

H-E-B cities adopt 2016-17 budgets, tax rates

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*Kids line up for warm ups at a baseball camp at the Parks at Texas Star in Euless on July 20. Phase 6 of renovating the Texas Star complex is scheduled for completion during the coming budget year with new synthetic turf for the infields and additional parking. **Khampha Bouaphanh** kbouaphanh@star-telegram.com*

Hurst, Euless and Bedford recently adopted budgets and tax rates for fiscal 2017, which starts Saturday. Here's a breakdown:

Bedford

- 2016-17 property tax rate 47.6509 cents per \$100 of assessed value.
- Total budget \$69,349,538.
- \$32,684,357 operating budget including salaries and day-to-day operations for the city.

What's new: Meg Jakubik, strategic services manager, said property values are up by 11.7 percent, and although the tax rate is lower, residents whose values increased will pay more in property taxes. The average home value in Bedford is \$168,609.

Residents will also see increases in their water and sewer rates because of increasing costs passed on by the Trinity River Authority. The rate increase takes effect Jan. 1, and water rates will increase from \$3.55 to \$3.74 per 1,000 gallons. Sewer rates will increase from \$2.50 to \$2.68 per 1,000 gallons.

City employees will see a 4 percent pay increase, and a step increase plan will go in to effect for the Police Department.

Positions will also be added to the Parks Department to help maintain Boys Ranch Park.

Eules

- 2016-17 property tax rate 46.25 cents per \$100 of assessed value.
- Total budget \$111,184,536, which includes revenue from the car rental tax at Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. The tax revenue is divided between Eules, Fort Worth and Dallas.
- \$39,752,761 operating budget.

What's new: Employees will see pay raises of 3.25 percent, but health insurance rates are increasing by 14 percent.

The budget also includes adding three firefighter positions and a public works employee.

There are also funds to renovate the library.

Phase 6 of renovating the Texas Star complex will also be completed with new synthetic turf for the infields and additional parking.

Hurst

- 2016-17 property tax rate 58.79 cents per \$100 of assessed value.
- Total budget \$70 million.
- Operating budget \$34 million.

What's new: Employees will see a 3 percent pay increase.

Now that the Hurst Justice Center is open, the city is adding a jailer position and purchasing equipment for the Police department including tactical vests.

Hurst is also doing a study on redevelopment since the city is built-out.

“The rising property values helped offset loss in revenue from the municipal court,” said City Manager Clay Caruthers.

“Property taxes are our most stable source of income. They help us offset losses in other areas.”

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Read more here: http://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/community/hurst-eules-bedford_news/article105342491.html#storylink=cpy

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H-E-B happening: Euless is cool, Bedford's YMCA programs and Hurst ambulance service



*Euless has a lot going on, including its annual Arbor Daze festival, and Money Magazine noticed.
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EULESS RANKS NO. 18 ON 'BEST PLACES TO LIVE' LIST

This isn't news to residents, but *Money* magazine has discovered that Euless is a pretty cool place to call home.

On its annual [list of "Best Places to Live in America,"](#) Money editors and writers ranked Euless No. 18 for cities with populations between 50,000 and 300,000.

The magazine looks at reams of data to determine the city's quality of life to determine the rankings.

Highlights for Euless were its diversity, schools, small-town spirit, library programs, parks and the city's crown jewel — Texas Star Golf Course.

Eules's neighbor to the south, Arlington, was one of the six best cities (over 300,000) in the United States to enjoy urban living "at a price you can afford."

Arlington won "Best City in the South" honors. Cities in other regions to make the distinguished list were: Boston; Raleigh, N.C.; Columbus, Ohio; Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Portland, Ore.

NEW PROGRAMS IN PLACE AT BEDFORD'S YMCA

Bedford's Airport Area YMCA is launching new programs for toddlers and their parents, and for cancer survivors.

The Toddler Time helps prepare children for pre-school and kindergarten by teaching them social skills such as learning how to pay attention, sit at a table with others and work on crafts and other projects. Parents are encouraged to attend the classes with their toddlers. The Toddler Time classes are held at 9:30 a.m. Fridays. The first session has already started, but more classes will be offered in November.

The Airport Area Y is also offering the LiveStrong at the YMCA program for cancer survivors. The 12-week program focuses on exercise and provides time for participants to discuss their struggles with cancer with other survivors.

For more information about the new programs, contact the Airport Area YMCA, 3524 Central Drive, at [817-571-3371](tel:817-571-3371).

AMBULANCE SUBSCRIPTIONS OFFERED BY HURST

The sign-up period for an ambulance subscription for Hurst residents continues through Dec. 31.

The Hurst Ambulance Subscription Service allows families to pay \$60 a year and never have to worry about paying an ambulance bill. The subscription will ensure that if a family member requires emergency transportation by ambulance, any expense not covered by the insurance company will be paid.

Children over 18 who are not full-time students and Medicaid recipients are not covered under the subscription.

The coverage period is January through December 2017.

Information: hursttx.gov and go to the Ambulance/EMS page or call [817-788-7238](tel:817-788-7238).

Read more here: http://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/community/hurst-eules-bedford_news/article105672941.html#storylink=cpy

50 Best High Schools In Texas

Posted on [October 2, 2016](#) by [Quartermaster](#)

28. Harmony Science Academy – Eules



Graduation Rate: N/A

Texas Ranking: 28; National Ranking: 155

College Readiness Index: 75.0

Student to Teacher Ratio: 14:1

Harmony Science Academy – Eules is ranked 28th within Texas. Students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement course work and exams. The AP participation rate at Harmony Science Academy – Eules is 100 percent. The student body makeup is 49 percent male and 51 percent female, and the total minority enrollment is 47 percent. Harmony Science Academy – Eules is 1 of 3 high schools in the Harmony Science Academy (Fort Worth).

<http://buccareer.com/education-50-best-high-schools-in-texas/23/>

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Showing a good taste in books



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Judges Barney Snitz, from left, council member Linda Eilenfeldt, Mayor Linda Martin, Chris Barker and Leon Hogg look over entries Friday in the edible book contest at the Euless library.

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A row of entries.



A scene from *Charlotte's Web*.



How to Eat Fried Worms.

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H-E-B HAPPENINGS

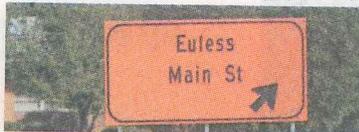
Midtown Express project: the latest

The orange barrels and lane switches and sometimes excruciatingly long lines have become a way of life along Airport Freeway and many of the roads leading to it.

Sometime in 2018 it'll be worth it, when the Midtown Express is finished.

But for now the road work is a pain.

Here's what's ongoing and coming up:



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- Various eastbound and westbound lanes and frontage roads on Texas 183 are closed from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. nightly.
- The Main Street bridge over 183 remains closed as it is being demolished and a new bridge is being built.
- The frontage road U-turns at Industrial Boulevard under

183 remain closed.

- Beginning at 9 p.m. Friday, northbound and southbound Industrial Boulevard will shift to a new traffic pattern.

Information:
drivemidtown.com