

EULESS

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Dear Citizens,
Euless has had our share of hard times during this economic downturn just as many cities in North Texas. Fortunately, our city has not been hit as hard as many of our neighbors. The Euless City Council approved a balanced budget that does not cut services for our residents. Over the last couple of years, we have been working hard to provide citizens with continued service while keeping costs down. That's tough to do today with rising costs. It is important that we maintain a stable tax rate for our residents.

Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before you know it. Don't forget Raven's Grille at Texas Star. Let them cater your party or better yet, reserve a lovely room at the Conference Centre and let them take care of everything. We also look forward to our Christmas Parade of Lights and the Heritage Park celebration, along with many other events.

You make Euless a great city and TOGETHER WE ARE BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW.

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The Euless City Council

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No Tax Increase in the FY 2012 Budget

The City of Euless is pleased that the FY 2012 budget continues all existing programs and services for our citizens and maintains the tax rate at the current rate of 47¢ per \$100 of valuation. As we prepared this budget, the primary concerns were continuing all existing services for our citizens, maintaining appropriate staffing levels, and maintaining reserve levels in accordance with the City's fiscal policies. A copy of the budget is on file in the City Secretary's Office, the city's website and the library for citizens to review.

In addition to the operating expenses, the General Fund budget includes a drawdown of excess reserves to fund capital expenses of \$1,259,278. These funds will allow the city to provide funding for public safety radios,

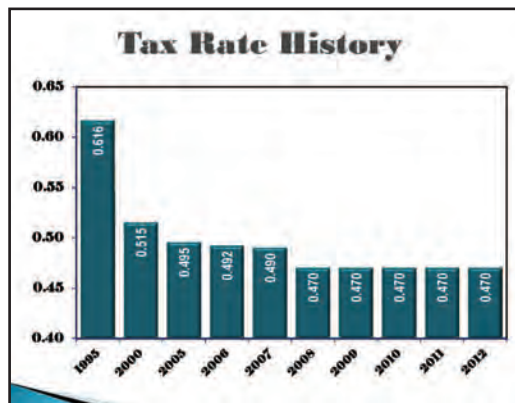
equipment, computer replacements, and it will provide funding to continue public safety training programs, which were previously funded by the State of Texas. This budget restores funding for infrastructure improvements and provides funding to assume the maintenance of TXDOT traffic signals as required by the state.

General Fund

The General Fund is the largest fund and supports primary governmental functions. The majority of the total revenues for this fund are made up of property tax (30%) and sales tax (28%). The remainder is derived from franchise fees (13%), fines (14%), permits (3%) and other miscellaneous sources (12%).

The majority of the general fund is dedicated to police and fire operations with the remaining funds supporting park and community services, street maintenance, development services, library services, city administration, and general overhead which includes utilities, audit services, appraisal and tax services, and other expenditures that are not directly related to a specific department.

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Eules saw its tax base expand for many years. However, as the recession began in FY 2009, Eules began to see declines in the overall tax base. In FY 2010, the tax base dropped 3%, and in FY 2011 it declined an additional 5.2%. Based on the values provided by Tarrant Appraisal District, the appraised values for FY 2012 have increased 5.9% over the prior year, but they are still below the 2009 level.

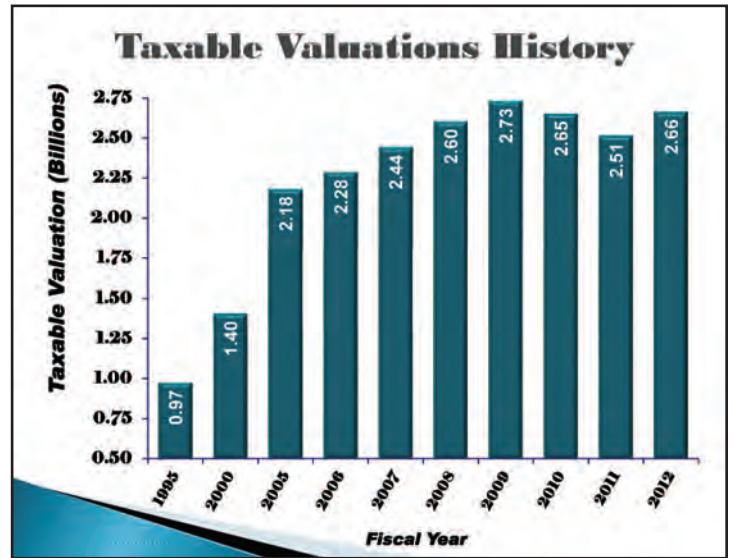
Over the last couple of years, we have made very deep cuts to our budget, which included a reduction in infrastructure improvements, non-mandatory travel and training, overtime, and substantial departmental cuts. We have also delayed vehicle replacements and equipment purchases. We were able to restore some of our infrastructure improvements in the FY 2012 budget, but the majority of the other cuts have been carried over to FY2012.

