

# WHERE WE LIVE

Summer 2024

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## CITY COUNCIL

- Henry Wilson Mayor
- John Miller Mayor Pro Tem
- Jimmy Meeks Councilmember
- Gary N. Waldron Councilmember
- Cathy Brotherton Councilmember
- Jon McKenzie Councilmember
- Cindy Shepard Councilmember

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- Clay Caruthers City Manager
- Clayton Fulton Assistant City Manager
- Malaika Farmer Assistant City Manager
- Greg Dickens Executive Director of Public Works
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- Steve Niekamp Police Chief
- Brent Craft Fire Chief
- Chris Connolly Executive Director of Economic Development and Tourism
- Kyle Gordon Executive Director of Community Services
- Michelle Lazo Executive Director of Community Development
- Stephanie Jenkins Executive Director of Human Resources



# OUR COMMUNITY



## Join the Hurst Police Department

Are you seeking a new career opportunity that serves your community? The Hurst Police Department is passionate about serving the public, providing excellent customer service to the community, and doing so through excellent training and teamwork.

**Starting Salary: \$80,080      Post Probation Salary: \$87,692**

### Benefits of Joining the Hurst Police Department

- Social Security benefits
- Hurst PD is quick to hire and begin training
- Chapter 143 State Civil Service Protection
- CALEA Accreditation
- CIGNA Health Insurance
- 457 Deferred Compensation
- TMRS 2:1 match (14% from the City, 7% from you)
- Tuition Reimbursement

**Visit [hursttx.gov/policecareers](https://hursttx.gov/policecareers)**

for more information on becoming a Hurst police officer and the next testing date.

# Hurst Police Department adds new patrol vehicles

You may notice some new patrol vehicles traveling around Hurst! The Hurst Police Department is scheduled to replace the majority of their fleet this year. This replacement was scheduled to happen sooner due to the patrol vehicles exceeding our mileage and age limit; however, supply chain issues caused the replacement to be delayed.

Sixteen new Chevy Tahoes are being prepared to hit the streets over the course of the next few months. Six Chevy Silverados have also been ordered and will hopefully make their arrival by the end of this year. The pickups will provide the same patrol functions as the Tahoes while also allowing the ability to carry bulky cargo. Each of these new vehicles will have a refreshed paint scheme that clearly differentiates the



One of 16 new Chevy Tahoes added as patrol vehicles

newer vehicles and an enhanced lighting and reflection package to increase visibility.

## Local art featured for sale at the Hurst Conference Center

Are you looking for art for your home or business? The Hurst Conference Center is proud to feature the works of local artists around its building. Scan the QR Code or visit [hurstcc.com/about/artforhcc](http://hurstcc.com/about/artforhcc) to take a look at what's available. You can also give them a call at 817-581-0044 if you would like to see it in person.

A promotional poster for "Hurst Conference Center Featured Art". The background is a vibrant, abstract painting with yellow, orange, red, and blue tones. A dark blue rectangular box is centered on the poster, containing white text. At the bottom right of the box is a QR code.

HURST CONFERENCE CENTER  
**FEATURED ART**

THE HURST CONFERENCE CENTER IS DISPLAYING  
AND SELLING ART BY LOCAL ARTISTS

THESE ARTISTS HAD TO SUBMIT THEIR ARTWORK  
TO BE CHOSEN BY A COMMITTEE  
FOR DISPLAY AT THE HCC

BUY ONE TODAY!





