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# EULESS TODAY



Did you know? The Historical Committee needs volunteers at the Eules Historical Museum. Call 817-685-1649.



Dear Citizens,  
November means Daylight Savings Time ends. This also marks the time of year when we change the batteries in our smoke detectors. This lifesaving step can mean a world of difference if your home should catch on fire. Many older homes never had smoke detectors installed and our Fire Department wants to remedy that! The Fire Alumni Association frequently assists the Fire Department in conducting neighborhood blitzes to inspect smoke detectors. Please let us know if you do not have one and are unable to install one by calling 817-685-1600.

This is also the time of year when we honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. On Nov. 11 please take the time to pause and give thanks for the role that Veterans have played in shaping our community and all of our lives.

*Linda Martin*

## The Eules City Council

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS 817-685-1400 [www.eulesstx.gov](http://www.eulesstx.gov)



### Special City Council Election December 9

*Mary Lib Saleh Eules Public Library, 201 N. Ector Dr.*

The City of Eules will be holding a special election on Tuesday, December 9, 2014. The Special Election for Place Five will be held to elect a Council Member to fill an unexpired term (expiring May 2015).

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Monday, November 24, and will end on Friday, December 5, 2014, and the hours designated for early voting by personal appearance shall be as set forth below:

#### Early Voting Schedule

*Mary Lib Saleh Eules Public Library, 201 N. Ector Drive, Eules, Texas 76039*

Nov. 24 – 26	Monday – Wednesday	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Nov. 27 – 30	Thursday – Sunday	CLOSED
Dec. 1 – 3	Monday – Wednesday	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Dec. 4 – 5	Thursday – Friday	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### Election Day Schedule:

*Mary Lib Saleh Eules Public Library, 201 N. Ector Drive, Eules, Texas 76039*

Dec. 9	Tuesday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
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Questions? Contact the City Secretary's office at 817-685-1419 or visit [www.eulesstx.gov/cso](http://www.eulesstx.gov/cso).

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## Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget Information

### Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget Highlights at a Glance

Here are a few key features in the budget for the current fiscal year that runs through Sept. 30, 2015:

- **Decrease of a quarter-cent in property tax rate** – Down from 47 cents to 46.75 cents per \$100 of assessed value
- **No reduction in services or programs for residents**
- **Funding for significant capital improvement projects, including:**
  - Wastewater line replacement at Crane and Town Creek drives
  - Replacement of 24-inch water valves
  - Construction of Glade Parks Trail Connection (pending grant approval)
  - Municipal Plaza Phase 1 Improvements

### New budget reduces property tax rate, maintains all services and programs

Thanks to economic improvement, expanding economic development, new construction, rising property values and sound management, the Eules City Council approved a Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget that lowers the City's property tax rate. This is Eules' 20th consecutive budget without a tax rate increase.

Even with a lower property tax rate – dropping from 47 cents to 46.75 cents per \$100 of assessed value – this budget allows Eules to continue all current city services, programs and projects without cuts.

The City and its residents will benefit from an increase in appraised values of \$191.5 million or 6.7 percent over last year. The latest report from the Tarrant Appraisal District values property in the City at more than \$3.05 billion compared to 2013 property tax roll of almost \$2.86 billion.

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

- The Natatorium at the Family Life Center
- Additional digital services and products for the library
- Newly resurfaced greens at world-class Texas Star Golf Course, which re-opened on Oct. 1
- First phase of a reclaimed water system expansion that provides non-potable water for irrigation
- Improvements to sidewalks across the city, including addition of more than 200 ADA-compliant wheelchair ramps

The FY2014-15 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 has risen 4.18 percent from \$145,388 last year to \$151,470 currently. The estimated City tax bill for the average Eules home is \$566.50 in the upcoming year.*

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

Gallons of water	Residential cost/1,000 gal	Residential cost/1,000 gal with rebate
<b>0-2,000</b>	<b>2.97</b>	<b>2.97-0.32 = 2.65</b>
<b>3,000-8,000</b>	<b>3.90</b>	<b>3.90-0.32 = 3.58</b>
<b>9,000-15,000</b>	<b>4.47</b>	<b>4.47-0.32 = 4.15</b>
<b>16,000-35,000</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>5.00</b>
<b>Over 35,000</b>	<b>5.60</b>	<b>5.60</b>

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 30-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 much of the higher cost. This fiscal year the fund will provide a monthly 32-cent rebate per thousand gallons on the first 15,000 gallons used. To encourage water conservation, the rebate credit will not apply to irrigation-only meters.



