

The Burton Bulletin

“The Best Kept Secret in Texas”

July 2025



The Washington Hotel

The Washington Hotel was a fixture in Burton from the late 1800s to the early 1940s. You heard me right. Burton had a hotel! The Washington Hotel housed Burton visitors for more than 30 years at the site now known as Laas-Weeren Park or “City Park.” The Washington Hotel sat on Block 30, lots 11 and 12 and was a handsome two story building. In addition to the rooms for guests, it had a dining room, a “drummers” room (for traveling salesman), a kitchen and a bathroom (for bathing only).

It is believed that owner/operators who ran it the longest were Mr. and Mrs. John Schwendener (for 25 years). In the 1800s, Mr. Schwendener, the owner, would hang a lantern on the post next to the hotel so that train passengers could see the hotel from the depot.

The hotel stood until sometime in the 1940s when it was demolished. The only thing that remains of the hotel is part of the first step that sits in front of the historical marker. Some nights you might still be able to see the glow of that old lantern lighting the way to this part of old Burton.

Despite what some have said about the hotel, it did not burn down. It was actually torn down after having sat vacant for years and the lumber was used in other building projects.

We will continue to look for more information AND pictures/memories of this great part of Burton history so let us know if you have anything that will help!

**Written by Steph Jarvis and Susan Kiel,
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Food Stability & Independence from Commercial Supplies

By Pete Horn, Contributing Writer

I'm writing this time with a focus on providing the reader some insight into the possibilities of producing their own high-quality food without spending a lot of money, or having a lot of space to work with. We have learned a lot through trial and error. As my favorite expression goes "It's all an experiment". The folks who have tasted the food produced from our efforts can speak for themselves. From our perspective, we feel the food we produce has been of good quality, smaller and less "attractive" perhaps than store bought, but with flavors so superior to store bought that we are, indeed, spoiled. This is a complex balancing act between the basic expectations of an average American household in the 21st Century, and the reality of infrastructure and costs of keeping comfortable.

During the past four years, we've seen housing costs quadruple, the cost of fresh foods double or triple, and the cost of energy (in some markets) soar. We are blessed here in Burton, to have many sources of food and water beyond the big box stores. Fresh beef, ham, and chicken are often available from neighborhood sources. Fruit and vegetables, although mostly seasonal, are available with folks canning and freezing produce for year-round consumption regularly. With this in mind, we have focused on providing high-quality vegetables and fruit for our own use for nearly a decade. Additionally, we have sought to reduce our dependence on external sources of water and electricity. Scale and budget will vary greatly, but our efforts have proven that a person can supplement their diet with high-quality food without chemicals and with minimal dependence on external resources.

We built a "grow room" in the barn, although conceptually our first "grow room" was a 3'X5' rack, providing some food, but a great deal of education. Some photos of a grow room:



Currently, we are growing tomatoes, basil, ginger, hot pepper, bell pepper, mustard greens, purple cauliflower, brussel sprouts, okra, cilantro, and onions. Outside we have worked over the years to sculpt the property around the house to maximize natural benefit to the land, and to grow perennials that would feed us, supplement our diet, as well as provide

benefits to the land itself. In the old days it was called being "a shepherd of the land", the modern term is "Permaculture" and its specific tenets are listed here: Permaculture is an ecological design system aimed at creating sustainable and self-sufficient agricultural environments, mimicking natural ecosystems. For a small-scale property, permaculture can be applied to create a balanced and productive environment. Here are the key principles and steps to consider:

1. Observe and Interact: Spend time observing your land to understand its natural patterns, including sunlight, wind, water flow, soil types, and existing plant and animal life. This will inform your design decisions.

2. Catch and Store Energy: Utilize renewable resources by harvesting rainwater with barrels or swales, and use solar panels if possible.

3. Obtain a Yield: Ensure that every element of your design can produce something usable, whether that's food, energy, or other resources.

4. Apply Self-Regulation and Accept Feedback: Monitor your system's outputs and make adjustments to improve efficiency and productivity.

5. Use and Value Renewable Resources: Favor renewable resources and technologies, like composting and organic gardening, over finite and non-renewable ones.

6. Produce No Waste: Implement practices such as composting and recycling to minimize waste. Use kitchen scraps to create compost which can enrich your soil.

