

EULESS

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Dear Citizens,

The Euless City Council approved a balanced budget that keeps the same tax rate of .47 per \$100 of property valuation. We are fortunate to be able to provide all the services for our citizens in spite of the economic down turn. As the economy slowly recovers the city council has approved two exciting projects for the 2013 year. Do read all about the aquatics center and the natatorium. We anticipate a May opening for the the outdoor aquatics center and fall opening for the indoor portion.

Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before you know it. Don't forget Raven's Grille at Texas Star for your special outings. Let them cater your party or better yet, reserve a lovely room at the Conference Centre and let the staff take care of everything.

We also look forward to our Christmas Parade of Lights and the Heritage Park celebration, along with many other events. Now is the time to sign up for volunteering for these special events. You make Euless a great city and TOGETHER WE ARE BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW.

Mary Lib Saleh

★ **The Euless City Council** ★

- Mary Lib Saleh *Mayor*
- Tim Stinnford *Place 1*
- Leon Hogg *Place 2*
- Linda Martin *Place 3*
- Donna Mickan *Place 4*
- Glenn Porterfield *Place 5*
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No Tax Increase in the FY 2013 Budget

The City of Euless is pleased that the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 operating budget will continue all existing programs and services for citizens and maintain the current tax rate of 47¢ per \$100 of property valuation. This budget was prepared emphasizing the City's mission to: *Provide our citizens the most efficient services possible to protect and enhance the quality of life through planning and visionary leadership.*

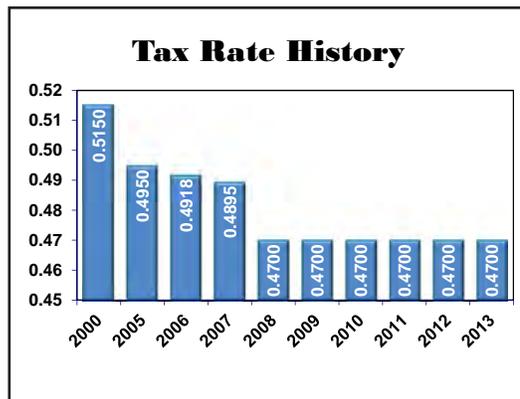
Over the last few years the City experienced significant revenue losses due to declines in appraised values and sales tax revenues. During this time, the City reduced personnel and operating expenditures to maintain a balanced budget. We are very pleased to report that we have seen improvement in our financial condition during the current

year and expect this trend to continue into the next budget year. A copy of the budget is on file in the City Secretary's Office, on the City's website, and in the library for citizens to review.

General Fund

The General Fund is the largest fund with budgeted operating expenditures of \$32.3M which supports primary governmental functions. The majority of the revenues for this fund are derived from property taxes and sales taxes. Other revenues include franchise fees, fines, permits, and other miscellaneous sources. Based on values provided by Tarrant Appraisal District, the appraised values for FY2012-2013 have increased 3.9% over the prior year. The majority of the General Fund is dedicated to police and fire operations with the remaining funds supporting parks and community services, street maintenance, development services, library services, city administration and general overhead includes

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utilities, audit services, appraisal and tax services, and other expenditures that are not department specific.

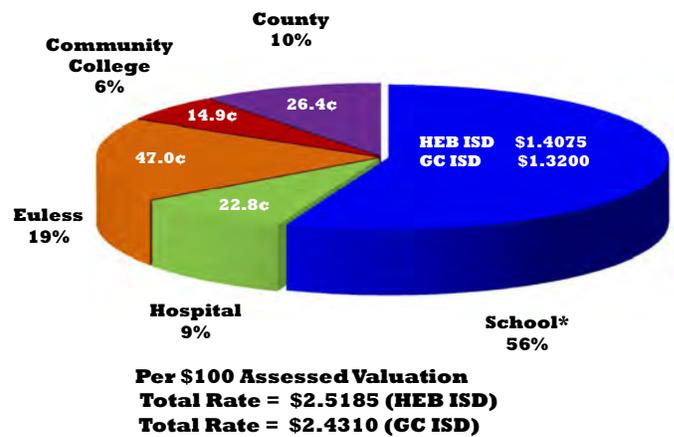
The General Fund budget includes \$1.9M for capital expenses that are funded from excess reserves. These reserves will primarily provide funding for police and fire equipment, computers, court automation, and fitness equipment for the senior center. The FY2012-2013 budget also restores funding for infrastructure improvements.

Water and Wastewater Fund

The second largest operating fund is the Water and Wastewater Fund with operating expenses of \$19.6M. This fund covers the cost of purchasing potable water from Trinity River Authority (TRA), reclaimed water from the City of Fort Worth, the cost of wastewater treatment by TRA, and all expenses associated with water production and distribution, meter reading, billing and collections, debt payments, overhead expense, and infrastructure replacement.

