

# WHERE WE LIVE

Spring 2022

Aquatics Hiring  
HeART on Hurst  
Stars & Stripes



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Photos by Stacy Luecker

## ON THE COVER

We are gearing up for a fun and safe aquatic season this summer! Recruitment for aquatics staff is underway, and we still have quite a few positions to fill! These positions make for a GREAT first job opportunity and are perfect for college students who are home for the summer. If you know someone who would be interested in spending their summer working with friends and serving the community, please share our recruitment information on page 14 with them. You can find all of the details at [hursttx.gov/aquatics](http://hursttx.gov/aquatics) or by using the QR code below. We are looking forward to a great aquatic season and hope to see you out at the pools!



# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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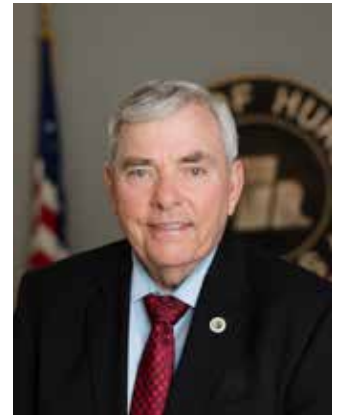
If you attended our recent Town Hall Forum, it was a pleasure having you in person again this year. We are incredibly appreciative to those who took the time to come to this event as well as those who responded to our recent citizen survey. Your feedback is vital as we move forward through our budget process this year. Your participation is so important.

We are proud to have recently partnered with the Humane Society of North Texas to handle the adoption process out of our Animal Services and Adoption Center. Check out page 5 for more information about this joint venture including a special adoption story!

In an effort to enhance the look of selected utility boxes throughout the city and promote community pride, we are inviting local artists to submit their artwork for consideration. You can find all of the details on this exciting project on page 9. I cannot wait to see the outcome!

I have thoroughly enjoyed living in Hurst since 1969 and have served on council for more than 37 years. I have built wonderful relationships with city staff during these many years. Hurst not only is a special place to live, but it's a very special place to work and have a career. If you or someone you know is considering a job change, visit our website at [hursttx.gov/openpositions](http://hursttx.gov/openpositions) to view all of our job postings.

Wishing you and your loved ones a wonderful spring season and look forward to seeing you at some of our upcoming events.



Mayor Henry Wilson

— *Mayor Henry Wilson*



## The Social Media Connection

### City of Hurst

WEBSITE: [www.hursttx.gov](http://www.hursttx.gov)  
FACEBOOK: @CityofHurstTX  
TWITTER: @TheCityofHurst  
INSTAGRAM: @CityofHurstTX  
NEXTDOOR: City of Hurst

### Hurst Public Library

WEBSITE: [www.hursttx.gov/library](http://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](http://www.hurstcc.com)  
FACEBOOK: @HurstCC  
INSTAGRAM: @HurstConferenceCenter