Water and Wastewater Fund

The second largest operating fund is the water and wastewater fund. This fund covers the cost of purchasing water from Trinity River Authority (TRA), the cost of wastewater treatment by TRA, all expenses associated with water production and distribution, meter reading, billing, debt payments, overhead expense, and infrastructure replacement. We were advised by TRA that our water cost will increase 21¢ and wastewater treatment will increase 4¢. This is a 3% increase over the FY 2011 budget.

In 2009, the Eules City Council implemented a tiered water rate that encourages efficient water use. A 21¢ increase has been implemented for the first two tiers which includes the first 8,000 gallons of water used monthly. A 23¢ increase in the third tier, 26¢ increase to the fourth tier, and 30¢ increase to the final tier. Sensible water practices will always be a concern for our community and this will continue to reward efficient water use.

The Eules City Council established a rate stabilization fund to help our residents with increasing costs in water. In FY 2012, a rebate of 21¢ per 1,000 gallons will be given to single-family



residential customers up to 15,000 gallons per month. This credit will offset the entire rate increase for the average household use of 8,000 gallons a month. This rebate can only be guaranteed for one year and will be evaluated annually. This credit will not apply to irrigation-only meters in order to encourage conservation. Wastewater rates will have an increase of 4¢ per thousand gallons. Residential wastewater charges are capped at 90% of water consumption up to 12,000 gallons.

Gallons of Water	Residential per 1,000/gal with rate increase	With Rate Stabilization Rebate
0 - 2,000	\$2.27 +.21 = \$2.48	-.21 = \$2.27
3,000 - 8,000	\$3.20 +.21 = \$3.41	-.21 = \$3.20
9,000 - 15,000	\$3.75 +.23 = \$3.98	-.21 = \$3.77
16,000 - 35,000	\$4.10 +.26 = \$4.36	
Over 35,000	\$4.66 +.30 = \$4.96	

Car Rental Fund

The car rental fund is the third largest operating fund and is solely supported by a 5% tax authorized by Eules citizens in 1999 on the short-term rental of motor vehicles. A portion of these funds are allocated by the Eules City Council to reduce debt, maintain a stable tax rate, and cash flow numerous capital projects including drainage improvements, street improvements, facility improvements, and upgrades to city parks. These funds have a direct reduction on the property tax rate of approximately 5.9¢.



Capital Improvement Projects

The FY 2012 capital budget includes funding for creek maintenance, which would allow for additional clean out of creek beds following large rain events, Tarrant County street overlay projects, Glade Parks infrastructure improvements, miscellaneous street repairs, and ADA improvements.

