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The national spotlight will be on Burleson in June. Elected officials from more than a dozen states are visiting our city June 11-14 for the National League of Cities Small Cities Council summer meeting. Burleson Mayor Pro Tem Stuart Gillaspie chairs the committee.

The Small Cities Council is comprised of more than 150 representatives from member cities with populations of 50,000 or less. June is also "Small Cities Month." The designation draws attention to the importance and accomplishments of small cities and celebrates their efforts to build better communities. During the June meeting, elected officials share best practices and discuss the implications of federal policy and funding decisions on small cities and towns.

You may spot the NLC group at Russell Farm, City of Burleson facilities, Hidden Creek Golf Course, Babe's Chicken Dinner House, Fresco's and at the June 13 Hot Sounds of Summer concert (Le Freak) in Old Town Burleson. They will also be taking a driving tour of the city.

The states that will be represented at the June meeting in Burleson include Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Washington and Wyoming. The NLC committee members dedicate themselves to building partnerships with the federal government and states to make small cities and towns stronger, safer, and more vibrant places for people to work and live.

Stuart Gillaspie has been an active part of the City of Burleson government for almost 23 years. He was appointed to the National League of Cities 2013 Transportation Infrastructure & Services Committee. This committee has the lead responsibility for developing NLC federal policy positions on issues involving transportation, including planning, funding, safety and security of public transit, streets and highways, aviation, railroads and ports.

Gillaspie was appointed to the Small Cities Council of the National League of Cities, and became chairman in 2014. Gillaspie was also appointed to the NLC Policy Committee on Transportation to assist in railroad issues.

Gillaspie was elected mayor pro tem by his peers following the May 2007 elections. He served on the City of Burleson's Planning and Zoning Commission for almost seven years, from October 1992 to June 1999. His last year on P&Z, Gillaspie served as the chairman. Gillaspie was elected to city council in 1999.