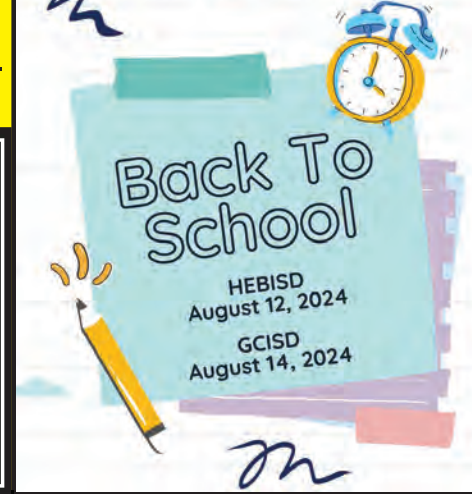


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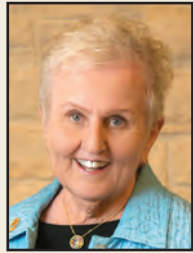
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# EULESS TODAY



Dear Citizens,

We have almost made it through another Texas summer, and I hope you all had the chance to take part in some of the amazing



programs our wonderful City had to offer. Our staff is always working to provide events for all ages, and I believe they have done a fantastic job accomplishing that. The Euless Library, Parks and Community Services Department, Fire Department, and Police Department all had amazing programs to entertain and educate citizens of all ages. Also, you still have time to cool off at our Aquatic Park before it closes for the season after September 2.

With summer coming to an end and our travels mostly complete, I would like to let you know about our Clear the Shelters event. Our shelter and our fosters are currently full, and this is a chance to find these sweet animals forever-loving homes. This event will be held from August 22 through August 24, when the Euless Animal Shelter and our volunteer foster group, Trinity GAP, will be waiving adoption fees. Please refer to the article in this newsletter for more information. So, come find the perfect addition for your family.

*Linda Martin*



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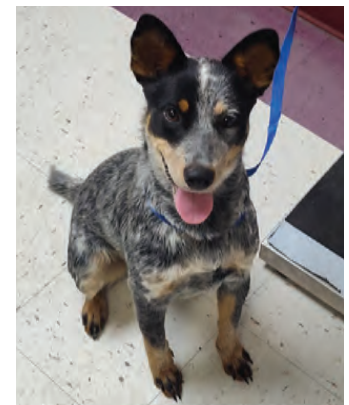
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### Clear the Shelters

August 22 - 24  
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, as well as spay/neuter fees and rabies vaccine fees. 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 1 million pets across the country have found their forever homes since 2015. Join us August 22 through 24, as we seek to Clear the Shelters and find new homes for some amazing pets! For more information, call 817-685-1594.



Photos of available animals at the time of printing Euless Today



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## *End of Summer Party for Seniors*

*Friday, August 2, 11 a.m.  
Eules Family Life Senior Center  
300 W. Midway Drive*

Say farewell to summer with a fun, indoor picnic with friends. Enjoy karaoke, games, and a special lunch. Valid Senior Center membership and registration for the party are required. Registration will be available at the front desk, so sign up today!



## *Nerf Wars of Eules*

*Friday, August 9, 7 - 9 p.m.  
Eules Family Life Center  
300 W. Midway Drive*

Join us for a night of family fun! We are converting the basketball gym into the ultimate Nerf arena. Pre-registration is required for this event. The Nerf guns, foam darts, cover, and the venue are included in the registration fee. Compete with your buddies or come solo. Either way, you're sure to have a blast! Sign up now to reserve your spot.

All ages are welcome. Cost is \$10 per person. Register online for the event by scanning the above QR code, or by visiting [www.recreation.eulesstx.gov](http://www.recreation.eulesstx.gov).



## *Operation Back 2 School Volunteers Needed*

*Friday, August 2 and Saturday, August 3  
Pat May Center  
1849 Central Drive, Bedford*

6 Stones is once again helping students start the school year off right. It's partnering with the HEB Independent School District to provide free backpacks and school supplies to economically disadvantaged children. Approximately 60% of HEB ISD students come from homes that fall in this category. You can help one of these children for just \$40 or you can "adopt" a whole classroom for \$800. Volunteers are a vital component of this community mobilization as it distributes supplies and hope for the start of the school year. Adults and children 16 years and older are welcome to volunteer for Operation Back 2 School setup, distribution, and tear down. For more information about volunteer roles or to make a donation, please visit the 6 Stones' website: [6stones.org/ob2s](http://6stones.org/ob2s).

