

# EULESS TODAY



Dear Citizens,

This is the last month of summer – the last hurrah for hot weather and family-friendly activities. This was another successful

summer at the Euless Family Life Aquatic Park, and there's still time to enjoy what the Aquatic Park has to offer as it's open through Labor Day weekend. This summer featured the annual Summer Concert Series. Families enjoyed free concerts, including Kreed – A Tribute to Creed and Benton Lawson. The Benton Lawson concert was a partnership between the City and Glade Parks.

The Parks, Police, and Fire departments all hosted camps this summer, and due to high demand, all the camps were full. Kids got the opportunity to play and learn about various City departments under the supervision of City staff. The Library also hosted several special events throughout the summer, including Monkey See Monkey Do, Dino Bo, and Animal Adventures. Of course, there was also the popular HEB Reads! summer reading challenge to help kids develop their reading skills over the break.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer exploring our FabEuless City. As we wrap up summer, I hope you can join us for the final Summer Concert Series performance by Chicago Tribute Authority Texas on Friday, August 4 at 7 p.m. at Texas Star Golf Course.

*Linda Martin*

★ The Euless City Council ★

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### New Water Utility Payment Website Coming Soon

The City of Euless is excited to announce that we will soon be offering a new Water Utility Payment System. This new site will provide customers more options to pay their water bills including payments via MasterCard, VISA, Discover, AMEX as well as PayPal, PayPal Credit, Venmo and Amazon Pay. You can also set up automated payments via credit card or checking/savings account. Pay by text, interfaces to voice assistants, and an interactive voice response system will also be available.

The site will also allow customers to view payments, along with billing history and associated bill copies.

More information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks about how to set up your account in the new system.

### Your Recycling Options

As a Euless resident, you may choose to recycle in a blue bag, bin or cart. It is simply a matter of what method works best for your household. If you live in an apartment, you can place recycling materials in the container that is located in your complex.

Recycling is single stream and does not have to be separated. You may place all recyclable materials in one container. In general, recyclable items should be clean and dry.

#### What Can Be Recycled:

- Aluminum, steel or tin cans
- Glass bottles and containers
- Wax-coated paper containers, such as drink boxes
- Plastic containers with these numbers on the bottom: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7
- Corrugated cardboard boxes that are broken down and flattened
- Lightweight containers, such as cereal boxes, tissue boxes and other packages should also be broken down and flattened
- Paper products, such as catalogs, magazines, phone books, junk mail, newspapers and office paper

#### What Can't Be Recycled:

- Aerosol cans
- Anything contaminated with food, grease or wet waste
- Broken glass
- Ceramics, dishes, coffee mugs, drinking glasses and pyrex
- Flammable, toxic, medical waste, syringes and any other Hazardous Materials
- Grass clippings
- Light bulbs
- Paper towels, facial tissue and toilet tissue
- Plastics with a #6 on the bottom
- Plastic bags and packaging
- Plastic containers that held hazardous waste
- Shredded paper
- Styrofoam, aluminum foil and pie plates

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## *Saving Money on Ambulance Services*

Did you know that the City of Euless does not balance bill its citizens or employees for emergency medical services received inside Euless? In other words, once your insurance and/or Medicare (or other supplemental insurance) has paid its agreed upon portion of your emergency medical bill, you will not be billed for the rest of the invoice. The balance bill is waived by the City and no subscription is required.

This is because the Euless Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is a division of the Euless Fire Department and the City Council has elected to waive balance bills for Euless residents without the need for a paid subscription.



## *School Zone Safety Tips*

August is back to school time. The first day of school for HEB schools is August 10 and for Grapevine Colleyville schools it's August 15. With children walking to class or boarding buses, drivers need to be extra careful when they are near schools and school buses.

Here are a few rules of the road related to school zones that drivers should keep in mind:

- Obey school zone speed limit signs.
- Put away your cell phone.
- Obey the crossing guard.
- Drop off and pick up children in the designated areas.
- Watch for children running between vehicles.
- Stop for flashing red lights or a stop sign on a school bus regardless of which direction you're headed. Continue once the bus has moved, the flashing lights stop flashing or the bus driver signals it's okay to pass.

Kids are unpredictable, so drivers must take precautions in and around school zones.



## *Labor Day is the Last Call for Fun at the Aquatic Park!*

Labor Day Weekend Hours\*:

Saturday & Sunday, September 2 & 3,  
Noon – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 4, Noon – 6:00 p.m.

\*Hours are subject to change.

Spend Labor Day weekend at the Euless Family Life Aquatic Park. The Aquatic Park is closing for the season after Monday, September 4, so this is your last chance to enjoy the pool and the other aquatic activities this park has to offer.

Bring your entire family to the Aquatic Park. There is something to do for people of all ages. You can float down the lazy river, enjoy the water playground, splash in the fountains, go down the flume slides, hop across the lily pad walk or just relax on the lounge chairs beside the pool. Bring your favorite picnic foods or visit the concession stand, so you can stay all day.



*City offices will be closed  
September 4 for Labor Day.  
Trash and recycling service  
will run as scheduled.*



## *What Happens to Your Tax Dollars*

Have you ever wondered where your tax dollars go? Every time you make a purchase in Eulesstx that is taxable, 6.25% of that sales tax goes to the State of Texas and 2% goes to the City of Eulesstx.

