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EULESS TODAY



Dear Citizens,
In this issue of Euless Today, you'll find a summary of our 2015-2016 Budget. Creating the budget demands a lot of time and work from our various city departments as well as the finance department and city council. I'm proud to announce that this is the 21st consecutive year that our tax rate has been maintained or lowered while still providing the high quality of service our citizens expect.

Daylight Savings Time ends November 1 so be sure to set your clock back one hour before you go to bed. We say this every year, but I can't stress enough that this is a good time to check the batteries and test your smoke detector. According to the National Fire Protection Association, roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths occur because the smoke detector was not working properly or had dead batteries. A few minutes of work can save you and your family's lives.

Linda Martin

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Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget Information

Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget Highlights at a Glance

Here are a few key features in the budget for the current fiscal year that runs through Sept. 30, 2016:

- **No change in property tax rate.** The tax rate remains at 46.75¢ per \$100 of assessed value.
- **No reduction in services or programs for residents.**
- **Funding for significant capital improvement projects, includes:**
 - Street Overlays
 - East Harwood Road Extension
 - Wastewater Line replacement at Glenn Drive
 - Water Line replacement at Donley, Shelmar and Ector
 - Reclaimed Water Line Extension
 - Development/Engineering Building Remodel
 - Midtown Redevelopment
 - Texas Star Sports Complex Expansion

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 2015-16 budget with no local property tax rate change. This is Euless' 21st consecutive budget without a tax rate increase. The City and its residents will benefit from an increase in appraisal values of \$103 million or 3.4 percent over last year. The latest report from the Tarrant Appraisal District values property in the City at more than \$3.153 billion compared to 2014 property tax roll of over \$3.05 billion.

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The Euless City Council

- Linda Martin *Mayor*
- Tim Stinneford *Mayor Pro Tem Place 1*
- Jeremy Tompkins *Place 2*
- Eddie Price *Place 3*
- Linda Eilenfeldt *Place 4*
- Harry Zimmer *Place 5*
- Perry Bynum *Place 6*

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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:

- Cullum Drive Improvements
- Wastewater Line Replacement at Denton Drive
- Water Line at El Camino Real
- A Pumper Fire Truck
- Technology upgrades in the City Council Chamber which allows residents to view recorded meetings on the City's government access TV channel, Eules Cable 16, U-verse, online and on mobile devices

The FY2015-16 budget maintains focus on similar programs and services to meet the needs of Eules' diverse community.

The average appraised value of a single-family home in Eules is \$150,466 currently. The estimated City tax bill for the average Eules home will be \$563 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 rebate |
|------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 0-2,000 | 3.24 | 3.24-0.15 = 3.09 |
| 3,000-8,000 | 4.17 | 4.17-0.15 = 4.02 |
| 9,000-15,000 | 4.74 | 4.74-0.15 = 4.59 |
| 16,000-35,000 | 5.27 | Rebate doesn't apply |
| Over 35,000 | 5.87 | 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 27-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 15-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 8.9 percent increase in the water meter charge, which adds 80 cents to residential bills. Changes in wastewater rates include a 75-cent increase in the base rate and a 26-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, Fire and Aquatics have been approved.

Improvements to quality of life for the library and parks facilities and equipment, along with a parks planning consultant 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 Eules 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."

Eules 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.

Expansion of East Harwood Road through a combined effort with the Texas Department of Transportation and DFW Airport to extend East Harwood Road through the Airport to International Parkway at Rental Car Drive.

Wastewater line replacement at Glenn Drive is included.

Replacement of water lines at Donley, Shelmar and Ector were approved.

Remodeling of the Development/Engineering Building which will include a new entry facade to match other Municipal Complex structures, address security issues, provide a functional conference area, and relocate restrooms to meet American with Disabilities Act/Texas Accessibility Standards.

Midtown Redevelopment is a public/private community development project of approximately 56 acres generally south of SH 183, north of SH 10 and east of FM 157. This is planned as a mixed-use redevelopment of residential and retail.

Expansion of the Texas Star Sports Complex will include a 60/90 field with a synthetic turf infield and natural grass outfield. "Additionally, the project will include all amenities to support the new field such as lights, 190 additional parking spaces, scoreboard, irrigation, landscaping, and electrical services," according to Ray McDonald, Director of Parks & Community Services.

