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# EULESS

## T O D A Y



Dear Citizens,  
You may be muttering to yourself about the inconveniences of the 183 construction, but the inconvenience we're feeling is nothing compared to the pain felt by some of our local businesses located in the construction zone. That's why we want to remind you to continue to patronize these businesses that may be a little difficult to get to but are a huge part of our community. There are so many small businesses in this area, it's easy to find something you need. We've been blessed to have a thriving local business community, so it's important to make sure they are all still here once the construction is complete.

And don't forget, Daylight Savings Time ends November 6. Set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed and check those batteries in your smoke detectors. A few minutes of work can save you and your family's lives.

*Linda Martin*

★ The Euless City Council ★

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### Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget Information

#### Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget Highlights at a Glance

Here are a few key features in the budget for the current fiscal year that runs through Sept. 30, 2017:

- A half-cent reduction in the property tax rate. The tax rate will decrease to 46.25¢ from 46.75¢ per \$100 of assessed value.
- No reduction in services or programs for residents.
- New funding for:
  - o Three new Firefighters
  - o Public Works Field Tech
  - o Street Improvements
  - o Traffic Signal at Harwood Rd. and Bear Creek Pkwy.
  - o Wastewater line replacement at Cedar Hill Estates and Hollywood Blvd.
  - o Wastewater Line Replacement Oakwood Terrace Phase I
  - o Library Remodel Design
  - o Texas Star Sports Complex Expansion Phase VI

#### New budget maintains all services and programs

Thanks to economic improvement, expanding economic development, new construction, rising property values and sound management, the Euless City Council approved a Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget with a reduced local property tax rate. This is Euless' 22<sup>nd</sup> consecutive budget without a tax rate increase.

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This budget builds on the momentum made possible by last year's budget, which provided funding to complete numerous programs and projects that residents can now enjoy and will benefit from for years to come, including:

- Reclaimed Water Line Extension
- Wastewater Line Replacement at Glenn Drive
- Water Line at Donley, Shelmar and Ector
- Texas Star Sports Complex Expansion
- Development/Engineering Building Remodel

The FY2016-17 budget maintains focus on similar programs and services to meet the needs of Eules's diverse community.

**The average appraised value of a single-family home in Eules is \$184,915. The estimated City tax bill for the average Eules home will be \$684 in the upcoming year.**

### *Rebate partially offsets water rate increase for single-family residential customers*

Gallons of water	Residential cost/1,000 gal	Residential cost/1,000 gal with rate stabilization rebate
0-2,000	3.44	$3.44 - 0.25 = 3.19$
3,000-8,000	4.37	$4.37 - 0.25 = 4.12$
9,000-15,000	4.94	$4.94 - 0.25 = 4.69$
16,000-35,000	5.47	Rebate doesn't apply
Over 35,000	6.07	Rebate doesn't apply

Increases are necessary to cover higher costs of water from the Trinity River Authority, as well as rising costs of production and day-to-day operations.

A 20-cent increase per thousand gallons is effective in all tiers. However, for single-family residential customers, a rebate from the City's water rate stabilization fund will offset some of the higher cost. This fiscal year the fund will provide a monthly 25-cent rebate per thousand gallons on the first 15,000 gallons used. To encourage water use efficiency, the rebate credit

will not apply to irrigation-only meters. The City Council created the water rate stabilization fund to help keep water bills somewhat level year to year. The rebate is guaranteed for only one year and is evaluated annually.

In addition to the higher water consumption rates, there is also an increase in the water meter charge, which adds \$1 to residential bills. Changes in wastewater rates include a \$1 increase in the base rate and a 13-cent increase per thousand gallons collected.

Managing water use and keeping rates affordable is a major task for all municipalities in North Texas, most of which have tiered rate structures that charge more per unit as water usage increases. This is a way for cities to encourage water use efficiency and a way for residents to manage water bills.

Another measure being used across North Texas is water restrictions. Please see the City's website to learn more ways to help efficiently use water resources and keep your water bills as low as possible.

### *Programs, projects and services enhance community's quality of life*

To support today's residents and our future generations, the new budget invests in vital areas such as public safety, school partnerships, recreation and fitness, and public engagement, as well as ongoing street maintenance, and capital improvements such as public facilities and water system improvements. In addition, the City is also capitalizing on redevelopment opportunities through the use of public/private partnerships.

### *Budget addresses wide variety of needs*

Enhancements of life saving equipment for Police and Fire have been approved.

Improvements to quality of life for the library and parks facilities and equipment were included.