The City Council created the water rate stabilization fund to help offset rate fluctuations. The rebate is guaranteed for only one year and is evaluated annually.

In addition to the higher water consumption rates, there is also a .50 cent increase in the residential water meter base charge. Changes in wastewater rates include a .50 cent increase in the base rate and a 14-cent increase per thousand gallons.

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 conservation and a way for residents to manage water bills.

Another conservation measure being used across North Texas are water restrictions. In Eules, Stage 1 restrictions are in effect. Adhere to the restrictions and you'll not only help conserve water resources, you'll also help keep your water bills as low as possible.

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

To support today's residents and residents of 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 continually looking for redevelopment opportunities throughout Eules.

### *Budget addresses wide variety of needs*

**A new Police Department mental health/mental retardation liaison** will coordinate, facilitate and perhaps even help avoid incidents involving people who have emotional or psychiatric needs, says Chief Mike Brown. The liaison will be shared with Hurst and Bedford police departments. Chief Brown says officers are "dealing with more people with mental issues," which "consumes a lot of our resources." The liaison, who will be a qualified and credentialed mental health professional, will be called on to help in such incidents. The liaison will work to become familiar with residents known to have such needs and help them "stay plugged into the systems of support" and "to stay out of crisis," Chief Brown says.

**A Career Preparation Program with Trinity High School** offers selected students the opportunity to serve in an intern-like role with the City of Eules to explore a public service career.

**To enhance fitness opportunities at the Family Life Center**, treadmills and some weight equipment will be replaced.

**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.

**Technology upgrades in the City Council Chamber** will allow residents to view recorded meetings on the city's government access TV channel, Eules Cable 16, Uverse, online and on mobile devices.

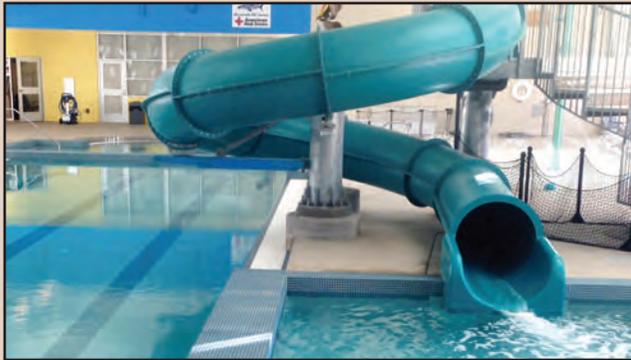
### *Capital Improvement Program*

Construction of the Glade Parks Trail Connection could begin as soon as next summer pending approval of a state grant, says Ray McDonald, Director of Parks and Community Services. The 7/10-mile section will connect where the current trail ends east of SH 121. It will run west under the freeway overpasses to and through the Glade Parks development to Heritage Road to connect with the Colleyville trail system. McDonald says the connection will be a step toward regional linkage and a way "to connect eventually with the Cotton Belt Trail," which follows the route of the old Cotton Belt Railroad line through Colleyville, Grapevine and North Richland Hills.

**Water system infrastructure will be improved** with replacement of three 24-inch water valves in Cinnamon/Anice/Fuller-Wiser area.

**Wastewater lines will be replaced** at Crane and Town Creek Drives.

**Municipal Plaza Phase 1 improvements** will enhance visitor convenience and accessibility to public buildings at the Municipal Complex.



## Fall Natatorium Hours

Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
 (Open Swim: 11:40 a.m. – 5 p.m.)  
 Sat. 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
 (Open Swim: 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)  
 Sun. Noon – 3:30 p.m.  
 (Open Swim: Noon – 3:30 p.m.)

## Aquatics

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

For a full listing of aquatics, please visit [www.playeules.com](http://www.playeules.com) or pick up a copy of the Fall 2014 Eules Playbook magazine.

<u>LEARN TO SWIM</u>	<u>BEG</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>COST</u>	
Water Tots	320000-01	11/3	2-3	M/W	5:30-6pm	3/\$41.25
Parent and Tot	320007-01	11/3	6mo-3	M/W	6:10-6:40pm	3/\$41.25
Level 1	320001-01	11/3	4-8	M/W	5:30-6pm	3/\$41.25
Level 1	320001-02	11/3	4-8	M/W	6:10-6:40pm	3/\$41.25
Level 2	320002-01	11/3	4-8	M/W	5:30-6pm	3/\$41.25
Level 2	320002-02	11/3	4-8	M/W	6:10-6:40pm	3/\$41.25
Level 3	320003-01	11/3	5-14	M/W	5:30-6pm	3/\$41.25
Level 3	320003-02	11/3	5-14	M/W	6:10-6:40pm	3/\$41.25
Level 4	320004-01	11/3	5-14	M/W	5:30-6pm	3/\$41.25
Level 4	320004-02	11/3	5-14	M/W	6:10-6:40pm	3/\$41.25
Drill	320500-01	11/3	8-14	M/W	6:50-7:20pm	3/\$48.75
Adult	320008-01	11/3	14+	M/W	6:50-7:20pm	3/\$41.25