Please see the City's website at www.eulesstx.gov for the Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget document.



Rain/Freeze Sensor Installation DIY

*Sponsored by Professional Turf
Products in Eules*

November 4

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Eules City Hall

201 N. Ector Dr.

We've all seen it happen. It may have even happened to you a time or two. Your neighbor is watering their lawn in the rain with their automatic sprinkler system. Don't let it happen to you!

Rain and freeze sensors automatically shut off your sprinkler system under rainy or freezing conditions and are becoming "must have" components for irrigation systems. Learn how to install your very own rain/freeze sensor along with some other helpful tips in this educational presentation given by Professional Turf Products in Eules. At the end of the presentation, 20 participants will go home with a free Irritrol Wireless Rain/Freeze sensor (a \$134 retail value). This program will be led by Professional Turf Products in Eules. The event is free, but you must register to attend. Please register online at www.eulesstx.gov or call 817-685-1821 for more information.



A Message to Eules Residents

In accordance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) rules, the City of Eules is providing this notice to our residents. Each month, the City of Eules submits 60 water samples for laboratory testing. The City of Eules collected the required 60 water bacteriological samples for the month of June 2015 as required by TCEQ, however, one of those routine samples was accidentally mismarked and therefore disqualified as a sample, even though it met the standards. As a result, TCEQ is only allowing 59 samples for the month of June 2015 and has issued a routine monitoring minor violation for the clerical error.

While the city has an outstanding record for water quality, we take any violation seriously. The quality of our water is of utmost importance. We appreciate your understanding in this matter and pledge to continue to serve you to the best of our abilities.

Routine Monitoring Violation Total Coliform Rule

The City of Eules, Public Water System: TX2200031, failed to collect the required number of bacteriological samples for coliform monitoring of the water distribution system during 2015. This monitoring is required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's "Drinking Water Standards" and the federal "Safe Drinking Water Act," Public Law 95-523.

Bacteriological samples are used to monitor water quality and indicate if the water is free of coliform bacteria. Our water system is required to submit 60 bacteriological samples each month. Failure to collect all required bacteriological samples is a violation of the monitoring requirements and we are required to notify you of this violation.

If you have any questions regarding this violation, you may contact Hal Cranor at 817-685-1646.

Library Events in November

International Games Day

November 21

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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

Make-it-Take-it Holiday Craft

Thursdays in November

6 - 7:30 p.m.

Relieve the stress of the holidays with some creativity. Please join us every Thursday (except for Thanksgiving) as the Library staff leads you in creating Thanksgiving and Christmas themed crafts for you to take home.

Trinity Show Choir

November 23, 7 p.m.

There's no better way to get into the holiday spirit than with the award-winning Trinity High School Show Choir for a special Christmas themed performance.

National Novel Writing Month

November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo). This annual event encourages amateur writers to sit down and create the great American novel, or at least begin the writing process. A variety of events have been scheduled to celebrate the month and help you write your novel. Michael Baldwin, an award-winning poet, novelist, essayist and playwright, will conduct a variety of free workshops. Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

- **Find Your Mind Creative Workshop**
November 2, 7 p.m.
- **"Halfway There" Celebration - November 16,**
7 p.m.
- **Self-publishing Workshop - November 30,**
7 p.m.



Garage Sales

New procedures for garage sales now make life easier for residents. While you are still required to obtain a permit, you no longer need to visit City Hall. You can obtain your garage sale permit at www.eulesstx.gov/planning/GarageSaleRegistration.

You will need to record your permit number on your signs. Just be aware that that signs cannot be posted in the medians of streets, on telephone or utility poles, or block the line of sight for others.

Garage sale postings are listed on the city website in a handy interactive map. We encourage all bargain hunters to check the map for garage sales in the area before heading out.

November Happenings at the Senior Center

The Eules Family Life Senior Center requires that all participants become a member. It's SIMPLY FabEules to join. Complete a membership form, have your picture made and the ADVENTURE begins. Memberships are open to the 60+ population. Please contact the center at 817-685-1671 for membership fees. The center offers a variety of activities for the 60+ members. Some of the ADVENTURES you may experience ...