**Continuation of the Career Preparation Program with Trinity High School** which offers selected students the opportunity to serve in an intern-like role with the City of Euless to explore a public service career. Police Chief Mike Brown said, "The Career Preparation Program is an awesome opportunity for a young person to find their calling as a public servant."

**Euless will again celebrate its heritage as a "Tree City USA" recipient at Arbor Daze**, the award-winning, family-oriented festival that promotes the City's commitment to beautification and improvement of the environment through tree-planting and urban forestry education.

### *Capital Improvement Program*

**Various street overlay projects** based on results of a City wide study were approved.

**Wastewater line replacement** at Cedar Hill Estates and Hollywood Blvd., as well as at Oakwood Terrace Phase I.

**Remodeling Design for the Mary Lib Saleh Euless Public Library** which will include updates to the facility with changes reflecting the current nature of library services, including additional study and classroom space, interior layout changes, and updates required by the Americans with Disabilities Act/Texas Accessibility Standards.

**Texas Star Sports Complex Expansion Phase VI** which will replace five baseball fields with a synthetic turf infield and natural grass outfields. This will also include an expansion of the parking lot on the south end of the complex.

Please see the City's website at [www.eulesstx.gov](http://www.eulesstx.gov) for the Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget document.



## *Christmas Parade Information Meeting*

*Monday, November 14, 7 p.m.  
Euless Family Life Senior Center  
300 W. Midway Drive*

Ride on a float in a Christmas Parade! Here's your chance to scratch that off your "bucket list." The annual Christmas Parade of Lights features organizations of all kinds that enter floats in the best parade in Texas. Let your imagination run wild as you consider this year's theme - A FabEuless Christmas. For more information or to receive a float application, call Jerry Poteet at 817-685-1449 or visit [www.eulesstx.gov](http://www.eulesstx.gov). All participants are asked to attend an informational meeting on Monday, November 14 at 7 p.m., at the Euless Family Life Senior Center to discuss safety issues. Experience the excitement of the season, and see Euless lit up with beautiful Christmas lights.



## *Diabetes Awareness Fun Walk and Presentation*

*November 12, 9:30 a.m.*

*Mary Lib Saleh Eules Public Library  
201 N. Ector Drive*

Please join the Eules Tongan Community Committee (ETCC) for a free family-friendly diabetes awareness walk. After the walk Clint Fuqua with the American Diabetes Association will present, "Diabetes: Everything You need to know. Helping yourself or a family member." The fun walk begins at 9:30 a.m. Presentation at 10:30 a.m. For information call 817-685-1649.

## *Eules Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association Dinner*

*Saturday, November 12, 6 p.m.  
Eules Family Life Senior Center  
300 W. Midway*

Have you ever wanted to go on an African Safari? That's just one of the amazing items you can bid on at the Eules Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association (ECPAAA) BBQ Dinner and Auction benefitting the Eules Police Department. This is a wonderful event where you can enjoy a nice dinner, bid on some great items and socialize with your fellow residents and police officers.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at Stitch 'n Tyme Embroidery Shop, 706 S. Main Street, Eules, TX 76040. Call 817-267-6588 if you need further information or have any questions.

## *Small Business Saturday*

Between Black Friday and Cyber Monday sits Small Business Saturday. A day dedicated to helping small businesses and their communities. So in a month where we celebrate shopping small businesses, we should make an effort to shop all local business. Every time you make a purchase locally, you support our small businesses and make a difference.

Businesses along the construction area, particularly on Main St. have been hard hit. Amin Esmail, the owner of Farrah Salon, tells us that while they've been here for 17 years as a barber and now a full-service salon, "we've unfortunately lost a few stylists because of the slowdown. I hate to see them go somewhere else due to a lack of business, but right now, we're just trying to make it until the end of construction."

It's easier than you might think to get across Eules Main and you can visit [www.drivemidtown.com](http://www.drivemidtown.com) to see maps and lane closure information. Still, business is slow, particularly areas around 183. Martin Thorner of Texan Kitchen says his business is down, particularly at lunch and breakfast. "We've had to do more advertising, and we've scheduled live music on Fridays that a lot of our customers make the effort to get here for. We have the Texan Playboys and Two for the Show alternate each week, and we've added Karaoke on Tuesday and Saturday nights. The main thing that hurts me to see my business neighbors; to see the stress on their face. I want to help, but I'm in the same boat."

We encourage you next time you're out and about, visit some of your local businesses along the construction area. They will appreciate you.

