

# WHERE WE LIVE

## Winter 2022

Engine 203 Team Hurst Award Budget Summary



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## ON THE COVER

After canceling our Daddy & Daughter Valentine's Ball event last year, we are excited to offer this event in person again on February 5! As you can see from our cover photos, this is a great opportunity to make some sweet memories and have some fun with your daughters! You can find all of the event details on page 17. We have some other great events coming up this winter and spring that are also included in this issue!

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I hope you're enjoying the holiday season as much as I am. It's a great time to slow down a bit and reflect on all that we are grateful for and make some new memories with loved ones. We have a full winter ahead here in Hurst, and I'm excited to share some of things going on with you.

Our annual citizen survey will open up for completion around the first of the year. We appreciate your participation in year's past, and hope you'll give us feedback again this year. This is one of the first steps in our budget process. We look closely at the responses we receive and make adjustments to ensure we focus on community priorities. As soon as it's available, we will post the survey link to our social media and website pages.

Speaking of our budget, we have a summary of the details for this year's budget that was approved in October on page 12. You can gain a better understanding before completing the next citizen survey.

We weren't able to hold our Town Hall Forum in person last year, but this year, we will be back at the Hurst Conference Center on February 17 for the event. You can find all the details on page 4.

Over the last two years, we have faced unprecedented challenges here at the city.

Our incredible staff was recently recognized with a special challenge coin for a job well done when faced with the COVID-19 Pandemic, Winter Storm Uri and the operation of the Northeast Tarrant County Vaccination Clinic at



Mayor Henry Wilson

our conference center. You can read about some of the stories that came out of these challenges on page 8. Hurst wouldn't be the city it is today without our amazing staff, and I am grateful for the team we have.

As you finish up your last minute holiday shopping, please remember to Shop First in Hurst when you can! It's vital to support our local businesses, and the tax money you spend gets invested back into the city you live in.

We are bringing back many of our special events in 2022. You can find event information on page 18. On behalf of myself and city council, we hope you have a great start to the New Year and look forward to seeing you out at our events in the coming months.

— Mayor Henry Wilson



## The Social Media Connection

### **City of Hurst**

WEBSITE: www.hursttx.gov FACEBOOK: @CityofHurstTX TWITTER: @TheCityofHurst INSTAGRAM: @CityofHurstTX NEXTDOOR: City of Hurst

#### **Hurst Public Library**

WEBSITE: www.hursttx.gov/library FACEBOOK: @HurstPublicLibrary TWITTER: @HurstLibrary INSTAGRAM: @HurstPublicLibrary

#### **Hurst Police & Fire**

FACEBOOK: @HurstPoliceDepartment
TWITTER: @HurstPoliceDept, @HurstFireDept
NEXTDOOR: Hurst Police Department

#### **Hurst Conference Center**

WEBSITE: www.hurstcc.com
FACEBOOK: @HurstCC
INSTAGRAM: @HurstConferenceCenter

#### **Hurst Parks and Recreation**

**FACEBOOK:** @HurstParksandRecreation INSTAGRAM: @HurstParksandRecreation

#### **Hurst Senior Activities Center**

FACEBOOK: @HurstSeniorActivitiesCenter

## **OUR COMMUNITY**



## **Town Hall Forum**

## February 17

Join us at the Hurst Conference Center for our Town Hall Forum on February 17! This is a great opportunity to hear from city staff and connect with our mayor and city council members.

From 6-7 p.m., enjoy refreshments while listening to a few presentations, then stick around from 7-8 p.m. for a meet and greet with our mayor, city council and city departments. We look forward to seeing you there!



# Survey offers residents input on City's budget priorities

Each year, the City of Hurst engages in our Strategic Planning Process to determine priorities for the upcoming budget. This process allows the city council to evaluate community needs and assess their impact on the city's budget while also helping the city determine which services to provide and at what level they are offered. One critical factor that affects the strategic planning process is our annual citizen survey.

We will open up our survey for responses during the month of January. You'll be able to access it during that time by visiting hursttx.gov/citizensurvey.

Once the survey is closed, staff and council will

evaluate how responses have changed over the past year to effectively develop a strategic plan to guide the budget process. These survey results are direct feedback and information that is critical to developing council's priorities that staff uses to develop the proposed budget.