## The Social Media Connection

### City of Hurst

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

FACEBOOK: @CityofHurstTX

TWITTER: @TheCityofHurst

INSTAGRAM: @CityofHurstTX

NEXTDOOR: City of Hurst

### Hurst Public Library

WEBSITE: [hursttx.gov/library](http://hursttx.gov/library)

FACEBOOK: @HurstPublicLibrary

INSTAGRAM: @HurstPublicLibrary

### Hurst Police & Fire

FACEBOOK: @HurstPoliceDept, @HurstFireDept

TWITTER: @HurstPoliceDept, @HurstFireDept

NEXTDOOR: @HurstFireDept

### Hurst Conference Center

WEBSITE: [hurstcc.com](http://hurstcc.com)

FACEBOOK: @HurstCC

INSTAGRAM: @HurstConferenceCenter

### Hurst Parks and Recreation

FACEBOOK: @HurstParksandRecreation

INSTAGRAM: @HurstParksandRecreation

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

### Hurst Senior Activities Center

FACEBOOK: @HurstSeniorActivitiesCenter

WEBSITE: [hursttx.gov/hsac](http://hursttx.gov/hsac)



Hurst 101 graduates

## Hurst 101 graduates

Congratulations to our 2024 Hurst 101 Graduates! This group went through a 9-week program this spring and had the opportunity to learn about various city departments, engage with City Councilmembers, and take a tour of city facilities. Graduates were recognized during the May 14 City Council meeting.

Interested in joining next year's program? We will be accepting applications later this year!

**Visit [hursttx.gov/hurst101](http://hursttx.gov/hurst101)**  
for more information



Mayor and councilmembers are sworn in for their new term.

## City councilmembers sworn in for new term

Mayor Henry Wilson and Councilmembers Cathy Butler Brotherton, Gary N. Waldron, and Cindy Shepard were sworn in on May 14 for their new term in office. Councilmember John Miller was also voted in as Mayor Pro Tem for the year. Congratulations to all!



Councilmember John Miller is voted in as Mayor Pro Tem for the year.



# LIBRARY

## UPCOMING EVENTS



@HurstPublicLibrary  
hursttx.gov/library

### HEB Reads!

#### When

- June 12 | 2 p.m. | Science Heroes
- June 19 | 2 p.m. | Professor Brainius
- June 26 | 2 p.m. | Premier Martial Arts of Bedford
- July 3 | 2 p.m. | HEB Reads! Think Tank
- July 10 | 2 p.m. | Pair of Pirates
- July 17 | 2 p.m. | Dinosaurs with BK Bones
- July 24 | 2 p.m. | James Wand
- July 31 | 12:45 p.m. & 2 p.m. | Creature Teacher

#### Where

Hurst Public Library | Program Rooms North and South

Join the Summer Reading Club at Hurst Public Library this summer for a Grand Adventure!

After you register, you can rack up your reading minutes until July 31 to earn prizes all summer long. Special weekly programs and prize distribution start the first week of June. Come to the Library to register, register online at [hursttx.gov/src](http://hursttx.gov/src), or download the beanstack mobile app to register your family's readers, track minutes read, unlock badges, and earn prizes!



Register at [hursttx.gov/src](http://hursttx.gov/src)  
or scan the QR code.





## Summer Reading Club Closing Party featuring Chaz Marie Band

### When

6:00-8:00 p.m. | Thursday, July 25

### Where

Hurst Public Library | Library Park | Program Rooms North and South

Summer's almost over, but the adventure hasn't ended yet! Join us at 6:00 p.m. for a Touch-a-Truck featuring vehicles from the Hurst Fire and Police Departments, along with snacks, crafts, and giant games in the lobby for the whole family. Be sure to stay for the powerhouse vocals of Chaz Marie Band at 7:00 p.m. in Library Program Rooms North and South.



## LEGOs 18+

### When

6:00-7:00 p.m. | Thursday, June 20

### Where

Hurst Public Library | Learning Center

LEGO of your worries! We'll be building botanical beauties and getting lost in the creative flow at this adults-only LEGOs 'block party'!



 **Save the Date!**

**September 26, 2024, for Library Showcase- our biggest celebration of the year!**



City volunteers partnered with 6 Stones to help renovate the exterior of a Hurst resident's home.