## *International Games Day*

*Saturday, November 19, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Mary Lib Saleh Eules Public Library  
201 N. Ector Dr.*

To celebrate International Games Day, patrons will have the opportunity to play many types of games including (but not limited to) board games, roleplaying games, card games and electronic games. Please stop by and have some fun with us!



## November Aquatics

Eules Family Life Center / 300 W. Midway Dr. / 817-685-1666

**OPEN SWIM:** Mon-Fri: 11:40 a.m. - 5 p.m. & 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. / Sat: 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. / Sun: noon - 3:30 p.m.

Note: Below are the swim lessons available at the time of this publication. For more detailed information on swim lessons for the fall, please pick up a copy of the Fall 2016 Playbook or look for it online at [www.eulesstx.gov/pacs](http://www.eulesstx.gov/pacs). To register for Fall classes visit the Eules Family Life Center or register on-line at [www.eulesstx.gov/pacs](http://www.eulesstx.gov/pacs)

SWIM LESSONS	CLASS#	BEG	AGE	DAY	TIME	#WKS	\$
PARENT & TOT	120007-03	10/31	6mo-2	MW	6:15-6:45pm	4	\$55
LEVEL 3	120003-05	10/31	5-15	MW	5:05-5:35pm	4	\$55
LEVEL 3	120003-06	10/31	5-15	MW	6:50-7:20pm	4	\$55
LEVEL 4	120004-06	10/31	5-15	MW	6:50-7:20pm	4	\$55
ADULT	120008-03	10/31	15+	MW	6:50-7:20pm	4	\$55
SWIM TEAM PREP	120500-03	10/31	5-15	MW	6:15-6:45pm	4	\$55
GUARD START	120011-03	10/31	14	MW	5:40-6:10pm	4	\$55

WATER AEROBICS	CLASS#	DAY	TIME
ARTHRITIC AEROBICS	120700-03	MWF	8-8:45am
WATER CONDITIONING	120710-03	MWF	8:50-9:35am
AQUA AGILITY	120704-03	MWF	9:40-10:25am
WATER TONING	120702-03	TTh	8-8:45am
CARDIO BY AQUA	120705-03	TTh	8:50-9:35am
HYDRO-RESISTANCE	120709-03	TTh	9:40-10:35am
SPLASH ZUMBA	120707-03	T	6-7pm
AQUA CROSS TRAINING	120703-03	TH	6-7pm
TABATA 101	120708-03	Sa	9-9:45am
POWER TABATA	120711-03	Sa	9:50-10:35am

-Seniors: \$30/month unlimited classes (must be an Aquatic Member)

-Under 60: \$45/month unlimited classes (must be an Aquatic Member)

-Sign up for individual class for the whole month: \$5 per class (must pay for all classes in the month for this pricing)

-Punch Pass and drop in classes also available.



# CALENDAR & CLASSES

817-685-1666

[www.eulesstx.gov/eulesstoday](http://www.eulesstx.gov/eulesstoday)

## NOVEMBER CLASSES / Eules Family Life Center, 300 W. Midway Dr.

For complete descriptions, visit [www.eulesstx.gov/eflc](http://www.eulesstx.gov/eflc) or on Facebook "Eules Parks & Community Services."

**EFLC HOURS:** M-TH: 5 a.m. - 9 p.m. • **FRI:** 5 a.m. - 8 p.m. • **SAT:** 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. • **SUN:** noon - 6 p.m.