We are excited about the opportunity to continue to provide high quality services to our citizens. We sincerely appreciate all who have responded to our surveys now and in the past. The responses we receive help us develop a budget that meets the needs of our community today and tomorrow.



## City app puts services at fingertips

The **Hurst Where We Live mobile app** allows our residents to identify issues, report them to the City of Hurst, and track the status of their service requests.

Service requests are submitted using a mobile device or our city website, **hursttx.gov**. You can even include images or videos when submitting your request.

Received service requests automatically route to the appropriate staff member for resolution. Individuals

making a service request will receive a notification when action occurs, keeping the individual informed every step of the way. Additionally, you can access other online city services via the app, such as adoptable pets, pay your utility bill, view the city calendar, and more!

Download the app today by searching for **Hurst Where We Live.** Available in both iTunes and the Google Play store.



# Local artists sought for featured display

In an effort to celebrate local artists, the Hurst Conference Center has put out a call for art! This is a great opportunity to get your artwork displayed and create a gallery experience for 50,000 plus visitors per year.

"I am pleased to be able to show our appreciation and recognize the value art brings to our daily lives by featuring local artists as part of the Hurst Conference Center experience."

> - Councilmember Cindy Shepard, ART for HCC Committee Member

The open call for art is for artists residing in the area. The deadline to submit artwork is December 31. Visit hurstcc.com/about/artforhcc for all the details!

## **Shop First in Hurst**

Holiday shopping season is underway, and we want to remind you the importance of Shopping First in Hurst! When you support locally, you are investing money back into your own community which contributes to the services and programs we all know and love here in Hurst. We are home to a wide variety of retailers who continue to strengthen our community. The City of Hurst offers an online retail guide for residents to refer to when choosing retailers to support in our city. You can access it on our website at hursttx.gov/retailguide or through our mobile app, Where We Live. Thank you for continuing to Shop First in Hurst!





## Online option makes police accessible

The Hurst Police Department utilizes Police to Citizen (P2C) to share public information with its residents in a central location.

Residents are encouraged to use P2C to report nonemergency incidents, request vacation house checks and enter officer commendations. To access this online resource, please visit hursttx.gov/p2c.

## Household garbage and recycling Q&A

The City of Hurst contracts with Republic Services to provide garbage and recycling collection for our residents. A lot of questions come up in regards to garbage service, so we provide a page on our website to answer the most frequent questions we receive. At hursttx.gov/trash, you can find information on garbage service guidelines for bulky objects, tree limbs and brush, container weight limit, and hazardous material. Information on the landfill, including free landfill dates for residents, and the Environmental Collection Center is also available.

Missed service can happen, and when it does, we work with our Republic Services Representative to take care of missed collection as soon as possible. There are two ways you can report missed collection. You can submit a service request through our Where We Live mobile app, and it immediately is received by city staff members through email. You can also call City Hall at 817.788.7000 during regular office hours and speak to someone.



City of Hurst police vehicle in the snow.



COVID-19 vaccine clinic at the Hurst Conference Center.



Chisholm Park pond during winter storm Uri.



City staff received recognition at a council meeting for the operation of the NETC Clinic.



Hurst water tower at TCC NE Campus.



Library staff offering curbside service.



Challenge Coin

Hurst employees honored for excellent leadership during pandemic

# A Job Well Done

City of Hurst staff were recently recognized for their servant leadership exhibited during the pandemic, Winter Storm Uri and the operation of the vaccination clinic at the Hurst Conference Center. Each city employee received a challenge coin to commemorate this unique time period and for city leadership to show their appreciation for a job well done.

With the closing of several of our facilities during

the shutdown at the beginning of the pandemic, many of our employees were furloughed.

Something we hope we never have to experience again. It was a trying time for many of our departments with so much unknown, and we are grateful to be on the other side of it. All of our first responders, facilities maintenance crews, public works, and many other staff members had to remain on the front lines helping the community and keeping things sanitized when

the risk of contracting COVID-19 was still uncertain.

Many of our employees, like so many people around the world, have gone through losing loved ones to COVID-19. It has impacted everyone not only on a professional level, but more significantly, on a deeply personal level.