- **Health and Wellness Classes:** Tai Chi 16 Form, Gentle Yoga, TLC Yoga, Senior Abs, Quiet Yoga, Chair Training, Core and Stretch, Tai Chi 49 Form, Afternoon Yoga, Aerobic Strength and Zumba.
- **Arts and Crafts Classes:** Card Making, Crochet, Oil Painting with Joan, and Quilting.
- **Social:** Mystery Lunch, Dining Out and Thursday Night Social.
- **Games and Such:** Billiards, Bunco, Domino games, Party Bridge, Texas Hold'em and Mah Jongg.
- **Music:** Jammers
- **Health Screening and Seminars:** Lunch and Learn and much more.
- **Special Interest:** Genealogy and "Hey Whatcha Reading" Book Club, AARP Driver Safety, Line Dancing and much more.
- **Special Events:** Thanksgiving Potluck, Santa Claus Cookie Exchange, Christmas Potluck and New Years Eve Party
- **NORTH MAIN BAR-B-QUE ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON sponsored by North Main Bar-B-Que.** Wednesday, November 18, 11:00 a.m. - doors open, 11:30 a.m. - lunch served. TICKETS are required for entry. Reservations are NOT accepted by phone. Registration Deadline is Wednesday, November 11 Reservations: Eules Family Life Senior Center Resident Members (current EFLSC membership required.) Begin taking reservation: 9/1 at 7:30 a.m. Eules Family Life Senior Center Non-Resident Members (current EFLSC membership required.) Begin taking reservation: 10/1 at 7:30 a.m. Non-Members (60- plus Eules Resident). Proof of residency (current water bill and current TX DL is required.) Begin taking reservation: 10/15 at 7:30 a.m. Event #: 140402-11 We have a limited number of tickets available. This event will sell out. Don't delay, get your tickets early!
- **Upcoming Trips:** For more information please call or stop by the center.

For more information please call or stop by the center to get your SIMPLY FabEules Adventure started.



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: Noon - 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> |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|----------------|
| Two's Time | 110004-03 | 10/27 | 1.5-2.5 | T/TH | 9-11am | 4/\$47 |
| Preschool Dance 2-3 | 110200-03 | 10/28 | 2-3 | W | 10-10:45am | 4/\$62 |
| Preschool Dance 3-4 | 110207-03 | 10/28 | 3-4 | W | 11am-12pm | 4/\$67 |
| Preschool Dance 3-4 | 110208-03 | 10/29 | 3-4 | TH | 4:30-5:30pm | 4/\$67 |
| Preschool Tumbling | 110020-03 | 10/29 | 3-5 | TH | 3:30-4:30pm | 4/\$67 |
| Preschool Dance 4-5 | 110209-03 | 10/27 | 4-5 | T | 4:30-5:30pm | 4/\$67 |
| Fun Time for Learners | 110002-03 | 10/26 | 3-5 | M/W | 9am-1pm | 4/\$127 |
| Terrific Tuesday & Thursday | 110003-03 | 10/27 | 3-5 | T/TH | 9am-1pm | 4/\$127 |
| Fun Fridays Pre-School | 110010-03 | 10/30 | 3-5 | F | 9am-1pm | 4/\$62 |
| Pretty Princess Tea Party | 111160-03 | 10/31 | 3-7 | S | 10-11am | 4/\$42 |
| Tap, Ballet, Jazz 5-6 | 110210-03 | 10/29 | 4.5-6 | TH | 6-7pm | 4/\$67 |
| Ballet I & II | 110225-03 | 10/29 | 5-7 | TH | 5:30-6:30pm | 4/\$67 |
| Taekwondo-Tigerkubs | 110130-02 | 11/7 | 5-8 | S | 9-9:45am | 7/\$28 |
| Tap, Ballet, Jazz | 110230-01 | 10/29 | 6-8 | TH | 4:30-6pm | 4/\$77 |