Adjustments have been made to the base rates and volume charges for both water and wastewater. These increases are implemented to cover the overall increase in the City's cost of operating the system. The water base rate will increase 50¢ for a standard sized residential water meter and the wastewater base rate will increase by 50¢. The tiered rate structure for water usage of residential and irrigation customers, first implemented in 2009, continues to encourage efficient water use and conservation. A 15¢ increase in the water volume charge has been implemented for the top two tiers, which includes residential or irrigation usage over 15,000 gallons monthly. In addition, the wastewater volume charge will increase 13¢ per 1,000 gallons. As a reminder, residential wastewater charges are capped at 90% of water consumption not to exceed 12,000 gallons per month.

Proposed Tax Rate – All Entities



The Euleless City Council established a rate stabilization fund designed to help offset fluctuations in water rates. For FY2012-2013, a rebate of 12¢ per 1,000 gallons will be granted to single-family residential customers on monthly water consumption of up to 15,000 gallons. This rebate can only be guaranteed for one year and will be evaluated annually. In an effort to encourage conservation, the rebate credit will not apply to irrigation-only meters.

Gallons of Water	Residential cost per 1,000/gal with applicable rate increases	Residential cost per 1,000/gal with 12¢ Rate Stabilization Rebate
0-2,000	\$2.48	\$2.48-0.12=\$2.36
3,000-8,000	\$3.41	\$3.41-0.12=\$3.29
9,000-15,000	\$3.98	\$3.98-0.12=\$3.86
16,000-35,000	\$4.36+0.15=\$4.51	
Over 35,000	\$4.96+0.15=\$5.11	

Car Rental Fund

The Car Rental Fund is the third largest operating fund and is solely supported by a 5% tax authorized by Euleless citizens in 1999 on the short-term rental of motor vehicles. A portion of these funds is allocated by the Euleless City Council to reduce debt, maintain a stable tax rate, and cash flow numerous capital projects. These funds have a direct reduction on the property tax rate of approximately 6¢. FY2012-2013 transfers are budgeted to fund capital items including: the construction of new aquatics facilities, street overlays, public safety radios, and the Community Powered Revitalization Program.



Purls of Wisdom

First and Third Tuesday of the Month

10 - 11:30 a.m.

Join this informal group of adults to work on your knitting or other needlework projects. Contact the Reference Desk for further information at 817-685-1489.

Job Seekers – Polish Up Your Resume

Resume Maker, available through the Euless Library website, features a Resume and Letter Guide, Interview and Salary Tips, and Job Search Tools. This free online resume builder and career center allows users to create an account to save documents within the database. Resume Maker can be accessed on the library computers or by remote access through the Euless Library online link under the "Career Center" heading. Contact the Reference Desk for further information at 817-685-1489.



Christmas Parade of Lights "A Nutcracker Christmas"

Saturday, December 1, 6:30 p.m.

*Euless 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 Texas at this year's Christmas Parade of Lights. Even Santa Claus won't miss this year's spectacular display of moving lights. Organizations of all kinds may enter floats in the best parade in Texas! Let your imagination run wild as you consider this year's theme – A Nutcracker Christmas. Parade award winners will be announced on www.eulesstx.gov the next day. For more information or to receive a float application, call Jerry Poteet at 817-685-1449 or visit www.eulesstx.gov. All participants are asked to attend an informational meeting on November 12 at the Euless Family Life Senior Center to discuss safety issues. Call 817-685-1666 for more information.

Heritage Park Christmas Celebration

Saturday, December 8, 1 - 5 p.m.

Heritage Park, 201 Cullum Dr.

Celebrate an old fashioned Christmas at historic Heritage Park. Members of the Euless Historical Preservation Committee will conduct guided tours of the 160 year-old Himes Log House, McCormick Barn



and the Fuller House—all decorated for the holiday season. Visit our brand new Euless Heritage Museum at the Ruth Millican Center and learn about Euless history. You can listen to local choirs sing your Christmas favorites, visit our petting zoo and enjoy great arts and crafts. Kids can visit with Santa Claus and make their own Christmas ornaments. And we'll have free refreshments for everyone. Holiday cheer and Euless history wrapped up in one great afternoon! Call 817-685-1666 for more information.



November Special Events

Senior Center special events are for Eules Family Life Senior Center members.
You must be over the age of 60 to become a member.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Time</u>
2	*Hamburger Lunch	\$2	11:30 a.m.
9	*White Elephant Bingo		10:00 a.m.
9	*Thanksgiving Pot Luck at Center <i>Sign up to bring a covered dish- meat provided</i>		11:30 a.m.
14	*Senior Holiday Luncheon by North Main BBQ MUST HAVE A TICKET (Tickets available Oct. 1 - Nov. 9, Mon. - Fri., 6:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., and must be a Eules Resident or a member of the EFLSC)		11:45 a.m.
16	*Hot Dogs	\$2	11:30 a.m.
18	*Dining Out		5:00 p.m.
22-23	Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday		
30	*Breakfast	\$2	9:00 a.m.
	*Holiday Shopping Trip <i>(Target-Wal-Mart-Northeast Mall)</i>		8:00 a.m.