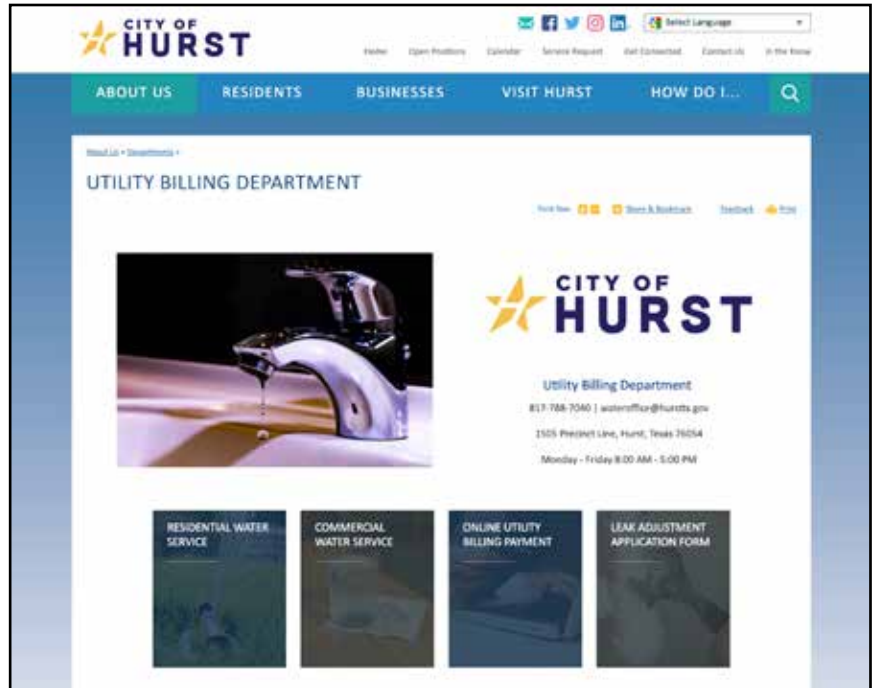
### Hurst Parks and Recreation

FACEBOOK: @HurstParksandRecreation  
INSTAGRAM: @HurstParksandRecreation

### Hurst Senior Activities Center

FACEBOOK: @HurstSeniorActivitiesCenter

# OUR COMMUNITY



## Utility Billing Information

The Utility Billing Department is hard at work making improvements to better serve the community, including a redesign of the Utility Billing webpage. The new design makes it easier to navigate to specific information our residents need and makes the available tools such as online bill pay and applications more accessible.

### Online utility billing services include:

- Make a one-time payment
- Sign up for auto-draft via credit, debit or bank draft
- View current and previous statements
- Sign up for paperless billing
- Sign up for “pay by text”

**To access these services and find more information, visit [hursttx.gov/utilitybilling](http://hursttx.gov/utilitybilling).**

# Humane Society of North Texas partners with Hurst to facilitate pet adoptions

We are pleased to announce the arrival of the Humane Society of North Texas at the Hurst Animal Services and Adoption Center! City of Hurst staff will continue to provide exceptional care to our animals and protect their welfare, while the Humane Society takes over adoption responsibilities and promotes the animals on an expanded social media and marketing platform.

Mayor Wilson and his wife Gail recently adopted an adorable kitten named Bonnie-Sue from this new partnership.

If you're looking for a new addition to your family, visit [hsnt.org/hurst](http://hsnt.org/hurst) to view our adoptable pets online or stop by the Animal Services and Adoption Center at 900 TCC Rd.



Mayor Henry Wilson and his wife Gail pose with their kitten adopted from Hurst Animal Services and Adoption Center.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Document Shredding

April 9

Hurst Service Center | 2001 Precinct Line Rd. | 8 - 11 a.m.

Let us help you with your spring-cleaning by bringing your household hazardous waste to the Service Center along with an ID and Hurst water bill.

### Accepted Items:

Automotive fluids, batteries, cleaners & degreasers, cooking oil, lawn/garden/pool chemicals, light bulbs, and paint. There is a limit on paint of three five-gallon containers.

### Items Not Accepted:

Ammunition or explosives, appliances or electronics, building materials, bulk trash and yard waste, butane or propane cylinders, medicines or sharps, and tires.

Document shredding will be available. Three (3) box limit, no larger than 15"x12"x10" accepted. Limited space. First come, first served.

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## Free Clean-Up Days

As part of our Good Neighbor Program, we have coordinated with Republic Services to offer additional curbside pickup days in the fall and spring. You can leave your bulky or green waste items at your curb, and just make sure that loose items are bundled or containerized and set out by 7 a.m. Our next free clean-up day will be April 30 for normal Monday/Thursday pick up and May 7 for Tuesday/Friday pick up. Visit [hursttx.gov/gnp](http://hursttx.gov/gnp) for more details including a list of accepted items.



# CITY OF HURST FIRE DEPARTMENT IS HIRING



*making the difference*

apply online at [hursttx.gov/openpositions](http://hursttx.gov/openpositions)

**The Hurst Fire Department is hiring a firefighter!** This position performs fire suppression, emergency rescue, advanced life support emergency medical care and transport, hazardous materials incident mitigation, and other tasks in hazardous and emergency environments as a member of a 48/96 hour shift assignment. For more information and to apply online, visit [hursttx.gov/openpositions](http://hursttx.gov/openpositions).

## Mobile app connects Hurst to citizens

Always staying connected with our citizens is a priority for Hurst staff! That is why we implemented our Where We Live mobile app in 2016. You can be on the road trip of your dreams and still be connected to your hometown, or be at home and drop us a request. All from your mobile device!

The app offers a variety of features to make things easier for you. You can check out upcoming city events, pay your water bill, view open positions, access social media connections, or even find your new family pet!

A feature that many Hurst citizens already enjoy is the service request via the app. You may submit a request for service from your mobile device, which is then automatically routed to the appropriate staff member for resolution. You will then receive push

notifications back to your phone when the request is updated with information or resolved. You can even upload a photo to support your request.