YOUTH/TEEN ACTIVITIES

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| You Can Paint Youth | 110815-03 | 11/19 | 5-13 | TH | 4-5:30pm | 1/\$22 |
| Intermediate Tap/Jazz | 110220-03 | 10/27 | 7-8 | T | 5:30-7pm | 4/\$77 |
| Taekwondo-Beginners | 110131-02 | 11/4 | 8-12 | T | 6-7:15pm | 7/\$68 |
| | | | | S | 10-11:15a | |
| Taekwondo-Advanced | 110132-02 | 11/2 | 8-12 | M | 6-7:15pm | 6.5/\$63 |
| | | | | TH | 6-7:15pm | SIM |
| Tap/Jazz | 110232-03 | 10/29 | 9-12 | TH | 7-8:30pm | 4/\$77 |
| Intro to Guitar | 110705-03 | 11/2 | 9+ | M | 6-7:30pm | 4/\$82 |
| Intermediate Hip Hop | 110216-03 | 10/27 | 9-12 | T | 6-7pm | 4/\$67 |
| Advanced Tap | 110260-03 | 10/27 | 11-17 | T | 8-9pm | 4/\$62 |
| Advanced Hip Hop | 110217-03 | 10/27 | 13-17 | T | 7-8pm | 4/\$67 |
| Inter/Adv Ballet | 110235-03 | 10/29 | 13-17 | TH | 6:30-8pm | 4/\$77 |

ADULT ACTIVITIES

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| Taekwondo Adult | 110134-02 | 11/3 | 13+ | T | 7:30-9pm | 7/\$81 |
| | | | | TH | 7:30-9pm | SIM |
| Zumba & Zumba Toning | 110300-03 | 10/26 | 13+ | M/W | 7-8pm | 5/\$52 |
| You Can Oil Paint | 110810-03 | 11/19 | 14+ | TH | 6-9pm | 1/\$37 |
| Hot Hula Fitness | 110330-03 | 11/23 | 15+ | M/W | 8-9pm | 4/\$50 |
| Kickboxing | 110316-03 | 11/2 | 16+ | M/W | 7-8pm | 3/\$32 |
| Pilates Fitness | 110320-03 | 11/2 | 16+ | M/W | 6-7pm | 3/\$32 |
| Yoga | 110325-03 | 11/2 | 16+ | M/W | 5-6pm | 3/\$32 |
| Spin & Sweat | 110343-03 | 10/28 | 16+ | W | 6-6:45pm | 3/\$20 |
| Tai Chi Beginners | 110305-03 | 10/27 | 16+ | T | 6-7pm | 4/\$40 |
| Tai Chi Advanced | 110306-03 | 10/27 | 16+ | T | 7-8pm | 4/\$40 |
| Digital Photography | 110830-04 | 11/9 | 16+ | M | 6:30-8pm | 2/\$50 |
| Adult Tap | 110245-03 | 10/27 | 18+ | T | 7-8pm | 4/\$62 |
| Foundations of Investing | 111003-02 | 10/29 | 18+ | TH | 10-11am | 1/FREE |
| Rules of the Road | 111004-03 | 11/12 | 18+ | TH | 10-11am | 1/FREE |
| Adult Ballet | 110240-03 | 10/29 | 18+ | TH | 8-9pm | 4/\$62 |

DR PEPPER STARCENTER

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

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| Tot Ice Skating | 111161-05 | 10/26 | 3-4 | M | 6:30-7pm | 4/\$30 |
| Tot Ice Skating | 111161-06 | 10/31 | 3-4 | S | 1-1:30pm | 4/\$30 |
| Skate Like a Star | 111162-05 | 10/26 | 5-13 | M | 6:45-7:15pm | 4/\$30 |
| Skate Like a Star | 111162-06 | 10/31 | 5-13 | S | 1-1:30pm | 4/\$30 |
| Adult Ice Skating | 111165-05 | 10/26 | 13+ | M | 7:15-7:45pm | 4/\$30 |
| Adult Ice Skating | 111165-06 | 10/31 | 13+ | S | 1:30-2pm | 4/\$30 |

SIMMONS ACTIVITY CENTER

508 Simmons Dr., 76040

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| Hapkido | 110133-03 | 11/2 | 13+ | M | 7:30-9pm | 4/\$25 |
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