<u>YOUTH ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>CLASS#</u>	<u>BEG</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>#WKS</u>	<u>\$</u>
TWO'S TIME	110000-03	10/25	1.5-3	T/TH	9-11am	4	\$77
FUN TIME FOR LEARNERS	110002-03	10/24	3-5	M/W	9am-1pm	4	\$137
TERRIFIC TUES & THURS	110003-03	10/25	3-5	T/TH	9am-1pm	4	\$137
PRESCHOOL DANCE	110200-11	11/1	2-3	T	6-6:45pm	3	\$47
PRESCHOOL DANCE	110200-12	11/2	2-3	W	10-10:45am	3	\$47
PRESCHOOL DANCE	110200-13	11/2	3-4	W	11am-12pm	3	\$51
PRESCHOOL DANCE	110200-14	11/4	3-4	F	5-6pm	3	\$51
PRESCHOOL DANCE	110200-15	11/3	4-5	TH	4-5pm	3	\$51
PRESCHOOL TUMBLING	110208-03	11/4	3-5	F	4-5pm	3	\$51
BEGINNING HIP HOP	110204-03	11/3	5-8	TH	5-6pm	3	\$51
BEGINNING BALLET	110206-03	11/3	5-9	TH	6-7pm	3	\$51
INTERMEDIATE HIP HOP	110205-03	11/3	9-13	TH	6-7pm	3	\$51
INTERMEDIATE BALLET	110207-03	11/3	10+	TH	7-8pm	3	\$51
ADVANCED TAP	110202-03	11/1	14-18	T	8-9pm	3	\$47
TAP-JAZZ	110201-05	11/1	7-9	T	5:30-7:00pm	3	\$58
TAP-JAZZ	110201-06	11/3	10-14	TH	7-8:30pm	3	\$58
TAP- BALLET	110210-03	11/3	6-8	TH	5-6pm	3	\$51
TAP-BALLET-JAZZ	110203-03	11/1	5-7	T	4:30-5:30pm	3	\$51
TAP BALLET HIP HOP	110211-03	11/3	5-7+	TH	6-7pm	3	\$51
TUMBLING	110209-03	11/4	6-8	F	6-7pm	3	\$51
VOICE & PIANO	110251-03	11/1	4-17	M-S	10am-8pm	4.5	\$*
STRING & PERCUSSION	110253-03	11/1	3-17	M-TH	3-8pm	4	\$112
YOU CAN OIL PAINT	110810-03	11/10	14-17	TH	6-8:45pm	1	\$37
Get FIT	110501-04	11/1	7-9	T/TH	6-6:50pm	4	\$98
Get FIT	110501-04	11/1	10-13	T/TH	7-7:50pm	4	\$98
TIGERKUBS	110130-02	11/5	5-8	S	9-9:45am	5	\$28
BEG-TAEKWON-DO	110131-02	11/1	9-12	T	6-7:15pm	5.5	\$54
				S	10-11:15am		
ADV TAEKWON-DO	110132-02	11/3	9-12	M	6-7:15pm	5	\$51
			**SIMMONS	TH	6-7:15pm		
ANIMATIONS	110600-01	11/23	7-12	W	9am-12pm	1	\$30
ANIMATIONS	110600-02	11/23	7-12	W	1-4pm	1	\$30
<i>**This class meets at the Simmons Center, 508 Simmons Drive.</i>							
<u>ADULT/TEEN ACTIVITIES</u>							
YOU CAN OIL PAINT	110810-03	11/10	18+	TH	6-8:45pm	1	\$37
VOICE & PIANO	110251-03	11/1	18+	M-S	10am-8pm	4.5	\$*
STRING & PERCUSSION	110253-03	11/1	18+	M-TH	3-8pm	4	\$112
TAEKWON-DO ADULT	110133-02	11/1	13+	T	7:30-9pm	5.5	\$64
			**SIMMONS	TH	7:30-9pm		
FINANCIAL PITFALLS	SHOW UP	11/3	18+	TH	6:30pm	1	FREE
ADULT TAP	110245-03	11/1	18+	T	7-8pm	3	\$47
ADULT BALLET	110240-03	11/1	18+	T	8-9pm	3	\$47
ZIN YOGA	110325-03	11/2	18+	MW	5-5:55pm	4	\$47
PILATES FITNESS	110320-03	11/2	12+	MW	6-6:55pm	4	\$47
KICKBOXING	110316-03	11/2	12+	MW	7-7:55pm	4	\$47
ZUMBA	110300-03	11/2	18+	MW	7-8pm	4	\$47
BARRE FITNESS	110315-03	11/3	18+	TH	9:30-10:20am	3	\$32
TAI CHI-BEG	110305-03	11/1	16+	T	6-7pm	4	\$40
TAI CHI-ADV	110306-03	11/1	16+	T	7-8pm	4	\$40
HOT HULA	110330-03	11/2	15+	M/W	8-9pm	4	\$47
FITNESS CAMP	110310-05	11/5	13+	S	10:30-11:30am	4	\$42
<u>DR PEPPER STARCENTER ACTIVITIES</u> 1400 S. Pipeline, 76040, 817-267-4233							
TOT ICE SKATING	111161-05	10/29	3-5	S	1-1:30pm	4	\$30
TOT ICE SKATING	111161-06	10/31	3-5	M	6:30-7pm	4	\$30
SKATE LIKE A 'STAR'	111162-05	10/29	6-14	S	1-1:30pm	4	\$30
SKATE LIKE A 'STAR'	111162-06	10/31	6-14	M	6:30-7pm	4	\$30
ADULT ICE SKATING	111165-05	10/29	15+	S	1:30-2pm	4	\$30
ADULT ICE SKATING	111165-06	10/31	15+	M	7-7:30pm	4	\$30