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AIRPORT IMPORTANT COMMUNITY ASSET

Burnet Municipal Airport at Kate Craddock Field is a public use, general aviation airport located on the west side of Highway 281 in Burnet.

According to economists, Wilbur Smith Associates, the Burnet airport generates approximately \$1 million in direct on-airport spending. Additionally, the 6,360 general aviation visitors who arrive at the airport each year support \$528,000 in payroll and \$839,000 in direct output. When combined, on-airport spending and visitors who use general aviation at the airport are responsible for \$3.5 million in total economic output.

Some of the activities that occur at the airport on a regular basis include fuel sales, hangar rental, flight instruction, corporate use, recreational flying, and police, fire and EMS support. Other outreach programs include a flight museum, annual air shows and fly-ins and fieldtrips for local students.



INGRAM NAMED FIRE CHIEF

The City of Burnet recently named **Mark Ingram** as the new Fire Chief for the City. Ingram, a Licensed Paramedic and Advanced Firefighter, came to Burnet from Copperas Cove where he held the

position of Battalion Chief/EMS Coordinator for four years.

Ingram was chosen from a field of twenty-eight applicants. "The decision was a difficult one because of all the excellent applicants," said City Manager Michael Steele, "and we are very pleased to have our top candidate accept the position."

Ingram has been recognized for his many accomplishments including Fire Officer of the Year in 2005 and Fire Chief's Award in 2002. Besides his paramedic and Advanced Firefighter certifications, he also has served as DSHS Instructor and Examiner, American Heart Association CPR Instructor, Basic Trauma Life Support Affiliate Faculty, and Central Texas College instructor for EMS programs. He has also served as Chair for the Central Texas College EMS Advisory Committee. Welcome to Burnet, Mark.

SURVEYS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Interested in making your opinions known to City officials? You can now go online and answer a number of surveys regarding services provided by the City of Burnet. The City website offers a link to SurveyMonkey® where you can choose from a number of short surveys (five to six questions on average) to let officials know how you feel. The surveys are completely anonymous. Go to www.cityofburnet.com and click on SURVEYS.

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**CHANCE TO
PURCHASE
HISTORY BRICKS
OFFERED**

The City is offering a second chance to purchase history bricks to be placed in the History Plaza.

“This is a good opportunity for those who missed the initial sale,” says project manager, Crista Bromley.

Two sizes of bricks can be purchased; a 4”x8” for \$50 and an 8”x8” for \$100. Persons interested in purchasing a brick should contact Crista at 512.715.3217 or email her at cbromley@cityofburnet.com. Bricks will be ordered when a sufficient number are sold.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City of Burnet observes the following holidays.

New Year’s Day-January 1st**Martin Luther King Day**-3rd Monday in January**Good Friday**-Friday before
Easter**Memorial Day**-Last

Monday in May

Independence Day-July 4th**Labor Day**-1st Monday in
September**Veterans Day**-November
11th **Thanksgiving Day**-4th

Thurs in November

Friday after Thanksgiving-4th Friday in November**Christmas**-December 25th

Holidays falling on a Saturday are typically taken on Friday. Holidays falling on a Sunday are typically taken on Monday.

**GRANTS OFFERED FOR HISTORIC
PRESERVATION**

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is currently accepting grant applications from nonprofit organizations and public agencies for four grant programs: the National Trust Preservation Funds, the Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation, the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors and the Hart Family Fund for Small Towns. All four grant programs have a **February 1, 2007** postmark deadline. The National Trust Preservation Funds grant program has additional deadlines of June 1 and October 1.

National Trust Preservation Funds are designed to encourage preservation at the local level by providing seed money for preservation projects focused on preservation planning or education efforts. Support is offered for obtaining professional expertise in areas such as architecture, archeology, engineering, preservation planning and fundraising. Grant funds may also be used to support preservation education activities. Grants range from \$500 to \$5,000, with the average grant awarded ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

Grants from the Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation and the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors range from \$2,500 to \$10,000. The Favrot Fund supports preservation planning or education efforts. The Mitchell Fund assists in the preservation, restoration and interpretation of historic interiors. In addition to nonprofit organizations and public agencies, individuals and for-profit businesses may receive grants from the Favrot and Mitchell funds if the project for which funding is requested involves a National Historic Landmark.

Grants from The Hart Family Fund for Small Towns range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and are intended to assist small town preservation and revitalization initiatives around the country. The fund focuses on towns with populations of 5,000 or less.

Potential applicants should contact the National Trust regional office serving their state for more information. Valecia Crisafulli, Director, Statewide & Local Partnerships National Trust for Historic Preservation, 11785 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20036. Phone: 202.588.62161 Fax: 202.588.6223. Email valecia_crisafulli@nthp.org or go to www.nationaltrust.org.

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Letters to City Hall

Dear Mayor Kincheloe and City of Burnet Aldermen:

On behalf of the Friends of the Herman Brown Free Library, thank you for your support of Saturday hours for the library in November and December. This program is an excellent opportunity to attract more visitors to the Square on weekends, especially during the important holiday retail season. We believe that the library has the capacity to draw people to the Square by offering important library services and interesting library programs. We congratulate you on this effort to collaborate with the library and the County to provide essential library services to the citizens of Burnet.

Sincerely

Patsy Blend, President

Friends of the Herman Brown Free Library

October 21, 2006

Dear Friends,

Congratulations on the completion of the Burnet History Plaza. Please accept this letter as my recognition of this fantastic event.

As part of the renovation project for the downtown area, you all have a lot to be proud of today. The history of Burnet is rich in tradition and now it can be shared with all who cross this plaza. I wish the citizens of Burnet a bright and prosperous future.