## *Senior Health Fair*

*Friday, August 16, 9 a.m. – noon  
Eules Family Life Senior Center  
300 W. Midway Drive*

You are invited to attend a fun and educational morning at the Eules Senior Center for health and wellness information. Take advantage of door prizes, giveaways, and valuable information. All those age 60 and older are welcome to attend. For vendor information, please call 817-685-1670.



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

***Labor Day Weekend Hours\****

***Saturday & Sunday, August 31 & September 1,  
Noon – 7:00 p.m.***

***Monday, September 2, Noon – 6:00 p.m.***

***\*Hours are subject to change.***

Spend Labor Day weekend at the Eules Family Life Aquatic Park. The Aquatic Park is closing for the season after Monday, September 2, so this is your last chance to enjoy the pool and the other aquatic activities the park has to offer.

Bring your whole family to the Aquatic Park, where there's fun for everyone! Float down the lazy river, explore the water playground, splash in the fountains, zoom down the flume slides, hop across the lily pad walk, or simply relax on the lounge chairs by the pool. Pack a tasty picnic or visit the concession stand to make your day complete.

And don't forget, although the Aquatic Park is only open during the summer, Eules' Natatorium is open year-round. Located inside the Eules Family Life Center, it's an indoor, temperature-controlled pool that accommodates recreational swimming, exercise classes, and swim lessons.



## ***Back-to-School Safety Refresher***

Drivers should anticipate increased traffic as children return to school this month. Kids walking to class or boarding buses can be easily distracted, so it's important to allow extra time for your commute, and exercise additional caution in school zones and residential areas.

To safely share the road with school kids, drivers should:

- Obey school zone speed limit signs
- Put away the cell phone
- Obey the crossing guard
- Drop off and pick up children in the designated areas
- Look for crosswalks and prepare to stop
- 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, as this is the law
- Do not pass unless: the school bus has resumed motion, you are signaled by the driver to proceed, or the red lights are no longer flashing

The first day of school for HEB schools is August 12, and for Grapevine-Colleyville schools, it's August 14. Let's make this school year a safe one for everyone going back to school.



## *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 buried utility lines located and marked? August 11 (8/11) serves as a reminder to always call 811 and your local municipality before digging.

Calling 811 connects you to your local call center, which notifies the appropriate utility companies of your intent to dig. This excludes water and wastewater lines. Professional locators then go to the dig 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 two business days before and no more than 14 days prior to digging on public or private property. The City of Euless 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 817-685-1694. When you call 811 before digging, the chance of hitting an underground utility line decreases to less than one percent.

Since 2008, Atmos Energy has seen a 36 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,” said John Paris, President of Atmos Energy’s Mid-Tex Division. “Even minor damages, 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 website: [call811.com](http://call811.com) or [atmosenergy.com/811](http://atmosenergy.com/811).

## *What Happens to Your Tax Dollars*

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

Property taxes are the largest revenue source for the City. The City property tax represents approximately 24% of your overall property tax rate. Those tax dollars fund the day-to-day operations of the City, including 24-hour police, fire, and EMS services, 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.

The remaining 76% of your overall property tax rate goes to fund the school district, county, hospital district, and the college district.



## *Did You Know?*

Mosquito activity is at its peak during the summer. A study performed in 2023 showed that the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex had the third-highest amount of mosquitoes in the country. The City of Euless has nine mosquito monitoring traps throughout the City. These traps are monitored and tested weekly, in cooperation with Tarrant County Public Health, for mosquito-borne illnesses, such as West Nile virus, Zika virus, and St. Louis Encephalitis virus. Mosquito spraying is only done in response to a positive test result in Euless. To help prevent mosquitoes, and reduce the risk of spreading illnesses, residents are encouraged to:

- Eliminate standing water
- Fix water leaks
- Protect and clean pools and ponds
- Clean birdbaths once a week
- Clean rain gutters
- Install and repair screens on windows and doors
- Remove or tip over water-collecting objects
- Keep lawn trimmed

Residents can sign up for email notifications regarding mosquito spraying by visiting [www.eulesstx.gov/enotification](http://www.eulesstx.gov/enotification) and enrolling in Community Alerts. For general questions or concerns regarding mosquitoes, call Public Works at 817-685-1580.