Winter Storm Uri wreaked havoc throughout the state of Texas. City staff stepped up during that time to work round the clock to monitor our water tanks and levels and ensure our water remained safe. We are proud to say that because of our water utilities staff and their knowledge and instincts, Hurst was able to avoid a boil water notice.

With everything that our residents were going through at that time, worrying about the safety of their water was not something they had to experience. Because so many people were experiencing power outages, we opened a warming center at our library and also partnered with the cities of Euless and Bedford to open a second warming center at Central Junior High.

A number of those who utilized the warming centers were senior citizens who needed a bit of extra assistance. Some did not have the medication they needed during their stay, so our staff members took note of each person needing medication and was able to get them what they needed by our Fire staff either going into their homes to retrieve their medication or spending hours at the pharmacy getting the medication from their list. Other staff members graciously stepped up as care takers for elderly in ways that go far past what was expected. Humanity was on full display at these warming centers, and we are still in awe of how our employees stepped up to help.

In January 2021, we were presented with the

opportunity to partner with Tarrant County and open the Northeast Tarrant County Vaccination Clinic at the Hurst Conference Center. Our staff members were tasked with coordinating all of the volunteers needed to run the clinic and figuring out logistics in order to open up the clinic within one week. We were able to pull it off thanks to our HR team and Fire emergency management staff. We also relocated staff from other departments to help operate the clinic from January – June, many Hurst employees worked 12 hour days, sometimes six days a week.

With the help of more than 30 organizations, around 188,000 vaccinations were administered during the operation of the vaccine clinic, which equals nearly half of all of the vaccinations administered in Tarrant County.

These stories just graze the surface of all that our staff members have experienced over the last 20 months, and we are incredibly appreciative of their dedication to the city and our residents. We hope through everything over the last two years you continue to feel proud of the city you live in and know that our team members are working hard behind the scenes to make a difference in our community, no matter what is thrown our way.





Staff at Hurst Fire Station 3



Children learned about how a fire engine works during a push-in ceremony.



Attendees helped clean up the engine and get it prepped to be pushed into the bay of Fire Station 3.

# ENGINE 203

## New fire apparatus brought into service amid push-in ceremony at Station 3

In October, we celebrated the addition of our new fire apparatus, Engine 203, with a push-in ceremony. City council, staff and volunteers helped clean the truck and push it into the bay of Fire Station 3 where it will reside. Engine 203 is quite taller than our previous engines. It is a "heavy duty rescue pumper" which provides a lot more space for tools and equipment. A significant safety feature was also installed on the new engine, the first one ever placed on a Pierce built apparatus in Texas. This feature gives the operator the ability to lower intensity of the emergency warning lights which will prevent drivers from being blinded at night by the warning lights.

All electric tools were purchased for this engine. Historically, the "jaws of life" requires a gasoline power

plant with hydraulic hose plugged into the plant and the tool for operation. Firefighters have to deal with hydraulic fluid leaking when connecting different tools to the hose. These new tools have the hydraulic fluid built into each tool and operate off of a single battery. This design allows for multiple tools to be operating at one time. Firefighters won't be limited to the length of the hose or power plant, and the tools are portable, creating more usage of the tools.

Because of the addition of our new apparatus, one of our yellow engines, a 2001 reserve engine will be retiring. Engine 203 is going to serve our community well, and we are grateful to add this innovative engine to our fleet.

## FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET

Goal: Restore City Services to Pre-Pandemic Levels



#### RESTORED FUNDING FOR THE HURST SENIOR CENTER

Center is now open and operational







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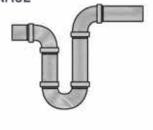
## Goal: Continued Capital Investments in City Infrastructure