Once again, congratulations. It is an honor to serve all of you in the United States House of Representatives. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the future if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

K. Michael Conaway

Member of Congress

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Dear Editor,

On behalf of all those who enjoy the Riverwalk regularly, and those of us who live on the banks of Hamilton Creek, I would like to say a great big "Thank you" to the city employees and the City of Burnet for the beautiful lighted Christmas tree forest. Also, a special thanks goes to the Rotarians for the recent cleanup efforts on the Riverwalk.

I feel that the Riverwalk is one of the under-appreciated jewels of our area, and these beautification efforts add even more to its appeal. If you haven't been down lately, come on down and see the many glowing trees and lights across the creek. In fact, why don't you make it an evening? Have dinner at the Highlander or Schultze's and then take a stroll down the Riverwalk. You'll be pleased to have such an attraction in our area.

Virginia Hammond, Burnet



CHRISTMAS TREE FOREST WINNERS

Visitors to the Christmas Tree Forest, on the Square in Burnet, selected three top choices from a field of 15 entrants for the best decorated tree. The event, which benefited the LaCare food bank, drew more than 600 visitors.

The **Herman Brown Free Library** secured first place with 88 votes; the **Burnet Chamber of Commerce** placed second with 86 votes; and, the **Burnet High School National Honor Society** placed third with 76 votes. Visitors to the display were asked to vote for their top three choices. Winners receive a trophy and cash prize. The third place winner, the National Honor Society, announced that they will donate their prize money of \$50 to LaCare.

Overall, the event raised \$375 and two boxes of non-perishable food items for LaCare. The project was a collaboration of the Herman Brown Free Library, the Burnet Chamber of Commerce and the City of Burnet.

Other participants included the Boys and Girls Club of the Highland Lakes-Burnet Unit; Burnet High School Girls Softball Team; City of Burnet; Hill Country Charity Fund (Brown Santa); Hoover Valley 4-H; LaCare; Literacy Highland Lakes; Llano Memorial Home Health; Prairie Flower Garden Club of Bertram; ReMax Burnet; and the Silver Thistle Design Co.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB—BURNET UNIT SCHEDULES "CONSTRUCTION FOR KIDS"

The BCG-HL has scheduled a work day for January 27 beginning at 7:00 a.m. to rehabilitate the building currently housing the club. You can volunteer your time or materials toward the effort. Contact Whitney Baker at 512.756.1444 or 512.264.4720 or by email at whitney@bgc-hl.com

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DATES TO REMEMBER

The **City Council** regularly meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at the City Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. *Watch the web page for changes to the schedule and special meetings.*

The **Burnet Tourism Alliance** regularly meets the first Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall.

The **Planning & Zoning Commission** regularly meets the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers.

The **Historical Board** meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the City Meeting Building, 303 E. Jackson.

The **Airport Advisory Board** meets at 3:00 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the FOB terminal, Burnet Municipal Airport.

Check the web site at www.cityofburnet.com for special meetings and changes in meeting dates and times.

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For information on using the City Meeting Building at 303 E. Jackson Street contact the City Secretary at 512.756.6093, Ext. 209.

Making History



A town's history is not just old buildings and tangible relics from the past but the combination of memories, traditions and happenings of its people, both past and present. This year, Burnet revived an old Christmas tradition dating back to the horse and buggy days. A few of our revered senior citizens tell us that in times past, before electricity and paved streets, the merchants of Burnet would put up Christmas trees along the sidewalks around the square. They were decorated mostly with beautiful handmade ornaments and everyone came to admire them.

On Christmas Eve, as dusk fell, the young folks would climb up on top of the buildings and shoot fireworks out over the streets. Others would shoot roman candles along the streets. Of course, these were not the pyrotechnics of

today, but it was an exciting spectacle none the less.

This year, the City of Burnet, the Burnet Chamber of Commerce and the Herman Brown Free Library helped renew the idea with Christmas trees along the sidewalks, the addition of a Christmas tree forest in a store front on the square and the Trail of Lights along Hamilton Creek Park. In this day and age, of course, the trees were filled with the excitement of twinkling electric lights, a safer alternative to the fireworks.

Those who worked on the project hope that the age old tradition of Christmas trees on the sidewalks will live on in our future history, getting bigger and better and more beautiful as the years roll by.



NOTES FROM CITY HALL

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to City Councilman **James Ritter**, and City employees **Roy Fyffe**, **Carla Clark**, and the Hartgrove family at their recent illnesses. Also to Elizabeth Watson, wife of police chief **Bob Watson** at her recent hospitalization. Roy is the Building Official for the City, Carla is the Court Clerk and **Matthew Hartgrove** is a police officer for the City.

Our condolences to their families at the death of **Steve White**, former police chief for the City; Robert Bryan, father of **Terry Bryan**, who works for the Street Department; city retiree, **Alfred Curtis Carpenter**; and Phyllis Bryan, daughter of former councilman, **A. B. Daugherty**.

Congratulations to **John Goble** on passing the state certification for Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester.

Ashley Barnett, Jim Luther and

Monte Priest were recently appointed to Captain positions with the Burnet Fire Dept. Ashley has worked for the City for ten years, Jim has worked for the City for six years and Monte joined the City in November of this year.

The Boys and Girls Club of Burnet have sent out a call for volunteers. According to Burnet Unit Director, Whitney Baker, the club needs volunteers in several areas of interest. If you are interested in volunteering for the BGC, contact Whitney at 512.756.1444 or 512.264.4720 or by email at whitney@bgc-hl.com.