

# EULESS TODAY



Dear Citizens,



What a difference a year can make. Thanks to vaccine availability and safety

precautions, our Summer Camp is returning, the Euless Family Life Aquatic Park is reopening and the Senior Center is back in the swing of things.

If you haven't ever looked at the Senior Center calendar on the website, take a look when you have a chance. The number of activities they have scheduled makes my head swim. They have so many fun offerings from fitness to puzzles to crafts. I'm especially thankful for our large senior center that allows patrons plenty of room to spread out, but still be social.

The Senior Center will hold some outdoor events like outdoor bingo and a walking club in the City parks. I know our staff is very excited to return to a normal schedule and familiar games and programs for our seniors. We are all looking forward to seeing our friends in person again!

*Linda Martin*

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### *Euless Turtle Walkers* *Winning the Race at Their own Pace*

It started as a simple post on the NextDoor app. Suzy Andersen wanted to go on a walk and didn't want to go by herself. What happened next was beyond her expectations. People commented that they would join her and what a great idea. Before long, a Facebook group was created. Next came a walking schedule. Then a person volunteered to pick some different parks in Euless and posted those locations along with the times. In less than a month, groups were walking throughout the week and chatting like old friends.

The best part? Slow and steady wins the race. The pressure is off for a personal best time. It's more about accountability and socializing with others in a safe way.

And that's how the Euless Turtle Walkers group came to be. Currently the group is around 150 people, but they would love to have more participants to give more options for days and times to walk. They welcome all ages and abilities since it is safer to walk in groups and with people of a like pace.

Euless resident Dot Gardener said, "We meet around 10:00 a.m. and leave the park around 11:00 a.m. We have some that walk slower than others and some walk more than others. Some take breaks along the way and some walk after 11:00 a.m. We probably won't win any races for speed or distance, but I think we all getting a little healthier and enjoying ourselves."

"A lot of us have various joint issues with our knees, backs or hips," said Vicki Vaughan. "Walking is a good way to not only move all of our joints, but also elevate our heart rate just a little bit to keep our heart pumping and strong."

Lynne Moffatt has been walking with the group from the beginning and said the most gratifying part is hearing medical testimony about the walks. "One of our turtles had a doctor's appointment this past week. Her doctor told her that between the walking and the socialization that the Euless Turtle Walkers may very well have saved her life. Isn't that awesome how this group is already changing lives?"

The group's founder Suzy, still can't believe how quickly the group formed and evolved. She's hoping her concept will take off in other communities. She even came up with a new motto: Turtle walkers always finish the race, but at our own pace.

If you are interested in joining them, you can email [eulessturtlewalkers@gmail.com](mailto:eulessturtlewalkers@gmail.com). You can also find their Facebook group by searching Euless Turtle Walkers.



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## Eules Parks Crew Installs First Bike Repair Station

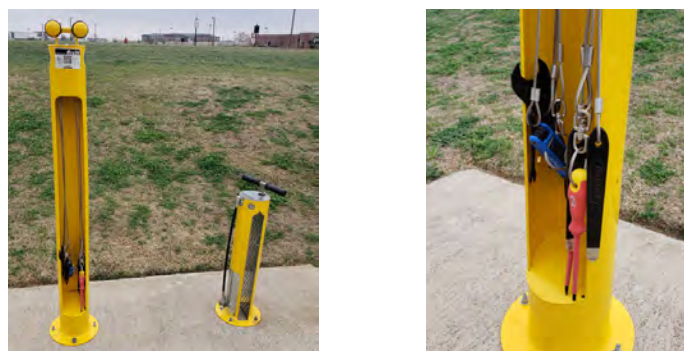
Eules trail users can now make bicycle repairs right on the trail. The new bike repair station is located along the Glade Parks trail near Rio Grande Blvd. The fully-equipped, bicycle repair station includes all the tools necessary to perform basic bike repairs and maintenance, from changing a flat to adjusting brakes and derailleurs.

Specifically, the station includes wrenches and other hand tools that are securely attached to the stand. Hanging the bike from the hanger arms allows the pedals and wheels to spin freely while making adjustments.