So, give our mobile app a try! It's easy to download and available in both iTunes and Google. If you have any questions or need a bit of advice on operating the app, just give us a call at 817-788-7036. We're glad to help. Search "Hurst Where We Live" today!



# FLOOD SAFETY TIPS

Texas weather is unpredictable. Know what to do when severe weather occurs, including severe flooding. Here are ways to prepare before a flood occurs and what to do during one.

## Before the Flood

### 1. Check with the Engineering Department (817.788.7080) on the extent of past flooding in your area.

- City staff can tell you about the causes of repetitive flooding, what the city is doing about it and what would be an appropriate flood protection level. They can also visit your property to discuss flood protection alternatives.

### 2. Prepare for flooding by doing the following:

- Know how to shut off the electricity and gas to your house when a flood comes.
- Make a list of emergency numbers and identify a safe place to go.
- Make a household inventory and put insurance policies, valuable papers, medicine, etc. in a safe place.
- Report blockages in creeks, culverts, drainage ditches and storm drain inlets by calling Public Works at 817-788-7076.
- Develop a response plan - consult the American Red Cross website for information on creating an emergency preparedness plan.
- The American Red Cross has also published the brochure *Repairing Your Flooded Home*, which provides information on planning and preparing for a flood event as well as repairing after a flood event.

### 3. Consider some permanent flood protection measures.

- Mark your fuse box to show the circuits to the floodable areas. Turning off the power to these floodable areas can reduce property damage and save lives.
- Consider flood protection alternatives such as flood walls or berms. Note that some flood protection measures may require permits. Please check with the Engineering Division and/or Building Inspections for more information.
- A copy of Homeowner's Guide to Retrofitting: Six Ways to Protect Your House from Flooding are available at no charge to download from FEMA.

### 4. Talk to the Engineering Division for information on financial assistance.

- If you are interested in obtaining more information on what you can do to prevent flood damage, or what funds may be available to assist you with mitigating flood damage to your property, contact the Engineering Division at 817.788.7080.
- Get a flood insurance policy - it will help pay for repairs after a flood and, in some cases, it will help pay the costs of elevating a substantially damaged building.

### 5. Get a flood insurance policy.

- Typically, homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. However, some owners have purchased flood insurance because it was required by the bank when they received a mortgage or home improvement loan.
- Don't wait until the next flood to buy flood insurance protection. In most cases, there is a 30-day waiting period before the National Flood Insurance Program coverage takes effect.
- Contact your insurance agent for more information on rates and coverage.

## During and After the Flood

### 1. Check with the Engineering Department (817.788.7080) on the extent of past flooding in your area.

- Do not wade through floodwaters due to the danger of pollutants, debris (nails, glass, etc) and animals (snakes, ants, etc.). Floodwaters are often murky and depth is hard to determine.
- Do not drive through floodwaters! Turn around, don't drown! If emergency evacuation is necessary, please heed the warnings of the emergency management and follow the instructions to evacuate - it saves lives of those around you and possibly of the emergency workers responding.
- Ask for a licensed electrician, plumber etc. to check or turn on your power, water and/or gas.

*The City of Hurst Public Works Department is a member of the Community Rating System through the National Flood Insurance Program. This information is provided as a resource for residents.*



# Leave your HeART on Hurst

Artist submissions requested for utility box beautification project

DFW artists of all levels are invited to submit their work for the chance to display an original design on one of the City's utility boxes. The City will take the selected images of works of art and create vinyl wraps to enhance the look of selected utility boxes throughout the City. The wrapped boxes will provide an opportunity to showcase the talent of local artists in a public space, enhance the beauty and vibrancy of the City, promote community pride, and bring art to unexpected places. This year, the City will choose six

artist proposals to cover six different utility boxes in Hurst.

The City will pay selected artists a stipend of \$250 for their work for inclusion in this project. Submit your artwork by May 1.

For details on theme, utility box locations and dimensions, the selection process, submissions, and design criteria, visit [hursttx.gov/utilityboxartproject](http://hursttx.gov/utilityboxartproject).



**YOUR  
ART  
HERE**

**CALL FOR ARTISTS**

**UTILITY BOX ART PROJECT**

**A CITY OF HURST ART IN PUBLIC PLACES INITIATIVE**

**DEADLINE MAY 1**

# Fight the Bite

## Tips to reduce the mosquito population



Controlling mosquito populations and reducing the risk for West Nile virus, Zika Virus and Chikungunya Viruses must be done on several fronts—education and prevention are at the forefront of those efforts. As we head into mosquito season, it's imperative that residents take steps to protect themselves and control mosquito populations at home.