# Hurst Gives Back

City of Hurst team members spent the day serving a neighbor in need while promoting property pride



Many of our employees dedicated their time on April 19 to helping two Hurst residents in need during our Hurst Gives Back event. They didn't just lend a hand; they transformed the block with landscaping, fresh paint, new curb addresses, flowers, and new flags, spreading joy and making a real difference in the lives of Hurst residents.

6 Stones' Community Powered Revitalization (CPR) program assists residents with home repairs all across Hurst, Euless, Bedford, and Grapevine. City of Hurst team members serve together on one house in Hurst each spring. The City of Hurst began this effort in 1998, and the idea spread to other local cities and organizations. It has since been a collaborative effort with 6 Stones to maximize impact. The City of Hurst contributes a 30% match for all the Hurst homes that get revitalized by 6 Stones throughout the year. There are still a few more homes to go for this year!



**Apply at [hursttx.gov/cpr](https://www.hursttx.gov/cpr)**  
if you or someone you know could benefit  
from the CPR program

“ Having lived in our house for 51 years, I can proudly say how I appreciate the City of Hurst, and how caring the city is for the welfare of good people who have lived here for years.”

— Hurst Gives Back neighbor



**Hurst residents satisfied with  
City as friendly place to live**

# Annual Citizen Survey Results

**90+%**



**VERY  
FEW**



We recently completed our annual survey and reported the results to the City Council during their annual strategic planning retreat. Thank you to those who participated in the survey! Your input is valuable and helps contribute to the planning of our annual budget. Here is what we found:

- Citizens ranked the strategic priorities most important to them. Public Safety and Infrastructure were ranked the highest.
- Hurst residents are very satisfied with Hurst as a place to live, and having a friendly sense of connection.
- The condition of streets, the appearance of the city, and the arts and culture in the city were identified as issues needing attention.
- Regarding economic development, respondents feel they can generally find what they want to buy in Hurst. They feel there is a wide variety of businesses and a good number of service-oriented businesses. There were a few wishes for more dining options.
- Services that rated the highest include: Fire Services, Police, Trash Collection and Recycling, Parks & Recreation, and Water and Sewer Services.
- Facilities used most by survey respondents, include: Parks, Library, Trails, and Playgrounds.

- Respondents also said that the most useful way they receive news and information from the city are the City email communications (e-newsletter), the City website, and the *Where We Live* magazine.

**We asked residents what they liked most about the City of Hurst. Some of our favorite comments from the survey include:**

- I love our home and the feel of our neighborhood. It's so idyllic and charming, with great roads, lovely and green, and character everywhere. And the people are so friendly. Kids riding bikes and playing outside are cheerful to see. I can't wait to get involved and learn more about the city!
- The feel of a smaller community within the DFW area.
- Schools, sense of community
- My neighbors/neighborhood, fire and police services, senior services
- Everything you need for a good, safe life.
- Positive folks, quality-driven, constant improvement

# Wise water is everyone's responsibility

## Do your part to be water smart

As temperatures rise, water conservation becomes even more important while we gear up for the summer. Here are some tips to help with your water conservation efforts.

### Outdoor Water Saving Tips:

- Train your lawn to drink less. Spacing out your irrigation days to water no more than two days a week can encourage deeper roots and a more drought-tolerant lawn.
- Know when to water: Every Monday on [SaveTarrantWater.com](http://SaveTarrantWater.com) they provide weekly watering advice taking weather conditions into account. This advice can keep irrigation systems off an average of 25 or more weeks out of the year! The idea is to rely on Mother Nature to satisfy your landscape's watering needs and to use irrigation systems to supplement rainfall when necessary.
- Timing is everything. Maintain the irrigation method "cycle and soak." Keeping your irrigation cycles short (6-8 minutes/cycle for spray heads; 12-14 minutes/cycle for rotors) will help minimize runoff and water waste.
- Make sure your sprinklers aren't misbehaving. It is good practice to cycle through your irrigation zones for a short time every so often to make sure you don't have any broken or tilted sprinkler heads.
- Add mulch to the mix. Mulch helps the soil retain moisture, limits weed growth, and moderates soil temperatures when placed in flowerbeds or around trees and shrubs. (Do not place mulch up against trunks or stems)