7. Design from Patterns to Details: Recognize and utilize natural patterns found on your property, such as natural drainage lines, and design your systems accordingly.

8. Integrate Rather Than Segregate: Encourage symbiotic relationships between different elements, such as planting companion plants that benefit each other.

9. Use Small and Slow Solutions: Opt for manageable projects that you can maintain easily and expand gradually, like starting a small vegetable patch before developing the entire property.

10. Use and Value Diversity: Implement a variety of crops and livestock to strengthen ecosystem resilience and increase your yield's reliability.

11. Use Edges and Value the Marginal: Maximize the use of space, including borders and transitioning zones, which can be the most productive parts of your land.

12. Creatively Use and Respond to Change: Adapt your practices to ongoing changes in your environment, climate, and personal needs.

Utilizing these basic tenets, we are growing varieties of berries, including elderberry, and horseradish, turmeric, and asparagus. We also have peach, plum, apple, pear, and fig trees. All of these are perennial, and all are benefiting from rainwater capture and soil augmentation. Again, we don't use any chemicals so we do lose some of our produce to nature, but we do get the majority of it.

The total area of outside perennial production is about 2,000 square feet, or about 1/20 of an acre. It is serviced by rainfall, rain gutter accumulation, and swales sculpted into the areas near the plants. In the worst of drought, we use water stored in our reserve tank.

City of Burton News

Water Well #5 Updates

A pre-construction meeting was held on Thursday, May 22 here at city hall. The staff of C. Miller Drilling as well as some of their subcontractors; the city's engineer on this project, Bradley Loehr with BEFCO Engineering; staff with Langford Community Grant Management; staff with Texas General Land Office; City Hall staff, the city's Utility Contractor as well as the Mayor were present for an overview (and the details) of the drilling of Water Well #5.

Please note this – This project **does not** have a specific timeline of events! (ex. On this date, this will happen.)

But we can let you know what to look for over the next few weeks – prep work at the water plant; sign boards being posted: equipment and supplies arriving.

The City of Burton will do its best to keep our residents informed about any updates we receive regarding the drilling process when/as it becomes available to us.

Any and all information will be posted/given to –

The City of Burton's website. Cityofburton-tx.gov

Everbridge – The city's reverse 911 system.

The Brenham Banner Press

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The City of Burton – Burton City Hall Facebook

Page where the City of Burton will post information on social media.

If you need to update your contact information with the City of Burton, then please do so immediately so that you can stay connected and informed.

(The Burton Bulletin will try to keep you informed as well as information become available.)

Loose Animal Concerns

Recently, there has been a HUGE uptick in the number of stray cats and dogs in town. While the City of Burton does have an Animal Control Ordinance – 20191112, it is a bit dated in terms of “capture and impoundment”. Even as the city works to update ordinances, hire a credentialed ordinance officer, etc, this Ordinance remains in effect.

If you are a pet parent, please know that all dogs and cats over the age of 4 months must be vaccinated against rabies in accordance with state law. It is unlawful to own, possess, or have control over dogs or cats in violation of the requirement.

Dogs are not permitted to roam town. They need to be kept in a fenced yard or pen or on a leash if waling town with you.

Cats are permitted to run at large *only* if such cat is wearing identification (like a collar with an ID tag on it). Cats without collars may be considered feral.

If you are a property owner and are concerned for the safety and well-being of the strays here in town and would like to assist in finding forever homes for these strays, please call City Hall so that we can walk through that process. (This is where the “capture and impoundment” information is important to know as things have changed in this area of the ordinance.)

The City of Burton does not have an animal control officer on staff or on-call. The Brenham Animal Shelter does not send their employees outside the City of Brenham to trap and re-home animals.

Like you, we at City Hall love animals and we would much rather see these strays re-homed in places where they can be loved and cared for. There is a process in place so that you can help make that happen.

Please contact city staff about to assist these strays. City Hall is staffed Mondays – Thursday, 9am -3pm.

We look forward to working with you to help us this ongoing issue.

(Previously posted on the City of Burton – Burton City Hall Facebook page May 21, 2025.)

Be Hurricane Aware

Hurricane Season has begun. Please make sure you are ready for any storm or emergency. This includes keeping extra water of hand. More information about emergency supply lists can be found at – www.ready.gov .

