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Don't leave town July 4th! The Burleson Lions Club will host the annual parade, and the City of Burleson's free Independence Day Celebration concert and fireworks show will take place at a new venue – Chisenhall Fields.

The Monday parade starts at 9 a.m. The theme is "One Nation Under God." Military veterans are the honorees. The route goes from Irene Street to Gregory, Johnson, Ellison, Main, Bufford, Warren, Gregory, and back to Irene. Enter your band, bicycle, four-wheeler, cheer/dance group, horses, floats, dogs, fire equipment, jeeps, military equipment, tractor/farm equipment, and vehicles. Applications are online at www.burlesonlions.org and at the Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce.

Attendees of the Independence Day Celebration may pick their watching spot starting at 5 p.m. The 90-minute concert, headlined by Voo Doo Blue, begins at 7:30 p.m. at 500 W. Hidden Creek Pkwy. The fireworks will light up the sky over Chisenhall after 9 p.m.

Voodoo Blue performed at the 2010 Hot Sounds of Summer concert series. Voodoo Blue formed in 2002 to pay homage to one of the most widely recognized guitar masters – Stevie Ray Vaughan.

If you plan to attend the City's free celebration, drivers may right turn, only (towards I-35W), out of the Chisenhall Fields main arched entrance on to Hidden Creek. Drivers may turn left, only, out of the entrance closest to Irene Street. That left turn takes drivers on to Hidden Creek, toward the Irene Street intersection and Hwy. 174/Wilshire Boulevard. For a map, go to <http://tinyurl.com/43guvs6> on the City website.

There are more than 600 parking spaces at Chisenhall Fields and more than 200 spaces available for overflow parking at Hidden Creek Sports Complex. There are sidewalks connecting Hidden Creek Sports Complex and Chisenhall Fields.

The fireworks will be shot off from the southeast corner of Chisenhall Fields. The City stage will be set up in the football field/fourplex area. Patrons may sit on the bleachers and fields surrounding the stage. The concession stand will be open but patrons may also bring in their own picnic and beverages. No alcohol, glass bottles, pets, tents or canopies are permitted. Fireworks, including sparklers, are also not permitted. No parking will be allowed on Hidden Creek. Vehicles parked on Hidden Creek would impede a response by emergency vehicles. All median openings between Irene Street and Dobson Street will be blocked for safety purposes.

For more about the parade, call Keith Kelly at 817-295-5565 or Kim Malone at 817-903-5338. For more about the City's Independence Day Celebration concert and fireworks, call David McDowell at 817-426-9112.