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Volunteers with the Burleson Visitors Center will reopen Rail Car #330 on Wednesday, Sept. 21.

The car has been closed for several months while repairs were made to the exterior. During that process it was necessary to relocate the access platform in order to remove the siding and dry the insulation.

The interior of the rail car houses a collection of period memorabilia. Rail Car #330 and the Burleson Visitors Center – located at 124 W. Ellison St. in front of Burleson City Hall - are open for visitors and tours Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Interurban Express Motor #330 Rail Car returned to Old Town in March 2010. The 18,000-pound circa 1902 refurbished trolley car was placed on the trucks (two swiveling wheel sets that weigh a combined total of five tons) that were installed on the pad next to the Burleson Visitors Center.

This is the oldest rail car of its kind in North Texas. It was actually once painted Pullman Green, but the rail cars were repainted bright orange after several accidents involving rail cars.

The rail car ran the electrified rails of North Texas from 1902-1934 on the Fort Worth-Dallas and Fort Worth-Cleburne interurban lines. The freight/express rail car carried everything from ice cream to coffins. Rail Car #330 made two round trips daily between Fort Worth and Cleburne with intermediate stops in Forest Hill, Everman, Burleson and Joshua. Interurban service between Fort Worth and Cleburne ended in April 1931 because with progress came good roads, vehicles, and bus lines. Rail Car #330 returned to the Fort-Worth Dallas line where it hauled freight until December 1934 when that line also ceased to operate.

Interurban Express Motor #330 was obtained by the Burleson Heritage Foundation in 1998. The five-ton trucks were moved to the pad site in April 2008. In May 2008, four informational kiosks were placed next to the trucks. The kiosk panels illustrate the founding of Burleson and development of the Burleson Independent School District as well as the relationship of the rail system that was instrumental to the growth of Burleson.

In February 2010, Burleson City Council members approved an agreement with the foundation that makes the City the sole owner of the rail car. Heritage will operate and manage the rail car as part of the Burleson Visitors Center, which is also owned by the City.