### WATERING SCHEDULE

#### **Monday**

No watering allowed

#### **Tuesday & Friday**

Non-residential sites (apartments, business, parks, common areas)

#### **Wednesday & Saturday**

Residential addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8

#### **Thursday & Sunday**

Residential addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

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### Remember the city guidelines for irrigation & sprinkler systems:

- There is no watering with irrigation systems or sprinkler systems between 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Watering by hand-held hose, drip irrigation, or soaker hose is allowed at any time.
- No more than two hours per day maximum is encouraged.

**Visit [hursttx.gov/waterconservation](http://hursttx.gov/waterconservation)**  
for more information and resources



A crowd gathered at Hurst Community Park during the total solar eclipse to view the event and enjoy a safe and interactive place that included a variety of activities including telescopes and yard games. Solar glasses were also passed out to visitors.



Totality during the solar eclipse on April 8.

# Zone of TOTALITY

Eclipse-viewers gathered in Hurst Community Park for once-in-a-lifetime event



On April 8, the Hurst Public Library hosted a Total Solar Eclipse viewing event at Hurst Community Park for all families to have a safe and interactive space to view this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

There was a variety of activities at the event including educational stations like telescopes with solar filters, Sun Spotter Solar Telescopes, pinhole projector cards, and the NASA Citizen Scientist observation station.

There was also a selfie photo station, outer space stickers, DIY bookmark decorating station, and even giant yard games. All these activities were made possible by the help of the incredible partners of the event: Hurst Parks & Recreation, NASA@ My Library, Fort Worth Museum of Science & History, The Franklin Institute,



Hurst employees watch the eclipse during the Total Solar Eclipse viewing event.



and Raising Cane's.

While the event itself was incredibly fun, the real magic happened as the crowd watched the entire eclipse from start to finish.

Throughout the event, everyone was on the edge of their seats waiting for totality to occur. When it finally did, cheers erupted as the sky became dark and the sun



shined bright behind the moon at 1:42 p.m.!

But the community building didn't end at the event, the Hurst Public Library decided to host an Eclipse glasses recycling drive open to the entire city. With this collection, they were able to donate about 2,000 pairs of glasses to Astronomers Without Borders – thank you, Team Hurst!



PALS Camp participants gather for a photo at Chisholm Park.

# PALS & Basketball Camps

## Activities offer youth positive police experiences

Each summer, the Hurst Police Department hosts two free summer camps. These camps are available for Hurst students going into 5th and 6th grade in the fall. With the help of local businesses, schools and other departments in the city, each camp provides activities and lunch for all attendees. The idea of these camps is to have officers and youth interact in a fun, casual environment to promote positive police experiences. Each camp is staffed by both sworn officers and civilian employees from the police department, and can host approximately 40 students.

During the PALS Camp (Police Activities League Summer Camp), which is hosted in June, we play field games, visit the Hurst Public Library and Aquatics Center and this past camp, we went skating. The Hurst Public Library hosted a program with Creature Teacher, providing a fun and educational meet-and-greet with live animals. Hurst Parks and Recreation hosted one of the field days and brought out water balloon launchers, played slip and slide kickball, and lots of other

team games. The Hurst Aquatics Center hosted our swimming day and also taught a brief CPR class.

**Visit [hursttx.gov/pals2024](https://hursttx.gov/pals2024)**  
to register for PALS Camp

During the Basketball Camp, which is hosted in July, we start with basics on the first day and work our way to full court game play by the end of the week. Even if they have never played before, we make sure each student has fun and is able to participate at their own skill level.

**Visit [hursttx.gov/basketball2024](https://hursttx.gov/basketball2024)**  
to register for Basketball Camp

For questions, please contact Bobbi Parker with Community Services at 817-788-7342 or email [bparker@hursttx.gov](mailto:bparker@hursttx.gov).