*\*NO CLASSES November 24-29*

### AQUATIC PROGRAMS

	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Arthritic Aerobics 320700-03	M/W/F	8:00-8:45am
Water Conditioning 320701-03	M/W/F	8:50-9:35am
Aqua Toning 320702-01	T/Th	8:00-8:45am
Cardio by Aqua 220702-01	T/Th	9:25-10:10am
H2O Yoga 220703-01	T/Th	8:50-9:20am
Aqua Agility 220704-01	M/W/F	9:25-10:10am
Aqua Fitness 320706-03	T/Th	5:00-6:00pm
Water Fitness 220706-01	T/Th	5:00-5:45pm
Water Zumba 320703-03	T	6:00-7:00pm
Tabata 101 320110-03	Sa	9:00-9:45am
Power Tabata 320711-03	Sa	9:50-10:20am

-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: \$5.00 per class (must pay for all classes in the month for this pricing)

-Punch Pass and drop in classes also available.



## *ECPAAA 7th Annual BBQ Dinner & Fundraiser*

*November 8, 6 - 10 p.m.*

*Eules Family Life Senior Center*

*300 W. Midway, Eules, TX 76039*

*Ticket Prices: Adults — \$10, Ages 5-13—\$5,  
Under 5 eat for free*

Support your Eules Police Department, eat a delicious dinner and bid on some great items just before the holidays at the annual Eules Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association dinner. You



can RSVP by October 31st and pay at the door. Purchases can be made with cash, credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express) or check payable to ECPAAA. If you would like to purchase dinner tickets, please contact Faye Stinneford at (817) 228-8885.

## *Thanksgiving Holiday Solid Waste Schedule*

*November 27 - 28*

During the Thanksgiving holiday, normal Thursday trash and recycling collection will shift to Friday, November 28. Friday service will shift to Saturday, November 29. Please contact Allied Waste Services at 817-332-7301 with trash questions or Community Waste Disposal at 817-795-9300 with recycling questions.

## *2014 Veterans Fair*

*Sat., Nov. 8, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.*

*Grapevine Botanical Gardens, 411 Ball St.  
in Grapevine, 75051*

Benefits information, music, food, games, Wall of Honor, entertainment, activities & more. For more information <http://marchant.house.gov/veteransfair> or 972-556-0162.

## *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:** Quiet Yoga, Afternoon Yoga, Fit Start 1, Floor Aerobics, Tai Chi, Yoga, and Zumba AM and Zumba PM
- **Arts and Crafts Classes:** Decorative Painting, Card Making, Crochet, Jewelry Making, Oil Painting and Quilting.
- **Social:** Mystery Lunch, Dining Out and Thursday Night Social.
- **Games and Such:** Billiards, Bunco, variety of card and Domino games, Bridge, Shuffle Board, Texas Hold'em, Mah Jongg and much more.
- **Music:** Jammers
- **Trips and Travel:** Stonebrair Mall (Frisco, Texas)
- **Health Screening and Seminars:** Lunch and Learn – Boosting Your Immunity
- **Special Events:** Thanksgiving Potluck and North Main Thanksgiving Holiday Luncheon, Nov. 19, 11:30am, Free, at EFLSC Tickets required
- **Coming Soon:** Lunch and Learn – To Hear or Not to Hear your Loved One, Trips – Light Shows: Prairie Lights (Grand Prairie), Christmas in the Park (Farmers Branch) and Christmas on the Square (Frisco). Also Christmas Potluck, New Year's Eve Party (Elvis will be in the house), and much more!
- **What's NEW:** - Evening Zumba, Book Club, Genealogy