The most important thing citizens can do to reduce the risk of exposure to West Nile virus is to eliminate mosquito-breeding areas around the home and limit exposure to feeding mosquitoes. Many female mosquitoes can lay 100-300 eggs on the surface of fresh or stagnant water every third night during its life span. Here are some simple things citizens can do to eliminate potential mosquito breeding sites around the home:

1. Do not allow water to accumulate in saucers of flowerpots, cemetery urns, or in pet dishes for more than two days.
2. Get rid of tin cans, old tires, buckets, unused plastic swimming pools, or other containers that collect and hold water.
3. Clean debris from rain gutters, remove standing water from flat roofs, and repair leaks around faucets and air conditioners.

4. Change the water in birdbaths and wading pools at least once a week.
5. Fill or drain puddles, ditches and swampy areas.
6. Check for trapped water in plastic or canvas tarps used to cover boats or pools, and arrange the tarp to drain the water.

### Follow the Four Ds

1. Use insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus.
2. DRESS in long sleeves and long pants when you are outside.
3. Stay indoors at DUSK and DAWN, when mosquitoes are most active.
4. DRAIN standing water where mosquitoes breed. Common breeding sites include old tires, flowerpots and clogged rain gutters.

Spring will be here before we know it along with West Nile Virus. When Hurst sprays to kill mosquitos, we notify the area using our CodeRed Notification System. If you would like to be on that list, please sign up at [hursttx.gov/codered](http://hursttx.gov/codered).

For more information about mosquito control and management, visit [hursttx.gov/fightthebite](http://hursttx.gov/fightthebite).



Chisholm Park

# ADOPT-A-PARK

Program reaches out to public to keep parks attractive, well-maintained

The City of Hurst’s mission is to “provide responsive services and effective programs to ensure that Hurst remains a vibrant community.” Our Parks Division works tirelessly to provide our community with clean, attractive, and well-maintained parks. But, we rely on enthusiastic and willing partners to assist us in our efforts.

## Why Adopt-a-Park?

We encourage community participation in our park programs. We want to collaborate with groups, organizations, and individuals to help us maintain our community values of inclusiveness and a positive environment. We want to ensure the City of Hurst is well maintained, clean, and secured, leading to an

enjoyable living experience. Participate in the Hurst Adopt-a-Park program!

We will track participant hours and turn them into the City of Hurst’s Volunteers in Action program. Groups or organizations that participate will have their names posted at the park for the duration of their commitment.

## Who to Contact

Interested groups or organizations should contact Kristie Weaver, Parks Director, via email or phone: [kweaver@hursttx.gov](mailto:kweaver@hursttx.gov) or 817.788.7220. Information is available on our webpage at [hursttx.gov/parks](http://hursttx.gov/parks).

# PARKS & RECREATION

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## Stars & Stripes

Friday, July 1

Hurst Community Park

601 Precinct Line Road

The annual City of Hurst Stars & Stripes event is Friday, July 1, at Hurst Community Park. Come out to enjoy live music, good food, and a beautiful fireworks show! FREE shuttles are available from designated parking at Northeast Mall.

6:00 p.m. – Big City Outlaws

8:00 p.m. – Emerald City

9:30 p.m. – Fireworks Show

[hursttx.gov/recreation](http://hursttx.gov/recreation)

Facebook @HurstParksandRecreation

817-788-7325

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## GOLDEN COUPLES

### When

Friday, June 10 | 6-8 p.m.

### Where

Hurst Senior Activities Center

In celebration of your 50+ years of matrimony, we invite you to attend the Golden Couples event. Couples must be Hurst residents or members of the Hurst Senior Activities Center. Please RSVP by June 3 to 817.788.7710.



## CONCERT IN THE PARK SERIES

### When

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

April 22: Randy Brandenburg (Country band)

May 6: Midnight Soul

May 20: The Redwine Band

June 3: Randy Brandenburg (Oldies band)

June 17: The Inspiration Band

### 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.

\*\*For the most updated event information, please view our website, [hursttx.gov](http://hursttx.gov).

# Hurst Aquatics Centers



Must be 16 years of age by May 21 for all positions.

## Now hiring for summer 2022!

We are looking for passionate, energetic, and dependable individuals to join the 2022 Aquatics Team!