The second stand has an integrated wheel holder, a PSI pressure gauge and a manual air pump with connections for both road and mountain bikes. A QR code on the

station takes smart phone users to a website with bike repair instructions.

This is the first bicycle repair station in Eules' trail system and we hope for more to follow.



## Coffee in the Park

June 5, 10:30 a.m.  
Wilshire Park, 315 Sierra Dr.

Bring the family and your fishing poles to Wilshire Park for Coffee in the Park. Enjoy a free cup of coffee while wetting a hook, or take a walk around the pond on our quarter mile paved trail. Participants over the age of 17 must have fishing license. The event will take place weather permitting and while supplies last.



## Bike Night

Preserve at McCormick Park, 2005 Fuller Wiser Rd.  
June 12, 6:00 p.m.

Explore our trails on two wheels. We will start the ride at Main Trail Marker 4 (MT-4), ride to Main Trail Marker 8 (MT-8), and then will return to Marker 4. This ride is approximately two miles round-trip. Water and snacks are available while supplies last. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

## Eules Senior Center Reopening

We are thrilled to announce that the Eules Senior Center will be reopening on Monday, May 3. The operating hours will be 6:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday. Hours on Thursday will be 6:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Classes and activities will be listed on the Senior Center website: [www.eulesstx.gov/seniors](http://www.eulesstx.gov/seniors) or you can call 817-685-1671 for more information.



## *Fire & Police Department Awards*

The Fire and Police Departments recently presented awards to deserving individuals for their outstanding service in 2020. Congratulations to all these award recipients!

### **Fire Department Awards**

EMS Provider of the Year – Aaron Schmidt  
Rookie of the Year – Garrett Wallace  
Supervisor of the Year – Jason Moon  
Wayne Britt Award – Patrick Sonefeld  
Driver/Engineer of the Year – Saul Padilla  
Employee of the Year – Tommy Rush



### **Police Department Awards**

Civilian of the Year – Bill Harvell Award - Amber Fanning  
Ralph Suarez Distinguished Service Award (Sworn) - Chase LaPenna  
Distinguished Service (Civilian) - Alisha Johnson  
Supervisor of the Year - Derick Rogers  
Officer of the Year - Patrick Cunningham  
W.M. “Blackie” Sustaire Award - Brenda Alvarado  
David Hofer Servant Leadership Award - Suzanne Hendrickson  
Michael Williamson Rookie of the Year Award - Gloria Lozano  
Meritorious Conduct Bar - Brian Mabry, Brandon Allison  
Certificate of Merit - John Haecker  
Unit Citation - CSI: Steve Snyder, Courtney Henry, Josh Bennett, Robert Harper  
Unit Citation - Power Shift: Brian Mabry, Brandon Allison, Jordan Sims, Blake Mitchell  
Volunteer of the Year (Police) - Faye Stinneford  
Volunteer of the Year (ECPAAA) - Bill Dufinetz (Posthumously)  
Certificate of Civic Achievement - Code Division (Code & Community Services):  
Brenda Alvarado, Rocky Fimbres, Chris White, Carlos Peralez, Robert Bryan, James Gordon; James Patterson, Brian McGarry, Paul Schafer, Fred Struck, Chris Courtney, Demetrie Washington, Brigitte McClay, Scott Axton, Marco Valladares, Adrian Wormley (retired), Casey Sanders, Rosanna Cantu, Natalie Rodriguez



## *Library Summer Events*

### **Family**

Join us for Fantastic Family Fridays! Stories, activities and fun for the whole family. There will also be fun, self-paced scavenger hunts inside the Library for all ages. (registration required)

### **Camp Out:**

June 11, 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.  
Scavenger Hunt: June 11, all day  
Pirates & Mermaids: June 25, 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.  
Scavenger Hunt: June 25, all day



### **Preschool**

Baby Bounce - Tuesdays 10:00 a.m.  
StoryPalooza - Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.  
Toddler Time - Thursdays 10:00 a.m.  
Namastay & Read - Thursdays 10:30 a.m.  
(limited occupancy)

### **Teens**

Teen Advisory Group (TAG) - Thursdays 6:30 pm