Property taxes are the largest revenue source for the City. Therefore, if you own property, the City property tax represents approximately 22% of your overall property tax bill. Those tax dollars fund the day-to-day operations of the City including 24-hour police, fire and EMS service, public works, parks and recreation, animal services, library services, building inspections, code compliance and other essential City services. The City also uses those tax funds for special projects, such as renovating parks, improving streets, and more.

As a property owner, 78% of your overall property tax bill goes to fund the school district, county, hospital district and the college district.



## *Summer Concert Series: Chicago Tribute Authority Texas*

*Friday, August 4, 7 - 9 p.m.  
Texas Star Pavilion  
1400 Texas Star Parkway*

The music of Chicago is timeless, classic and forever forged in the collective soul of music. Listen to a masterful concert from the premiere tribute band of Chicago. Comprised of 10 of the Metroplex's most seasoned musical veterans, they will take you back to the "Beginnings" and the "Old Days" of the band, Chicago.

Come to this free concert and relive the memories from your favorite songs. Food and beverages are available for purchase through Raven's Grille. For more information, send an email to [cboyd@eulesstx.gov](mailto:cboyd@eulesstx.gov) or call Chance Boyd at 817-685-1814.



## *Call 811 Before You Dig: It's the Law!*

### *Calling 811 Reduces Risk of Damaged Utility Lines by 99 Percent*

Did you know that, before you dig, the law requires you to call 811 to have all buried utility lines located and marked? August 11 (8/11) serves as a reminder to always call 811 before digging.

Calling 811 connects you to your local one-call center, which notifies the appropriate utility companies of your intent to dig. Professional locators then go to the digging site to mark the locations of underground utility-owned lines with flags and spray paint, free of charge.

All excavators should call 811 at least three business days before digging on public or private property. The City of Eulesstx maintains utilities including water and wastewater mains. Public Works will locate these utilities at no additional cost. For line locates on City utilities, please call Public Works at 817-685-1580. When you call 811 before digging, the chance of hitting an underground utility line decreases to 99.9 percent.

Since 2008, Atmos Energy has seen a 47 percent increase in requests by the public to have underground natural gas lines marked. Once underground utility lines are marked, it is important to take special care around all line markings by digging by hand.

"The greatest risk to our natural gas pipelines is accidental damage while digging," says John Paris, president of Atmos Energy's Mid-Tex division. "Even minor damage, such as a scrape, dent or crease in a pipeline or its coating, can cause a leak."

Striking a single line can cause injury, repair costs, fines and inconvenient outages. Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants a call to 811. Installing a mailbox, building a deck, planting a tree and laying a patio are all examples of digging projects that need a call to 811 before starting.

For more information about 811 and safe digging practices, visit these websites: [Call811.com](http://Call811.com) or [AtmosEnergy.com/811](http://AtmosEnergy.com/811).

# *Senior Center Highlights*

## **Pilates:**

Get a great workout with Pilates while using controlled movements. We will focus on flexibility, strength, and body awareness. This low-impact workout includes weight-bearing exercises; weights and exercise bands are optional. Classes are held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9 a.m. Senior Center membership is required.

## **Line Dance:**

Learn the basic steps of line dancing while you master the Electric Slide, Cupid Shuffle, Heavenly Waltz, Little Rumba, and more. Line Dancing is a fun way to exercise your mind and your body! Join us on Thursdays for Advanced Line Dance at noon and Fridays at 11 a.m. for Beginners. Senior Center membership is required.

## **Chair/Adaptive Yoga:**

No yoga experience needed to participate. No getting down on the floor or standing for long periods of time. With the use of a chair students will practice gentle poses and stretches that help improve range of movement, flexibility, increase muscular strength, improves core stability and balance. Students will learn breathing exercises that promote health and wellness, relaxation, increase mental clarity and focus. Classes are held every Wednesday at 11 a.m. Senior Center membership is required.

## **Lunch-N-Learn-Fraud Prevention:**

This interactive presentation is geared to help seniors better protect themselves against identity theft, telephone and online scams. The presentation includes helpful tips to keep from becoming a victim. A light lunch will be served with prizes and fun! Presented by the Euless Police Department on August 18th at 11 a.m. Registration is now open.

## **CERT of Euless:**

The Euless Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is hosting a series of preparedness classes and this month's topic is Weather Awareness. These classes will help citizens to assist their families, neighbors, and other community members during emergencies when first responders may not be immediately available. Presentation is on August 4th at 10 a.m. Registration is now open.

## *Clear the Shelters*

*August 21-26  
Euless Animal Shelter  
1517 Westpark Way*

Clear the Shelters is the perfect time to adopt a pet. The Euless Animal Shelter is once again waiving its adoption fees for all dogs and cats. Spay/neuter fees as well as rabies vaccine fees are being waived. When you adopt, you save two lives – the pet you adopt and the pet that now has a place in the shelter.

In 2014, Clear the Shelters began in the DFW area to help ease the overcrowding that occurs in shelters every summer. This pet adoption drive quickly spread to cities across the U.S. In fact, more than 862,187 pets across the country have found their forever homes since 2015. Join us August 21 through 26, as we seek to Clear the Shelters and find new homes for some amazing pets!