Free waterproof of document bags are available here at City Hall until the supply runs out. They are courtesy of the Texas General Land Office. (Yes. The same office that awarded the City of Burton a grant of Water Well #5.)

Take a Walk About....

Dove-tailing on the preparing for storms piece above, we would like you to Take a Walk About.... your property! Again, with ONLY your eyes – find the electrical box on the side of your house (it may be on a pole nearby). Again with ONLY your eyes – follow the large electrical wire from that box to the power line source at the street. If that wire run through tree limbs or vegetation that needs evaluation/trimming, please call Bluebonnet Electric and let them know!

Bluebonnet hazard line – 800-949-4414.

NOTE: Article addresses the City of Burton Mitigation Goal #6 to “Develop and implement a tree removal program”. Other ways to accomplish mitigation goal already in process.

It's going to be Hot, Hot, Hot-er!

Please check on your neighbors! If you find that your neighbor does not have adequate air conditioning in their homes, please contact Burton Bridge Ministry for assistance in securing a fan for them. Burton Bridge Ministry Office 979-337-3370

NOTE: Article addresses the City Mitigation Goal#9 “Provide free fans to vulnerable populations, including the elderly and those without adequate air conditioning in their homes.” Burton Bridge Ministry has received a grant that covers this purpose. Thank you to Bridge Ministry.

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A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money -

G. Gordon Liddy

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City Council Meetings

City Council Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 unless otherwise noted.

City Council Minutes are posted to the city’s website after they have been approved by the City Council. You can find the city’s website at www.cityofburton-tx.gov .Both Council Minutes and the Mayor’s report, are posted under the “Government” drop-down tab.

City Official Contact Information

If you have further concerns, please feel free to contact City Hall. To reach the mayor –

Karen Buck – burtonmayor@cityofburton-tx.gov

You may also reach out to the elected officials serving your City Council.

Nathan Kalkhake – nathankalkhake@yahoo.com

Jeff Eckhardt – jeffeckhardt5@gmail.com

Paul McLaughlin – palmclaughin@gmail.com

Macey Tidwell – macey.grimm@yahoo.com

Tommie Gilmon – mrstgilmon.22@gmail.com

Utility Bill Payment Options

There are a variety of ways to pay your water bill – PAPER – Receive a paper bill in the mail. Mail or bring payments to City Hall.

Phone – Use the over-the-phone payment number 1-888-401-1891

ONLINE - Use the website. www.cityofburton-tx.gov .

PAPERLESS/e-BILL/AUTO-PAY – Use the following link – <https://netbillpay.net/burtonutilities/Billpay/SignIn>

Update: Water Well #5 in process of being drilled now.



Burton City Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the Burton City Council was at 5:30pm was held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at the Burton City Hall.

The future of a water line under FM 2780 located in the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction was discussed. TxDot construction workers were in the process of installing a new culvert when it was discovered that a water line was running through the culvert. It was discussed that TxDot could bore under the road which would cost the city approximately \$40,000. The cost would have to be reimbursed by the residents affected since the lines are considered private lines. Another option would be for the residents to drill their own private wells. The item was tabled in order for the affected residents to decide what they will do.

A contract between the city and Mendoza Tree Services was approved for a period of 2 years to remove trees and brush in areas that affect the city streets. Cost would be determine by each job performed.

The Council approved hiring Southern Roots Fencing and Supply to place a 16 foot gate along with gate posts in the fencing area of the water well. Cost will be \$2,350.

The creation of a four-person committee to be led by Councilman Paul McLaughlin, was approved with the purpose of making recommendations regarding an acceptable land division/subdivision ordinance. Members include Chuck Johnson, Shelia Ripple and Joan Rogers. The subdivision ordinance has been defeated twice in previous meetings by Councilmembers Tommie Gilmon, Jeff Eckardt and Paul McLaughlin.

Burton City Hall will be closed July 3, 2025 in observance of Independence Day.