HEB Youth in Government graduating class.

## HEB Youth in Government Graduates

The 2024 HEB Youth in Government class celebrated their graduation in April! This year, 17 students went through the program and gained a better understanding of the impact local government has on the community while building relationships with each other and city staff and officials.

Since January, participants have been meeting at various city facilities in Hurst, Euless, and Bedford twice a month, learning about police and fire services, voting and elections, potential career fields, and more! We

are grateful for the partnership between the three cities and the HEB Chamber of Commerce to offer this opportunity to local high school juniors and seniors. We are also grateful to Republic Services for graciously providing the college scholarships each year!

Information on the 2025 HEB Youth in Government program will be available later this year on the HEB Chamber's website, [heb.org](http://heb.org).

Congratulations to our graduates!

# PARKS & RECREATION



@HurstParksandRecreation  
hursttx.gov/recreation

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Stars & Stripes

#### When

Wednesday, July 3 | Begins at 5:30 p.m.

#### Where

Hurst Community Park | 601 Precinct Line Rd

The Annual City of Hurst Stars & Stripes event is Wednesday, July 3, at Hurst Community Park. Enjoy live music, food trucks, a kid's area, and a beautiful fireworks show! FREE shuttles are available from designated parking at North East Mall.

#### Schedule

6:00 p.m. | Grady Spencer & the Work

8:00 p.m. | Professor D

9:30 p.m. | Fireworks show



# SPLASH

into this season  
at Hurst Aquatics

Dive into summer fun at Hurst Aquatics! Prepare for a season packed with excitement, featuring Learn-to-Swim classes, thrilling events like Dive-In movies, one even showcasing *The Little Mermaid*, the beloved Doggie Dive-In to wrap up the summer, and much more!

Don't forget to secure your season passes for this summer! With your season pass you get admission into both Chisholm and Central Aquatics Centers and free admission to our special events\*. You can purchase your season passes at the Hurst Recreation Center! You don't want to miss out on the fun, get your season pass today!

\* Doggie Dive-In not included.

Visit [hursttx.gov/aquaticsinfo](http://hursttx.gov/aquaticsinfo)  
to explore this year's magazine,  
or scan the QR code for instant access!



# Healthy Hurst



## Kid's Triathlon

### When

Saturday, September 21

### Where

Chisholm Park | 2200 Norwood Dr.

A fun twist on the traditional triathlon gives kids ages 5 - 12 the opportunity to complete a short run and bike course and cool off on a fun water slide afterward.

Registration opens on August 5.



# July is Park and Recreation Month

For nearly 40 years, we have celebrated Park and Recreation Month in July to promote building strong, vibrant and resilient communities through the power of parks and recreation. This month is dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the more than 160,000 full-time park and recreation professionals — along with hundreds of thousands of part-time and seasonal workers and volunteers — who maintain our country’s local, state and community parks.

This year’s theme — “Where You Belong” — celebrates the many ways park and recreation professionals across the country foster a sense of belonging in their community by providing welcoming and inclusive programs, essential services for all ages and abilities, and safe, accessible spaces to build meaningful connections.

Visit [hursttx.gov/julyprm](http://hursttx.gov/julyprm) for more information and to access our event calendar



## Park and Recreation Month fosters community pride and a sense of belonging



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



## Hurst Tennis & Pickleball Center

### Hours of Operation:

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

Friday: 8:30 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-Wednesday & Friday: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday: 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.

## Contact Information

700 Heritage Circle

Hurst, Texas 76053

817-788-7710

For the latest news and updates, please visit [hursttx.gov/hsac](http://hursttx.gov/hsac) and on Facebook @HurstSeniorActivitiesCenter.



# 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 817.788.7325. 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.													
<b>Hurst Dog Park</b>												●	●
900 TCC Rd.													

### 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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