW EXHIBIT OPENS JUNE 5

A wine and cheese reception on Friday, June 5 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm will open a new exhibit at the gallery. The public is invited to come and meet the artists as BAA embarks on a unique summer experience by allowing member artists to "own" an apportioned amount of space in the gallery to hang and sell their art. The artists will be able to change their exhibit space as often as they desire and to present art in a wide variety of sizes, mediums and price ranges. The "Summer Show and Sell" will run from June 5 through August 16.

The Bulverde Area Arts Center gallery is located at 2355 Bulverde Road, #9, in Bulverde Village, across from Mike's in the Village. The gallery is open 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. Credit cards are accepted for art purchases.



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# THE BULVERDE THRIFT STORE CELEBRATES NEW LOCATION! Volunteers Still Needed

After several months of searching for a new location and wrangling the details of a new lease, the Bulverde Thrift Store is thrilled to announce that it has relocated and opened in the Bealls center on Highway 46 (the old HEB center). Because of this great new location, the store is now open more hours each week. This is great news for bargain hunters, but requires more staff to keep the store running. Because the Thrift Store is a not-for-profit organization that helps to support two local nonprofits (Provisions: A 25:35 Outreach and the BSB Activity Center), store manager Kristina Vickers relies solely on volunteers to staff the store during business hours. All of the associates who work in the store sorting donations, pricing and displaying

items, and helping customers are volunteers who want to make a difference in the community. If you are interested in volunteering a few hours each week or month at the Bulverde Thrift Store, Kristina would love to talk to you!

The store is open Wednesday (10-4), Thursday (10-6), Friday (10-4), and Saturday (10-2), with several options for volunteer hours, and Kristina can work with volunteers to accommodate their schedules and availability. Ideally, Kristina hopes to build the volunteer staff enough to be open on Monday and Tuesday also. Call or email Kristina at (830) 438-6482 or [BulverdeThriftStore@gvtc.com](mailto:BulverdeThriftStore@gvtc.com), or simply stop by during business hours.



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# 16TH ANNUAL RUN FOR THE HILLS CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS

The weather could not have been better on May 2, 2015 for the Bulverde Spring Branch Activity Center 16th Annual Run for the Hills, a major fundraiser that supports the Meals on Wheels program and the many member activities and programs at the Activity Center. Approximately 350 participants took to the course for a 5K or 10K walk or run and enjoyed the beautiful weather along the way.

Congratulations go out to the Overall 5K winners – Marissa Ibarra and Cody Miller; to 5K Senior Grand Masters Bea Tyler and Michael Smiley; to the Overall 10K winners – Melissa Ross and Eric Salinas; to Senior Grand Master 10K winners – Ruth Brook and Bill Nauschuetz; and finally, to our oldest runner Harvey Birdwell, who completed the race in the Over 80 age category. Simply Amazing!

Congratulations also go out to the business with the highest participation – Smithson Valley Physical Therapy. Additionally, two new trophies for team competition were awarded this year: the School Spirit trophy for the school with the most participation, and the Charity Cup trophy for the team raising the most money in addition to the race entry fee. The School Spirit trophy went to Kinder Ranch Elementary, Principal Dr. Judy Murray, with 31 participants. The Charity Cup trophy was awarded to Team Pee Wee's Pals lead by Tonie Rogers. Tonie and her team raised \$1,464. Congratulations to both of these outstanding teams.



We would like to thank the community for their support. Several local businesses donated fruit, granola bars, and water. A very special thank you to all of the volunteers who gave their time and energy making baked goods, handing out water, putting up/taking down signs, organizing and handing out runner packets, and setting up and cleaning up after the run was over. This was one of the most successful runs in the history of the event. We would also like to thank all of our Sponsors that made this event happen. Singing Hills Development and WellMed Medical Group at Bulverde just to name a few. The names of other sponsors can be found on our website, [www.bsbac.com](http://www.bsbac.com). Please help us to continue to thank them. Next year's race will be May 7, 2016. Mark your calendar.

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# (Unrealistic) Expectations

by Carrye Franzel



So you're getting a dog. Pick up some food, a bed, collar, a toy or two. Easy, right? Not so fast. You could be the next disenchanted owner surrendering your dog to a shelter or giving it away. The greatest risk to a dog living out his life in his original home: unrealistic expectations. They run the gamut from how long it takes to housetrain, to be okay around other people/children/dogs/cats, to learn to leash walk, not jump up on people. And the list goes on. Many acquire a dog with little understanding of what it may take for a dog to adapt and become the pet you want.

So, how long does it take a dog to settle in at a new home? Whether he came from another home or a shelter, any change in environment is stressful. Dogs thrive on routine and predictability. How long it takes for a dog to adapt varies widely from dog to dog but the time commitment can sometimes be significant. Two weeks is not going to cut it.