ROAD IMPROVEMENTS



STORM DRAINAGE



REFURBISH WATER TOWER

## MEET THE FINANCE/BUDGET STAFF



CLAYTON FULTON ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER



PAUL BROWN MANAGING DIRECTOR OF FINANCE



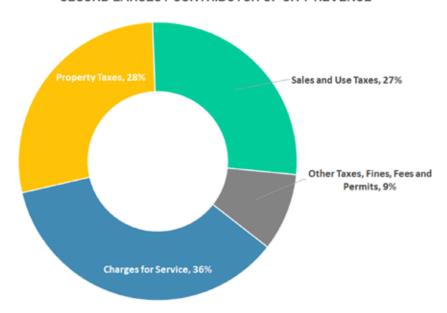
AMANDA DOSSEY BUDGET ADMINISTRATOR

## PROPERTY TAX RATE

## Property Tax Rate: \$0.625159 per \$100 of Taxable Value

Property Tax Rate remained the same as last year's rate, but due to rising Property Values, and other factors, the City will incur more revenue from the same Tax Rate. This will assist the City as we restore services to pre COVID-19 levels and recover from the previous winter storm.

### PROPERTY TAXES ARE VITAL TO PROVIDING CITY SERVICES AS THE SECOND LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR OF CITY REVENUE

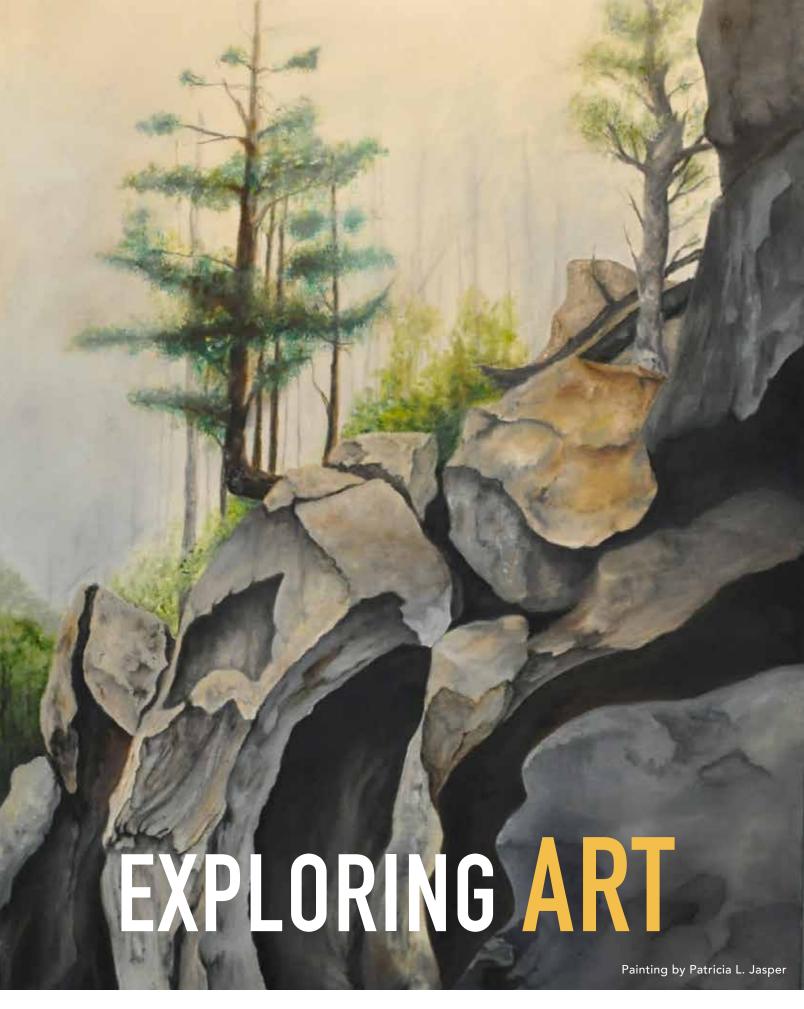


## WHAT MAKES UP YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILL.

- CITY TAXES 25%
- SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES 50%
- TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE 5%
- COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT 9%
- TARRANT COUNTY 10%

#### INFORMATION ON PROPERTY TAXES:

- City Property Tax Rate Hurst Finance Department at 817-788-7066
- Individual Property Values Tarrant Appraisal District at 817-284-0024
- Property Tax Bills and Payments Tarrant County Tax Assessor at 817-884-1100





## Hurst Public Library highlights local artists in show

Arts DFW is a local non-profit dedicated to supporting local artists. Come by the Hurst Public Library today to see some of their incredible artists' work. For more information about their program visit them at www.artsdfw.org.