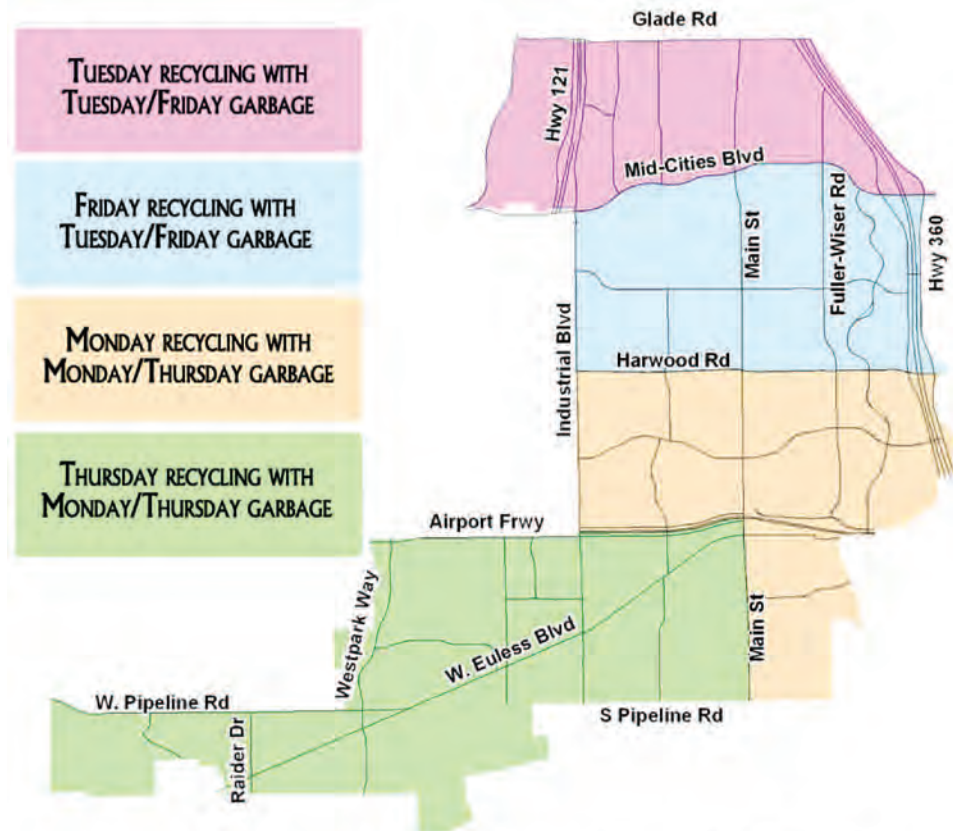
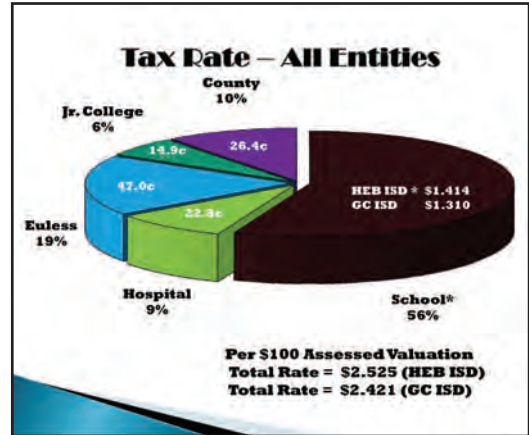
Proposed water and wastewater projects include wastewater line replacements between Blanco and Aransas and between Blanco and Crane. Phase I of line relocations associated with North Tarrant Express construction, extension of the reclaimed water line, removal of the storage tank and building at the old public works facility, and an update to the water and wastewater impact fee study.

Other projects proposed include funding for equipment and facility improvements to accommodate those with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, funds for the design of a future indoor/outdoor aquatics facility, miscellaneous improvements at Texas Star Golf Course, and construction of Phase IV at the Texas Star Sports Complex.

Input from Eules residents provided at the June Town Hall meeting helped shape the recommendations for this budget while maintaining a stable tax rate. We believe this is a fiscally sound budget that meets our city's

primary objectives including: maintaining financial integrity, providing public safety and health services to the community, employing high quality and professional personnel, promoting quality infrastructure improvements, providing quality leisure opportunities, and instilling a sense of community in residents.

Preparation of this budget included a city-wide effort to meet our objectives without impacting the quality service provided to our citizens. We will continue to take a conservative approach in the upcoming fiscal year.



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Thanksgiving Dinner To Go

Take the stress out of Thanksgiving and let Raven's Grille prepare your feast. Order your entire meal or choose from any of our selected menu items. All orders must be placed by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 18. To place your order call 817-685-1843.



Breakfast With Santa and Friends

Saturday, December 3, 9:30-11 a.m.

Raven's Grille, 1400 Texas Star Parkway

You are invited to a wonderful breakfast of pancakes and much more with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Not only will you enjoy this morning feast, there will also be Christmas activities for the children.

Bring your cameras for a picture with Santa. Children must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. Reservations are recommended due to limited seating. \$8.50 per person; Children 3-4 yrs old \$5; 2 yrs. and under are free. Call 817- 685-1847 or e-mail admintxstar@eulesstx.gov.



Christmas Parade of Lights "The Nutcracker"

Saturday, December 3, 6:30 p.m.

Eules Family Life Center, 300 W. Midway Dr.