Calendar

- July 2 at 6:00pm Sons of American Legion
 - July 3 City Hall Closed
 - July 4 Independence Day
 - July 8 at 5:30pm Burton City Hall Meeting
 - July 14 at 6:00pm BBA Meeting
 - July 17 at 5:00pm Drive-Thru- American Legion
- For information, call 979-203-8119

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Orvie's Hall



Alicia Sheperd

Alicia Sheperd is the owner of Orvie's Hall located here in Burton located at 514 N. Railroad St, across from the Train Depot Museum. They are currently open on Saturdays from 2pm until 10pm. (See flyer on page 2.)

Alicia is from Houston and currently living in Austin with her husband, son and triplet daughters along with two Great Danes.

She is involved in Commercial Real Estate where she is the head coach for the MAPS commercial division. Over her career she has coached in excess of 100 commercial real estate agents.

Alicia's plan for Orvie's is to become the most iconic acoustic music in the United States. While honoring the roots of Texas musicians, she wants it to feel like the front porch you come sit on to listen to great music.

On regular week nights, she plans for it to offer that same feeling, with a setting that invites in the local community at

the highest level - with two steps, songwriter in the round, open mic nights, karaoke and sports on multiple TV's. Make plans to come on in for fun nights of enjoyment and entertainment!

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I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

Life is simpler when you plow around the stumps.

Why is it call after dark when it's really after light?

TRY THAT IN A SMALL TOWN – A Series Highlighting Burton Blessings

What's Great About Our Town: The Dynamic Duo of Burton

By Ned Ross, contributing writer

Every vibrant town has someone who is behind the scenes working extremely hard to promote the local economy and organize events. These energetic folks are not doing it for the pay or the glory or the benefits. They are determined to raise up their small town because of a deeply rooted commitment to its history, people or culture.

Burton has two.

Susan Kiel and Stephanie Jarvis are the Dynamic Duo of Burton. Batman and Robin only wish they had a modicum of the Gotham successes these two have brought to Burton. Our native twin sisters are the heartbeat of western Washington County.

Officially, Steph leads the Cotton Gin Museum, and Susan leads the Chamber of Commerce. That's just the start.

Consider the list of events that are led by Susan and Steph:

Cotton Gin Festival (truly a year of work by itself)

Texas Ranger Day

Cotton Gin Car Show

Big Star Texas Night

Ribbon Cuttings and grand openings for every new business in town

Heritage Society

Chapel restoration

Burton Chamber of Commerce

Burton Cotton Gin

Rail Depot maintenance, events and promotions

Weaving community event

Farmers market

Burton Christmas Market

Pavilion Antique Market and Wine and Wander

And so much more!

Not only do they continue to bring visitors and joy to our enclave, but they also work through it all with a smile and a thank you to the host of volunteers. In their spare time, Susan and Steph are raising outstanding children who participate in many of the local events. Susan leads a successful real estate practice in town and knows everything that is going on with homes and businesses.

Both are generous with their time, patient with the multitudes of people with whom they work, and ready with a kind word for all. In Heritage Society meetings, they are receptive to all ideas that are raised and willing to talk through new projects. And they do this knowing their plates are already full with the ongoing activities.

But wait, we aren't done yet. Both Susan and Steph are a wealth of knowledge about local history. Their Schulenberg ancestors were early settlers dating back to the mid-1800s. Want to know about Sawdust Bill? The Boehnemanns? The Stanleys? The Brazon Belle? Just ask them.

I would be remiss if I didn't recognize the Duo's parents, James and Ruth Schulenberg, who raised two outstanding young ladies. James is seen and heard at nearly all philanthropic events and has dedicated a good bit of his life to Burton as well. He's had a hand in building and rebuilding many structures in the area, and you can always count on learning something new about historic structures or people as you visit with him. Their crowning achievements were their daughters, and our local community would not be the same without them. Well done, James and Ruth!

Susan and Steph, we cannot offer our thanks enough for all that you do. We can't offer a Nobel Prize to you, but we should start a No Bull Prize and award it to the two of you for your tireless efforts.

And that's another big reason I love this town.

Flown The Coop Announces Exciting Transition: Retail Store to Close, New Airbnb Experience Launching Fall 2025

Burton, Texas – June 9, 2025 – In the spirit of embracing change, Flown The Coop is excited to announce a major transition. As of **July 1, 2025**, the beloved Flown The Coop retail store will officially close its doors. But as Martha Stewart once said, *"When you're through changing, you're through."* And Flown The Coop is far from through.