Art by local artists is displayed throughout the Hurst Public Library as part of a display by Arts DFW.



We are honored to share the artwork of artist, Yunuene, in the Hurst Public Library.

Using augmented reality, her work comes alive when you pair it with a smart phone or tablet. Don't have a smart device? Check one out at the Adult Info Desk.

This is truly a magical experience, so come enjoy the show and return from time to time to see new pieces rotated on exhibit.



# Property PRIDE



# Have you noticed any of your neighbors Going the Extra Yard?

## Nominate them at hursttx.gov/propertypride

- Anyone can nominate a property in Hurst!
- Only residential properties in the City of Hurst are eligible for the award.
- Four properties per season will be chosen by Neighborhood Services.
- Nominations should be made for overall property maintenance including, but not limited to, painting and landscaping.
- Winning properties will receive a yard display and could be featured on the city website.
- Properties are eligible to receive the award once every 3 years.

## **PARKS & RECREATION**



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## CONCERT IN THE PARK SERIES

#### When

Fridays at 7 p.m.: April 22 | May 6 | May 20 | June 3 | June 17

#### Where

Heritage Village Plaza, 841 W. Pipeline Road

Bring the whole family and blankets, coolers, or chairs while we present five concerts in the park! We will have a food truck, concessions, and restrooms on-site, but feel free to pack a picnic if you so choose. Please remember that we do not allow glass in our parks.

Visit us online or follow us on Facebook for band selections and further details.



#### **EGGSTRAVAGANZA**

#### When

April 5 | 5:30 p.m.

#### Where

Hurst Community Park, 601 Precinct Line Road

Activities begin at 5:30 p.m., and the Egg Hunt starts at 6:30 p.m. FREE activities include crafts, face painting, photos with Mr. Bunny, egg hunts, petting zoo, pony rides, and more. Please, no pets or glass containers. For more information, call 817.788.7325.

#### ADAPTIVE EGG HUNT

#### When

April 8 | 5:30 p.m.

#### Where

Central Park, Mary Drive (across from the Hurst Tennis Center)

This event is for children under the age of 16 with special needs and their families. Activities begin at 5:30 p.m., and the Egg Hunt starts at 6:30 p.m. FREE activities include crafts, face painting, photos with Mr. Bunny, egg hunts, petting zoo, and more. Please, no pets or glass containers. For more information, call 817.788.7325.

<sup>\*\*</sup>For the most updated event information, please view our website, hursttx.gov.





# Now hiring for Summer 2022! We are looking for awesome people to join our Hurst Aquatics Team!

#### **Available Positions:**

#### Lifeguard \$12/hour

As a lifeguard, you are responsible for ensuring guests' safety alongside working with fun, energetic staff. If you enjoy working outside and meeting lots of new people, this job is for you! Training provided in-house, free of charge. Must be able to swim 100 yards, retrieve a 10-pound brick from 12 feet of water, and tread water for 1 minute without hands.

#### **Swim Lesson Instructor \$12/hour**

Do you love working with kids? Then this job is for you! As a swim lesson instructor, you are responsible for teaching kids of all ages and levels how to swim.

Training provided in-house, free of charge. Must be able to swim 300 yards.

#### **Pool Attendant \$10.50/hour**

The Pool Attendants are the backbone of our Aquatics Team. They help to provide a safe and clean environment for our guests while enjoying a fun work environment.

#### Cashier \$10/hour

We are looking for personable and energetic people to be the face of our Aquatics Centers. Cashiers are responsible for answering phones, taking admissions, and providing general customer service.

Applications open December 13. It's never too early to apply!

Apply online at: hursttx.gov/aquatics

Questions? Contact Madison Seil mseil@hursttx.gov or call 817.788.7333



## **Healthy Hurst Wellness Program**

Healthy Hurst is the City of Hurst's community-wide wellness initiative. Participants can increase their health, wellness, and fitness by using the City of Hurst's Healthy Hurst web page's information and links.

Healthy Hurst isn't just about physical activity. It's about mental, physical, and social health. Whether visiting a park, working out at the Hurst Recreation

Center, or attending one of our many city events, you are actively a part of Healthy Hurst.