The parade begins at 6:30 p.m. at Midway Dr. and Fuller-Wiser. It will travel west on Midway and end at Trinity High School.

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas at the 18th Annual Christmas Parade of Lights. Organizations of all kinds are may enter floats in the best parade in Texas! Let your imagination run wild as you consider this year's theme "The Nutcracker." It's the story of a little girl who on Christmas Eve helps break the spell on her wooden nutcracker and watches him turn into a handsome prince. Together, they fly to the Land of Sweets, where they meet dancers, toy soldiers, a Mouse King, and the Sugar Plum Fairy. For more information, or to receive a float application, call 817-685-1449 or email jpoteet@eulesstx.gov. All participants are asked to attend an informational meeting on November 14 at the Eules Family Life Senior Center to discuss safety issues.

Heritage Park Christmas Celebration

Saturday, December 10, 1-5 p.m.

Heritage Park, 201 Cullum Dr.

Celebrate an old-fashioned Christmas at our historic Heritage Park. Members of the Eules Historical Preservation

Society will conduct guided tours of the 150-year-old Himes Log House and the Fuller House--



both decorated for the holiday season! You can listen to local choirs sing your favorite Christmas songs, enjoy arts and crafts, and play games. Kids can visit with Santa and even make their own Christmas ornaments. In addition, we will have free refreshments for everyone. Holiday cheer and a Eules history wrapped up in one great afternoon. Call 817-685-1666 for more information.



Eules Family Life Senior Center

300 W. Midway Dr.

817-685-1671

HOURS: MON/TUES/WED/FRI: 6:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. ♦ THURS: 6:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Free AARP Driver Safety Class for Veterans

Nov. 18, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The AARP Driver Safety Program (DSP) will offer a free DSP class to members of the United States Armed Forces. Any military personnel—active duty, retired, guard, or reserve—regardless of age, are eligible. The AARP has a profound respect and admiration for the members of the United States Armed Forces and are pleased to give back to our nation’s service members. Veterans include those individuals who have served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, National Guard/Reserves, or Coast Guard. Spouses are eligible with a valid military spouse identification. **NOTE: Class size will be limited to 25.**

- Veterans Benefits
- Veterans Organizations
- Veterans Programs

Refreshments, music and prizes will be available for attendees. For more information, please contact Marchant’s District Office at (972) 556-0162.

Kenny Marchant’s Veterans Fair

Saturday, November 5, 10 a.m. – noon

**Eules Family Life Center Ballroom,
300 W. Midway**

The 2011 Veterans Fair is a fun and informative experience for the men and women who have served in our United States military. Please stop by for more information on:



November Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Time</u>
4	Baked Potato Bar	11:45 a.m.	\$2
5	Kenny Marchant’s Veterans Fair	10 a.m.-noon	
9	Kaleidoscope Making Class	10 a.m. – noon	\$25
11	White Elephant Bingo	10 a.m.	
	Thanksgiving Pot Luck <i>(meat provided)</i> <i>(Bring a covered Dish)</i>	11:45 a.m.	
16	Senior Holiday Luncheon by North Main BBQ <i>(Doors open at 11 a.m. Must have ticket and be a Eules resident or a current member of the Eules Family Life Senior Center.)</i>	11:45 a.m.	
24-25	Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday		

**Registration is required for these activities two weeks prior to the activity. Must have 10 for the activity to make. For detailed event descriptions, please visit www.eulesstx.gov/pacs/seniorcenter.htm*



CALENDAR & CLASSES

817-685-1666

www.eulesstx.gov/eulesstoday

NOVEMBER CLASSES

For a more complete descriptions, visit www.eulesstx.gov/eflc or on Facebook "Eules Parks & Community Services".

Eules Family Life Center (300 W. Midway Dr.)

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING HOURS: THURSDAY, NOV. 24: CLOSED ♦ FRIDAY, NOV. 25: 7 A.M. - 6 P.M.

HOURS: M-TH: 5:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. ♦ FRI: 5:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. ♦ SAT: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. ♦ SUN: 1 - 6 p.m.