While the brick-and-mortar shop is closing, fans of Flown The Coop's curated vintage finds, mercantile treasures, and signature tee shirt designs can continue shopping online at ShopFlownTheCoop.com.

In its place, the retail space will be transformed into **The Coop**, a cozy and stylish Airbnb, opening in Fall 2025. Located in the heart of Burton, Texas — the best kept secret in the Lone Star State — The Coop will offer guests a unique opportunity to experience the charm of rural Texas.

"As your host, I'm excited to help plan unforgettable retreats for visitors," said the founder of Flown The Coop. "This next chapter is all about creating experiences that celebrate slow living, creativity, and the magic of small-town life."

More details will be shared in the coming months. Stay connected and follow along as this new adventure takes flight.

About Flown The Coop

Flown The Coop is a lifestyle brand founded on creativity, curiosity, and a love for the open road. From vintage markets to homegrown designs, it's always been about more than just shopping — it's about discovering freedom and fun in everyday living. The journey continues at www.ShopFlownTheCoop.com.

Evening news is where they begin with "Good Evening" and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

Some people hear voices. Some people see invisible people. Others have no imagination at all.

He who smiles in a crisis has found someone to blame.

Father Knows Best

By Susie Tommaney

For those who missed June’s City Council meeting, it’s exciting to hear that a four person committee has been created with the purpose of making recommendations regarding an acceptable land division / subdivision ordinance.

Serving on the committee are citizens Sheila Ripple, Chuck Johnson and Joan Rogers, who will be led by Councilmember Paul McLaughlin. Members of the committee have been given the most recent version of the twice voted down subdivision ordinance, as well as ordinances from other municipalities that are similar in size or scope.

This is a wonderful opportunity to offer your input in what you want to see, or not see, in the next version of the land use ordinance. Residents of the City of Burton can provide their input directly to Ripple, Johnson and Rogers or, alternatively, they can give their suggestions to McLaughlin who will share with the committee.

When developing an ordinance that’s a good fit for the City of Burton, it’s easy to get lost in the details. But this is also an opportunity to look at any proposed ordinance on a macro scale, in terms of how it would affect its existing residents.

Our founding fathers began subdividing our town in 1870, and the official 1878 town plat is on file at the county courthouse. That plat is what governs and protects our town layout. For those who live in the main part of town – where water and sewer infrastructure already exists – most blocks are comprised of ten parcels with an alley in between. Many of us have decided to not improve our spare lots, but it’s important to preserve the rights of existing landowners of already platted land to eventually build a home for their child, mother-in-law, or grandchildren.

The subdivision ordinance has come up as a topic because some are concerned about what could happen on the large, undeveloped tracts of land along the outer edges of our City. Because those tracts were subdivided into three acre lots by our founding fathers, we actually have more control over what happens to that land if we do not implement a subdivision ordinance. In Texas, replatting a subdivision or a portion of an existing lot requires approval from the relevant municipal authority (chapter 212 of the Texas Local Government Code). So currently the City HAS to approve any change in shape or size to an existing platted lot in town. But if we write a subdivision ordinance that paves the way for those large tracts of land to be subdivided into parcels less than three acres each, then we will be erasing the protections put forth by our founding fathers.

While the subdivision ordinance doesn’t address water meters, its wording can shape who actually gets the 27 water meters that will soon become available. Once Water Well No. 5 is built, and we regain compliance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the City of Burton can only add an additional 27 water meters.* So who gets those meters? Should they go to the existing landowners in the City of Burton, or should they go to new people who have not yet moved here?

*If we wanted to add 227 additional meters, the cost would be \$2.2 million, a number considered too high by Burton City Council during its September 2024 meeting.

As a fixed income taxpayer, I also am concerned about creating an ordinance that would cause City Hall to hire another staff member, or to hire professionals, just to evaluate a neighbor’s request to add a shed or build an accessory dwelling unit. The City of Carmine, which has a larger tax base, gets the job done with fewer staff members. I’m not a fan of seeing my City taxes increase to fund additional personnel.

The last item to consider is the Golden Rule: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” I personally objected to the most recent draft of the proposed subdivision ordinance because it would have prohibited almost two dozen small lot owners from ever building on their land, either because the acreage did not meet the stipulated minimum lot size, or they didn’t have enough space to meet the new setback requirements. These are families who have owned land in the City of Burton – sometimes for generations – and have faithfully paid their taxes, maintained their lots, and held dear the promise of one day building a home here.