Be sure to look for our multiple Healthy Hurst sponsored events throughout the year. These events include the Eight to Great Fitness Challenge, Kids Triathlon, Dash & Splash 1 mile & 5k run, and Walktober®.



#### **Healthy Hurst - Eight to Great Fitness Challenge**

When

January 3-February 28

Start 2022 off right with your fitness resolution. With the Healthy Hurst Eight to Great Fitness Challenge, you can get started toward your healthy lifestyle.

Participants can choose to log their workouts and/or track their weight loss during the 2022 Eight to Great Fitness Challenge. Incentive awards are given based on the level of participation. Register for the Healthy Hurst Wellness Program at no charge. To be eligible for incentive awards, keep track of your workouts and weight loss for eight weeks between January 3 and February 28. For more information, please call 817.788.7325.

#### **Member Appreciation Week**

When

March 28-April 1

Join us at the Hurst Recreation Center as we celebrate you! On average, 15,000 members and participants use our Recreation Center each month, and we want to show our appreciation for your support! There will be give-away items, refreshments, and door prizes. For more information about Member Appreciation Week, call the Recreation Center at 817.788.7325.

## FACILITY INFORMATION

### **Hurst Recreation Center**

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Thursday: 5:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday: 5:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

Contact information

700 Mary Drive Hurst, Texas 76053 817-788-7325 To view the full class and program schedule, please visit hursttx.gov/recreation or pick up a Live & Play activity guide at the Hurst Recreation Center.



## **Hurst Tennis Center**

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Thursday\*: 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., 5 – 9 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday: Noon – 4 p.m.

#### **Court Rental Fees**

Resident: \$3 Non-Resident: \$5

\* Gates are open for free play
from 1-5 p.m. on weekdays

#### **Contact information**

701 Mary Drive Hurst, Texas 76053 817-788-7330

## **Hurst Public Library**

#### **Hours of Operation**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

#### **Contact Information**

901 Precinct Line Rd. Hurst, Texas 76053 817-788-7300



Find out all the information on the Hurst Public Library, including programming, at hursttx.gov/library and on social media @HurstPublicLibrary.

## **Hurst Senior Activities Center**

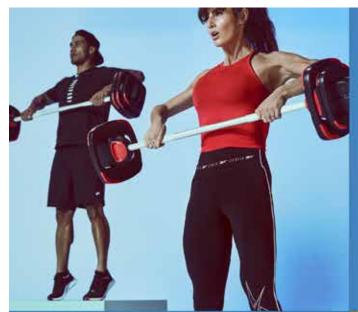
**Hours of Operation:** Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. For the latest news and updates, please visit hursttx.gov/senior and on Facebook @HurstSeniorActivitiesCenter.

#### Contact Information 700 Heritage Circle Hurst, Texas 76053 817-788-7710





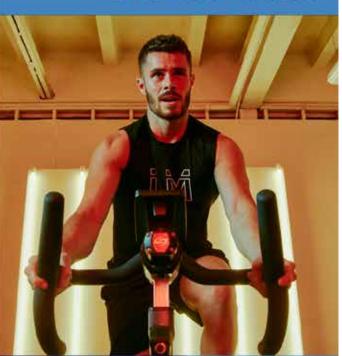




# JOIN OUR TEAM!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PASSIONATE FITNESS INSTRUCTORS

ARE YOU SKILLED,
CURIOUS, AND A QUICK
LEARNER?
CONTACT US TO FIND
OUT IF YOU'RE THE RIGHT
FIT FOR THIS ROLE.





Send resumes to Aoden@hursttx.gov

No certification required to apply!

817.788.7325



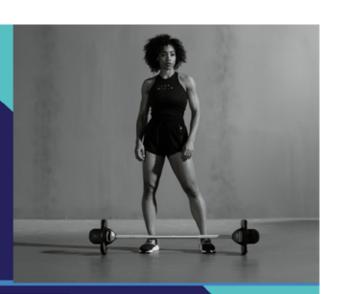


## Introducing the

## NEW Class Pass

Unlimited Classes! Affordable Fees! **Limitless Results!** 

**Coming January 2022!** 



**New class platforms** provided in partnership with



Inquire about our virtual platform

## <u>Fees:</u>

Resident: \$25

Non-resident: \$30

Fees drafted monthly

# COUPON

Purchase your class pass before February 28, 2022 and get \$5 off per month for 6 months!