One of the most common questions we are asked at the shelter: "is the dog housebroken?" Consider the typical scenario of an owner surrendering his dog for any one of a number of reasons. Reports of prior house training tend to be unreliable. Once at the shelter, home is now a kennel and outdoor run – no indoor time. If the dog can't "hold it" for 14 hrs when caretakers return in the



early morning to clean pens and exercise the dogs, he must dirty a part of his run. Months later, the dog is adopted and headed for a home. Think a minute from the dog's perspective. He may have been reliably housetrained before he came to the shelter but his potty routine has been dramatically different for months. It's unrealistic to assume that a previously housetrained dog will automatically be reliable in a new environment. Any dog going into a new home initially needs monitoring, reward, and praise to assure housetraining is either reinforced or learned for the first time.

Dogs who spent their early lives in back yards take even longer to adjust to rehoming because they are fearful of anything outside what was their norm before. We have two dogs at the shelter now terrified of leash walks who flop on their backs submissively and freeze. Another shelter dog in foster care cringes when a ceiling fan is turned on. These are the types of fear behaviors that take even longer to overcome.

We love Lassie illusions of that perfect dog. We forget that Lassie was trained and worked regularly by a professional handler throughout her life. Just like Lassie, every dog needs a committed handler if he is to become the pet you want. We owe the dog that kind of commitment if we're going to take one in as our own.



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*Pictured are (l-r) Boys Head Coach Jonathan Jarrett, Dalton Reid, Assistant Coach Nathan Nunley, and SVHS Girls Head Soccer Coach Jason Adkins, a longtime family friend.*

## DALTON REID AWARDED SOCCER SCHOLARSHIP

~Photo and article courtesy of Comal ISD

Smithson Valley High senior soccer player Dalton Reid signed a national letter of intent to play at Schreiner University in Kerrville on May 1. Reid was a four-year varsity starter at SVHS at the all-important center-midfield position. He was team captain for the past three seasons. Reid helped lead the Rangers to the area round of the playoffs in 2014 and 2015. He was also named to the Academic All-District team in each of his four years at SVHS. Congratulations to Dalton!



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7 S.T.A.G.E. ELFS recitals 4:00p & 7:00p (STAGE)	8 Friends of the Library Board 1:30p (Library) Library District Board 4:00p (Library)	9 Wellness on Wheels 9:00a (Provisions) City Council 6:30p	10	11 Bulverde Lions 7:00p (Bulv. Comm. Ctr.)	12 Movie in the Park dusk 8:00ish (Bulverde Comm. Park)	13 Bulverde FunFest at the Park 10:00a (Bulv. Comm. Park) Oak Village No. Garage Sale 8:00a-3:00p (OVN)
14 Flag Day	15 Community Garden Mtg. 5:15p (Activity Ctr.)	16	17 SBB Family Lions 7:30p (Activity Center)	18 ESD #1, 4, & 5 5:00p (353 Rodeo Dr.) BSBES 6:00p (353 Rodeo Dr.)	19	20
21 Father's Day / Summer Solstice	22	23 Friends of the Park 6:00p	24 Early Voting 8:00a-5:00p (City Hall)	25 Early Voting 7:00a-7:00p (City Hall) Bulverde Lions 7:00p (Bulv. Comm. Ctr.)	26 Early Voting 8:00a-5:00p (City Hall) P.O.E.T. Program 5:30p (Johnson Ranch Fire Station)	27 Shine the Park 8:00a (Bulverde Comm. Park)
28 Free Outdoor Cat Control Class 2:00p (353 Rodeo Dr.)	29 Early Voting 8:00a-5:00p (City Hall)	30 Early Voting 7:00a-7:00p (City Hall)	<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)			

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12	13 Friends of the Library Board 1:30p (Library) Library District Board 4:00p (Library)	14 Wellness on Wheels 9:00a (Provisions) 1:00p (Indian Hills Fire St.) City Council 6:30p	15 SBB Family Lions 7:30p (Activity Center)	16 ESD #1, 4, & 5 5:00p (353 Rodeo Dr.) BSBES 6:00p (353 Rodeo Dr.) Forbidden Broadway (S.T.A.G.E.)	17 Forbidden Broadway (S.T.A.G.E.)	18 Forbidden Broadway (S.T.A.G.E.)
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26 Free Outdoor Cat Control Class 2:00p (353 Rodeo Dr.) Forbidden Broadway (S.T.A.G.E.)	27	28 Friends of the Park 6:00p	29	30 Forbidden Broadway (S.T.A.G.E.)	31 Forbidden Broadway (S.T.A.G.E.)	