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



# 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: 5:30 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>
Preschool Dance 2-3	110200-03	10/29	2-3	W	9:45-10:30am	4/\$62
Preschool Tap & Ballet	110207-03	10/29	3-4	W	11am-12pm	4/\$67
Preschool Dance	110209-03	10/28	3-4	T	4:30-5:30pm	4/\$62
Tap, Ballet, Hip Hop	110208-03	10/30	4-5	TH	5:30-6:30pm	4/\$62
Fun Time for Learners	110002-03	10/27	3-5	M/W	9am-1pm	4/\$127
Terrific Tuesday & Thursday	110003-03	10/28	3-5	T/TH	9am-1pm	4/\$127
Fun Fridays Pre-School	110010-03	10/31	3-5	F	9am-1pm	4/\$62
Pretty Princess Tea Party	111160-03	11/1	3-7	S	10-11am	4/\$42
Tap, Ballet, Jazz	110220-03	10/28	5-7	T	5:30-7pm	4/\$77
Ballet I	110225-03	10/30	5-7	TH	3:30-4:30pm	4/\$67
Taekwondo-Tigerkubs	110130-02	11/8	5-8	S	9-9:45am	6/\$28

### YOUTH/TEEN ACTIVITIES

You Can Paint Youth	110815-03	11/13	5-13	TH	4-5:30pm	1/\$22
Tap, Ballet, Jazz	110230-03	10/30	6-8	TH	4:30-5:30pm	4/\$67
Beginner Hip Hop	110216-03	10/28	6-12	T	6-7pm	4/\$62
Ballet II	110226-03	10/30	8-12	TH	4:30-5:30pm	4/\$67
Kidz Boot Camp	110510-03	10/29	8-12	W	6-7pm	4/\$22
Taekwondo-Beginners	110131-02	11/4	8-12	T	6-7:15pm	6/\$54
				S	10-11:15am	
Tap/Jazz	110232-03	10/30	9-12	TH	6:30-8pm	4/\$77
Contemporary Dance	110210-03	10/28	9-17	T	7-8pm	4/\$62
Advanced Tap	110260-03	10/30	11-17	TH	8-9pm	4/\$62
Hip Hop	110215-03	10/28	11-17	T	8-9pm	4/\$62
Jazz Technique	110233-03	10/30	12-17	TH	7-8pm	4/\$62

### ADULT ACTIVITIES

Boot Camp	110350-03	11/4	16+	T/TH/F	5:45-6:45am	4/\$62/\$42
Boot Camp Cardio	110315-03	10/27	13+	M/TH	6-6:45pm	4/\$37
Zumba	110300-03	11/17	13+	M/W	7-8pm	5/\$52
Get Fit Boot Camp	110610-03	11/3	13+	M/W	5:30-6:15pm	4/\$70
Mixed Martial Arts	110140-03	11/3	14+	M/W	7-8:45pm	4/\$80
Muay Thai Kickboxing	110620-03	11/4	14+	T/TH	5:30-6:30pm	4/\$80
You Can Oil Paint	110810-03	11/13	14+	TH	6-9pm	1/\$37
Power Yoga	110571-03	11/1	15+	S	8:30-9:30am	4/\$42
Ballroom Basics	110231-03	11/3	15+	M/W	5-6pm	3/\$48
Kickboxing	110316-03	11/3	16+	M/W	7-8pm	3/\$32
Pilates Fitness	110320-03	11/3	16+	M/W	6-7pm	3/\$32
Zumba Toning	110325-03	11/3	16+	M/W	5-6pm	3/\$32
Spin & Sweat	110343-03	11/5	16+	W	6-6:45pm	3/\$20
Tai Chi Beginners	110305-03	10/28	16+	T	6-7pm	4/\$40
Tai Chi Advanced	110306-03	10/28	16+	T	7-8pm	4/\$40
Digital Photography	110830-04	11/10	16+	M	6:30-8pm	2/\$50
Adult tap	110245-03	10/28	18+	T	7-8pm	4/\$62
Foundations of Investing	111003-02	10/30	18+	TH	10-11am	1/FREE
Rules of the Road	111004-03	11/13	18+	TH	10-11am	1/FREE

### DR PEPPER STARCENTER 1400 S. Pipeline, 76040, 817-267-4233

Tot Ice Skating	111161-03	11/8	3-4	S	11:15-11:45am	2/\$30
Skate Like a Star	111162-05	11/4	5-13	T	6:45-7:15pm	2/\$30
Skate Like a Star	111162-06	11/8	5-13	S	11:15-11:45am	2/\$30
Adult Ice Skating	111165-03	11/4	14+	T	6:45-7:15pm	2/\$30

### SIMMONS ACTIVITY CENTER 508 Simmons Dr., 76040

Taekwondo-Advanced	110132-02	11/3	8-14	M	EFLC 6-7:15pm	6/\$54
				TH	6-7:15pm	
Taekwondo-Adult	110134-02	11/4	13+	T	EFLC 7:30-9pm	6/\$64
				TH	7:30-9pm	
Hapkido	110133-03	11/3	13+	M	7:30-9pm	4/\$25