#### **BODYPUMP**

is the original barbell class. Using light to moderate weights with lots of repetition, paired with encouragement and great music, it is the ideal workout for anyone looking to get lean, toned, and fit!

### **BODYCOMBAT**

is a high-energy martial arts-inspired workout that is non-contact. Punch and kick your way to fitness and burn up to 570 calories in a class! No experience is needed.

## **BODYFLOW**

is a new generation yoga class that will improve your mind, body, and life. You can expect to bend and stretch through a series of simple yoga, Tai Chi and Pilates elements, while an inspiring soundtrack plays in the background.

## **RPM**

is a group indoor cycling workout where you control the intensity. It is fun, low impact, and you can burn up to 500 calories a session!

Barre & Pilates is a perfect blend to provide benefits such as muscle definition, body tone, increased flexibility and balance, improved posture, and reduced stress!

## Strong & Fit

is an Xfit, Bootcamp, Crossfit style class that will challenge you no matter your fitness level. See yourself gain strength, confidence, and stamina as we incorporate strength, cardio, agility, and mobility!

## **Running Club**

is the perfect class for ALL levels of runners! Each week will be formatted differently to provide a fun and challenging workout that will help you improve your pace, distance, and overall goals!

View our class schedule and reserve your spot in a class online at hursttx.gov/recreation. Schedule available December 2021!

## PARK SYSTEM





## **Taking Care of Hurst Parks**

Parks crews inspect parks regularly for safety, litter, vandalism, and minor maintenance items. If you notice anything that requires our attention, please call 817.788.7220. Residents and guests may also report concerns via our 'Where We Live' app found in the Apple App store and Google Play store.

#### www.hursttx.gov/parks























Community Parks												
Central Park												
700 Mary Dr.												
Chisholm Park												
2200 Norwood Dr.												
<b>Hurst Community Park</b>												
601 Precinct Line Rd.												
Special Purpose Parks												
Heritage Village Plaza												
841 W. Pipeline Rd.												
Hurst Athletic Complex												
2104 Precinct Line Rd.												
Rickel Park												
1001 Bluebonnet Dr.												
Windmill Park												
840 W. Cheryl Ave.												

#### Symbol Key



**Fields** 















**Exercise Course** 



Fishing Pier



Playground



Restrooms

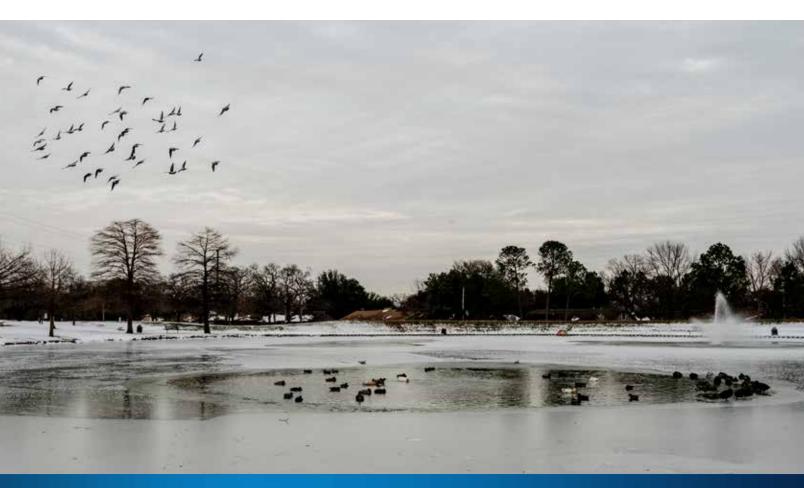
**Pavilion** 



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500 Pecan Drive E.											
Echo Hills Park											
500 Heneretta Dr.											
Jaycee Baker Park											
500 Belmont Dr.											
Mayfair Park											
1725 Norwood Dr.											
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640 W. Pleasantview Dr.											
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