If you have questions about the protections that have already been put in place by our founding fathers, please take a moment to discuss the subject with your local real estate experts.

And please do share your thoughts about a land use ordinance with Ripple, Rogers, Johnson and McLaughlin. This is a golden opportunity to preserve the past and help shape the future of the City of Burton.

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July-Sept Seniors' Menu 2025

Date	Menu	Host Church (Desserts)
July 4	NO MEAL - July 4th Holiday	
July 11	Creamy Cajun Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, Bread (On Deck)	Greenvine Lutheran
July 18	Fried Fish, Mac n Cheese, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies (The Cannery)	Rehburg Lutheran
July 25	Tater Tot Casserole, English Peas, and Rolls (White Horse)	Greenvine Baptist
Aug 1	Fried Chicken, Baked Beans, Vegetables (Brookshire Bros)	St. John's UCC
Aug 8	King Ranch Casserole, Salad, Bread (On Deck)	Zionsville Lutheran
Aug 15	Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Rolls (Madeline & Cindy)	Greenvine Lutheran
Aug 22	Rosemary Chicken, Buttered Noodles, Baby Spinach & Strawberry Salad (Cindy & Madeline)	Rehburg Lutheran
Aug 29	NO MEAL - Labor Day Holiday	
Sept 5	Sour Cream Chicken Enchiladas, Mexican Corn (On Deck)	Greenvine Baptist
Sept 12	Pork Roast, Wild Rice, Broccoli w/Cheese (Cindy and Madeline)	St. John's UCC
Sept 19	Taco Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread (White Horse)	Zionsville Lutheran
Sept 26	Swedish Meatballs, Noodles, Broccoli Salad, Dinner Rolls (Cindy and Madeline)	Greenvine Lutheran

If you're 55+ and have health issues that keeps you homebound, let one of our volunteers deliver a hot meal to you each Friday at no charge. Call the Bridge Office, 979-337-3370, for more information. Our delivery area is limited to Burton. **If you will not be home to receive your meal, call Lois Mooney at 979-421-0617 or tell your driver.**

If you want a "to go" meal, you can pre-order the meal no later than the Tuesday preceding the Friday but must come inside to pick up your meal. Call the Bridge Office, 979-337-3370. We will serve our dine-in seniors first and then prepare the "to go" meals. Arrive at 12:10 pm to pick up your meal.

Meals are \$4.



Burton Chamber of Commerce Holds Ribbon Cutting for Long Life Brotherhood

Burton Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for the Long Life Brotherhood of Burton on June 6, 2025 at 12419 E. Branch Street in Burton. Chris Evans, President of Long Life Brotherhood has been working at the park tirelessly in his spare time to bring the park to its present beauty, along with other volunteers.



Chris Evans

The Next Steps for the Long Life Brotherhood:

All donations will fund the critical work to save the 1919 historic lodge building and create space of preserving and sharing this history. Some of the items are to repair the leaking roof and replace siding on all sides of the building. A fence around the park has been completed.

Long Life Brotherhood is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Its mission is to preserve the history of the club and its lodge as an anchor institution in Washington County, where formerly enslaved people settled following Juneteenth (June 19, 1865) to become farmers, merchants, sharecroppers and tradesmen.



American Legion Post #242 4TH of July Celebration

The American Legion along with the Sons of American Legion and Auxiliary will be hosting its annual, 4th of July celebration at the Burton Community Center located at 13100 W. Washington Street.

BBQ Beef and Pork

With all the trimmings - \$18.00 per plate
Children 12 years and under ½ price
Served 11:00am to 1:30pm

Pit Sales - \$18.00 lb. starts at 10:00am

**Live Auction – Silent Auction – Bingo
Cake Walk – Raffle Prize Drawing**

The Seventh Annual Cotton Gin Classic Car & Truck Show

The Seventh Annual Cotton Gin Classic Car & Truck Show was held on June 21, 2025 at the Cotton Gin Museum. Proceeds of the event went to benefit the Burton Sons of the American Legion. Following are pictures of some of cars and trucks that were entered.



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