***Registration is required for these activities one week prior!**

Don't wait to register at the last minute. If we do not have enough to make the class or event, we may have to cancel. Some activities have limited space available as well. Sign up today for the activities you are interested in. You may miss out if you wait too long!



Kenny Marchant's Veterans Fair

Saturday, November 3

9:30 a.m. - noon

Eules Family Life Senior Center Ballroom

300 W. Midway

The 2012 Veterans Fair hosted by U.S. Congressman Kenny Marchant is free and open to the public. A variety of organizations focused in the areas of veterans' benefits, services, and programs will be available for assistance. The event is family friendly with patriotic activities. For more information, please visit <http://marchant.house.gov/veteransfair/>.



Golf Weather is Here

November is a great time to visit Texas Star. The cool weather is a great complement to the challenging Texas Star Course. Call the pro shop at 817-685-7888 to reserve your tee time today. Don't forget the beautiful outdoor patio at Raven's Grille. Enjoy quiet mornings, relaxing afternoons, and a great view of the 18th green while enjoying a delicious meal.



NOVEMBER CLASSES

Eules Family Life Center

300 W. Midway Dr.

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

EFLC 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>
Preschool Play Dates	110020-02	11/15	2+	TH	10-11:30am	FREE
Fun Time for Learners	110002-03	10/29	3-5	M/W	9am-1pm	3/\$102
Terrific Tuesday & Thursday	110003-03	10/30	3-5	T/TH	9am-1pm	3/\$102
Fun Fridays Pre-School	110010-03	11/2	3-5	F	9am-1pm	3/\$52
Jazz & Ballet Combo	110200-02	11/3	3-6	S	10-10:45am	6/\$68
Hip Hop Dance	110208-02	11/3	3-6	S	11-11:45am	6/\$68
<u>YOUTH/TEEN ACTIVITIES</u>						
Under the Rim Basketball	110515-03	11/3	5-9	S	10-10:45am	3/\$27
You Can Paint Youth	110815-03	11/15	5-13	TH	4-5:30pm	1/\$22
Young Spartan Boot Camp	110510-03	11/7	8-12	W	6-7pm	4/\$30
Making the Cut Basketball	110520-11	11/5	7-14	M	2-2:30pm	3/\$32
Making the Cut Basketball	110520-12	11/5	7-14	M	3-3:30pm	3/\$32
Making the Cut Basketball	110520-13	11/5	7-14	M	3:30-4pm	3/\$32
Making the Cut Basketball	110520-14	11/5	7-14	M	4-4:30pm	3/\$32
Making the Cut Basketball	110520-15	11/3	7-14	S	11:15-11:45am	3/\$32
<u>ADULT ACTIVITIES</u>						
Boot Camp Cardio	110315-03	10/29	13+	M/TH	6-7pm	3/\$27
Hatha Yoga	110330-03	10/30	13+	T/TH	7-8pm	3/\$36
Zumba	110300-03	11/5	13+	M/W	7-8pm	3/\$32
Belly Dance	110220-03	11/1	13+	TH	7-8pm	4/\$26
You Can Oil Paint	110810-03	11/15	14+	TH	6-9pm	1/\$37
Boot Camp	110350-03	10/30	16+	T/TH/F	5:45-6:45am	4/\$62/\$42
Tai Chi Beginners	110305-03	10/30	18+	T	6-7pm	4/\$40
Tai Chi Advanced	110306-03	10/30	18+	T	7-8pm	4/\$40
Social Security Questions	111004-02	11/13	18+	T	10-11:30am	FREE
<u>DR PEPPER STARCENTER</u>						
1400 S. Pipeline 76040, 817-267-4233						
Tot Ice Skating	111161-03	11/17	3-4	S	11:15-11:45am	2/\$30
Skate Like a Star	111162-05	11/13	5-13	T	6:45-7:15pm	2/\$30
Skate Like a Star	111162-06	11/17	5-13	S	11:15-11:45am	2/\$30
Adult Ice Skating	111165-03	11/13	14+	T	6:45-7:15pm	2/\$30
<u>SIMMONS ACTIVITY CENTER</u>						
508 Simmons Dr., 76040						
Taekwondo-Tigerkubs	110130-02	11/10	5-8	S	9-9:45am	6/\$27
Taekwondo-Beginners	110131-02	11/6	8-12	T	6-7:15pm (at EFLC)	6/\$55
				S	10-11:15am	
Taekwondo-Advanced	110132-02	11/5	8-14	M	6-7:15pm (at EFLC)	6/\$55
				TH	6-7:15pm	
Taekwondo-Adult	110134-02	11/6	13+	T	7:30-9pm (at EFLC)	6/\$65
				TH	7:30-9pm	
Hapkido	110133-03	10/29	13+	M	7:30-9pm	4/\$26
Urban Boot Camp	110340-03	10/29	16+	M/W	5:30-6:30am	4/\$65
				S	7:30-8:30am	