### Available Positions:

#### **Lifeguard \$12/hour**

As a lifeguard, you are responsible for ensuring guest 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. All Swim Lesson Instructor applicants are required to attend training from 5-8 p.m. on May 24 and May 31-June 2.

#### **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**

Cashiers handle admission fees, are knowledgeable about all park rules, and have excellent customer service when interacting with guests, both in-person and on the phone. Applicants for this position must be outgoing, friendly, and communicate well.

**Apply online at: [hursttx.gov/aquatics](http://hursttx.gov/aquatics)**

**Questions? Contact Madison Seil  
[mseil@hursttx.gov](mailto:mseil@hursttx.gov) or call 817.788.7333**

# Hurst Aquatics Centers open May 28



## Central Aquatics Center

715 Mary Drive // 817.788.7327

For more information visit  
[hursttx.gov/central](http://hursttx.gov/central)

### Daily Admission Fees

Free - 12 months and younger  
Free - 65 years and older  
\$4 - Hurst residents \*, ages 1 - 64 years  
\$10 - Non-residents, ages 1 - 64 years

## Chisholm Aquatics Center

2200 Norwood Drive // 817.788.7250

For more information visit  
[hursttx.gov/chisholm](http://hursttx.gov/chisholm)

### Daily Admission Fees

Free - 12 months and younger  
Free - 65 years and older  
\$6 - Hurst residents \*, ages 1 - 64 years  
\$12 - Non-residents, ages 1 - 64 years


## HEALTHY HURST




Whether you want to continue your fitness program, get back on track with one, or start a new one altogether, the Hurst Recreation Center can help you meet all of your fitness goals! We invite you to enjoy our activities and programs!

We offer hundreds of classes, a basketball court, racquetball, volleyball, and indoor and outdoor pickleball. Use the indoor track to get some exercise or work out in our state-of-the-art fitness center.

Membership rates start at \$7 a month or \$50 annually. If you are interested in group fitness, our class pass is available for only \$25 a month. Join today!

 817-788-7325

 Hurst Recreation Center  
700 Mary Dr, Hurst, TX 76053

Join us for the following Healthy Hurst sponsored events:

**DASH & SPLASH 1 MILE & 5K RUN - JUNE 11**  
**KID'S TRIATHLON - AUGUST 13**  
**WALKTOBER® - OCTOBER 1-31**

For more information visit: [hursttx.gov/recreation](http://hursttx.gov/recreation)

## Aquatics pavilion and facility rentals

If you are looking for a place to host your next birthday party, or maybe you need a shady spot on your visit to the aquatics center, then we've got you covered!

The Hurst Aquatics Centers offer pavilion and facility rentals to meet your group's needs. Hurst Residents can reserve their pavilion or private facility rental beginning March 21. Non-residents can reserve their pavilion beginning April 4. Private facility rentals are limited to Hurst Residents only.

For detailed information, including time slots and fees, please visit [hursttx.gov/central](http://hursttx.gov/central), [hursttx.gov/chisholm](http://hursttx.gov/chisholm) or call 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

To view the full class and program schedule, please visit [hursttx.gov/recreation](http://hursttx.gov/recreation) or pick up a Live & Play activity guide at the Hurst Recreation Center.

### Contact information

700 Mary Drive

Hurst, Texas 76053

817-788-7325

## 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](http://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/hsac](http://hursttx.gov/hsac) and on Facebook @HurstSeniorActivitiesCenter.

## Contact Information

700 Heritage Circle  
Hurst, Texas 76053  
817-788-7710



# 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](http://www.hursttx.gov/parks)



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

### Symbol Key





Neighborhood Parks												
<b>Bellaire Park</b>	●						●		●	●		
500 Pecan Drive E.												
<b>Echo Hills Park</b>		●					●	●	●	●		
500 Heneretta Dr.												
<b>Jaycee Baker Park</b>	●	●					●	●	●	●		
500 Belmont Dr.												
<b>Mayfair Park</b>	●	●					●	●	●	●		
1725 Norwood Dr.												
<b>Redbud Park</b>		●					●	●	●	●	●	
525 Redbud Drive W.												
<b>Smith/Barfield Park</b>	●				●		●	●	●			●
640 W. Pleasantview Dr.												
<b>Vivagene Copeland Park</b>		●	●				●	●	●	●		
500 E. Pecan St.												
<b>Wan Ka-Kani Park</b>									●			
748 Shady Lane												





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Hurst, TX 76054

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