<u>CHILD DEVELOPMENT</u>	<u>CLASS#</u>	<u>BEG</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>#WKS/\$</u>
Signing Time Academy	110020-03	11/7	4m-10y	M	10:30-11:30am	4/\$55
Mommy & Me Gymnastics	110181-02	11/7	18-30m	M	6-6:45pm	6/\$62
Art for Twoosy Doodlers	110004-03	11/2	20-36m	W	9:30-10:30am	4/\$40
Independent Two's	110001-03	11/7	2	M	9am-12:30pm	4/\$45
Signing Time Holiday Crafts	110015-02	11/12	2-11	S	10-11am	1/\$17
Art for Mini Doodlers	110005-03	11/2	3-5	W	5-6pm	4/\$40
Fun Time for Learners	110002-03	10/24	3-5	M/W	9am-1pm	4/\$102
Terrific Tuesday & Thursday	110003-03	10/25	3-5	T/TH	9am-1pm	4/\$102
Fun Fridays Pre-School	110010-03	11/4	3-5	F	9am-1pm	3/\$47
Jazz & Ballet Combo	110200-02	11/5	3-6	S	10-10:45am	6/\$62
Hip Hop Dance	110208-02	11/5	3-6	S	11-11:45am	6/\$62
Just 4 Flips Gymnastics	110210-02	11/7	3-6	M	5-5:45pm	6/\$62
Just 4 Flips Cheerleading	110215-02	11/7	3-7	M	7-7:45pm	6/\$62

YOUTH/TEEN ACTIVITIES

Lil' Dribblers	110515-03	11/5	5-9	S	10-10:45am	3/\$27
You Can Paint Youth	110815-03	11/10	5-13	TH	4-5:30pm	1/\$22
Beginner Drum/Percussion	111011-03	10/25	6-15	T	3:45-4:30pm	4/\$25
Making the Cut Basketball	110520-03	11/5	8-14	S	10:45-11:15am	3/\$32

ADULT ACTIVITIES

Cardio Dance & Sculpt	110315-03	11/7	13+	M/TH	6-7pm	6/\$34
Hatha Yoga	110330-03	11/1	13+	T/TH	7-8pm	3/\$36
Zumba	110300-03	11/2	13+	M/W	7-8pm	3.5/\$46
You Can Oil Paint	110810-03	11/10	14+	TH	6-9pm	1/\$37
Basic Chinese	111008-03	11/1	14+	T	7-8pm	3/\$25
Boot Camp	110350-03	11/1	16+	T/TH/F	5:45-6:45am	3/\$51
Digital Photography	110830-03	11/2	16+	W	7-8pm	3/\$35
Retirement Has Changed	111004-03	11/10	18+	TH	10-11:30am	FREE

DR PEPPER STAR CENTER

1400 S. Pipeline, 76040 ♦ 817-267-4233

Tot Ice Skating	111161-02	11/5	3-4	S	11:15-11:45am	2/\$30
Skate Like a Star	111162-03	11/1	5-13	T	6:15-6:45pm	2/\$30
Skate Like a Star	111162-04	11/5	5-13	S	10:45-11:15am	2/\$30
Adult Ice Skating	111165-02	11/1	14+	T	6:45-7:15pm	2/\$30

SIMMONS ACTIVITY CENTER

508 Simmons Dr., 76040

Taekwondo-Tigerkubs	110130-02	11/5	5-8	S	9-9:45am	6/\$27
Taekwondo-Beginners	110131-02	11/1	8-12	T/S	6-7:15pm/11-11:45am	6.5/\$69
Taekwondo-Advanced	110132-02	10/31	8-14	M/TH	6-7:15pm	6.5/\$69
Taekwondo-Adult	110134-02	11/1	13+	T/TH	7:30-9:00pm	6.5/\$70
Hapkido	110133-03	11/7	13+	M	7:30-9pm	4/\$26

FAMILY CHALLENGE SERIES

Couples Crystal Ball	111045-03	11/3	18+	TH	7-8:30pm	1/\$50
The Young Family	111050-03	11/10	18+	TH	7-8:30pm	1/\$50
The Not-So-Empty-Nest	111055-03	11/17	18+	TH	7-8:30pm	1/\$50
Our Aging Parents	111060-03	12/1	18+	TH	7-8:30pm	1/\$50

WATER AEROBICS & WELLNESS

Classes held at the Trinity High School Natatorium

Water Aerobics/ Wellness	120011-05	11/2	17+	M/W/TH	11-11:45am	4/\$42
Water Aerobics/ Wellness	120011-06	11/1	17+	M/T/TH	7-7:45pm	4/\$42