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to Ennis



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Welcome to the City of Ennis!

We are delighted you have chosen Ennis as your home. We believe Ennis is the best place to live, work and play! On behalf of the city commission, staff, citizens and local businesses, we look forward to getting to know you. We enjoy one another and bring the bluebonnet spirit of Texas to those who are lucky enough to live or visit here.

I believe one of the greatest things about Ennis is our people. It is truly the thing I love the most as we share our values and vision. Everything Ennis has become and all that it will be is attributable to talent, dedication and hard work by many. I couldn't be more proud.

I encourage you to get downtown, out in our parks, and involved within our community. Our festivals are hard to beat, full of family fun and unique experiences. Ennis is awesome and we know you will feel the same.

Please don't hesitate to call if we can be of service.

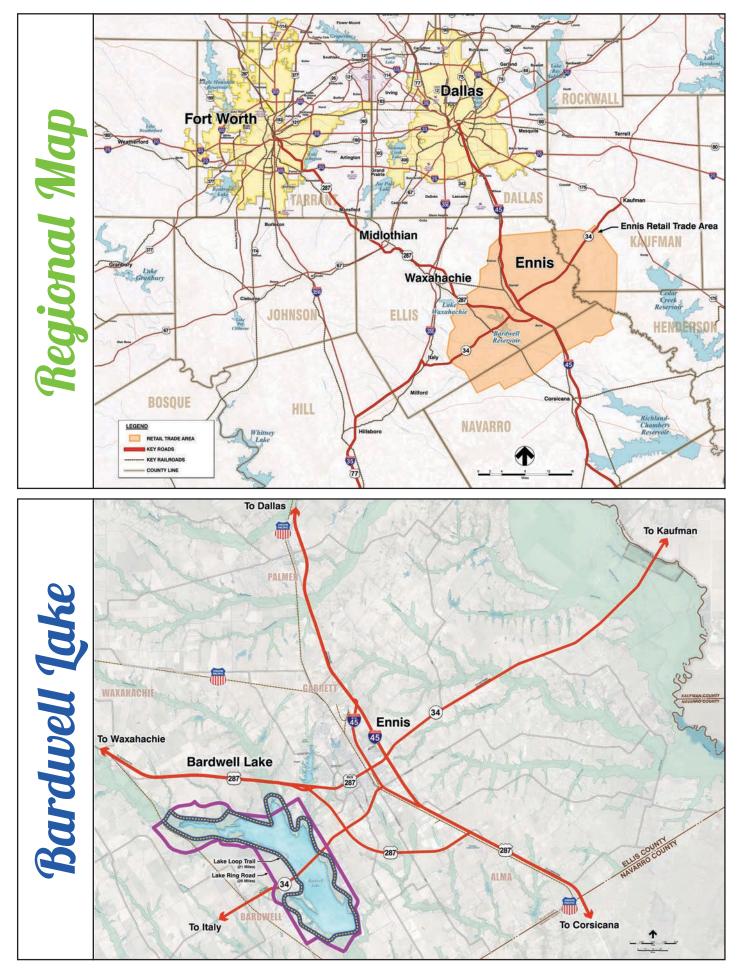


Angeline Juenemann Mayor of Ennis

The Ennis Welcome Center is located at 201 N.W. Main St., in our Historic Downtown. Come experience our one-stop-shop for everything Ennis, including our beautiful Bluebonnet Event Room for your next business meeting or event. While you're there, be sure and check out the incredible art installation, "Full Bloom," by artist Michele R. Gutlove.



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Come experience Ennis...



Pack your bag for a Texas must-see! Ennis, just 25 minutes south of downtown Dallas on IH-45, is a perfect place to bring the family for a weekend getaway or just for the day.

Ennis offers family fun year round! Feel the warm hospitality as you stroll down the brick streets of the historic district. Shopping in downtown Ennis is recommended Tuesday through Saturday. Experience the 40 mile drive of the breathtaking bluebonnets of the "Official Bluebonnet Trail of Texas" in April. Bus tours are welcome. Savor authentic Czech food, music, and fun at the National Polka Festival held in May, every Memorial Day weekend.

Ennis serves up quality hotels and breakfast inns and lodges. Ennis also has several choices of meeting space including four large auditoriums that are perfect for your next reunion, wedding reception or business meeting.

Recreational activities include fishing, skiing and camping at scenic Bardwell Lake. Several nice parks are available for family outings. Step back in time at the seven screen Galaxy Drive-in Theatre, or catch a little speed at the Texas Motorplex, a world renowned drag racing facility that

features year round events and the NHRA Fall Nationals. Big O Speedway in Ennis also offers year round stock car races and family events.

Other attractions include the Ennis Railroad and Cultural Heritage Museum, the Ennis Public Theatre, and Theatre Rocks, two live theatres which both offer year round plays and musicals. While in town, enjoy relaxing at the beautiful Minnie McDowal Park in downtown Ennis. The history buff will also find Ennis a fascinating place to visit as this charming city offers many historical attractions.

Other highlights are Cinco de Mayo in May, Blues on Main and Freedom Fest in June, the Autumn Daze Fall Festival in October, and the December Lights of Ennis Parade & Block Party.

Please stop by the Ennis Welcome Center at 201 N.W. Main St. to see what we have to offer and to get your free visitors guides and brochures. We take great pride in opening our heart, soul, and hospitality to our visitors. Come experience Ennis... the bluebonnet spirit of Texas.

...the bluebonnet spirit of Texas.



Purpose

The legislative and governing body of the City of Ennis consists of a Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and five (5) Commissioners. The City Commission is elected on a non-partisan basis with individual Commission members elected to three-year staggered terms. Five (5) of the Commission members are elected from their respective single member wards. The Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem are elected at large. The City of Ennis has operated under the Commission-Manager form of government since 1913. The City Commission is responsible, among other things, for passing ordinances, adopting a budget, appointing committees, and hiring the City Manager, City Secretary, City Judge and the City Attorney.

Meetings

Regular meetings of the City Commission are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, 107 N. Sherman St., Ennis, TX 75119.

Contact the City Commission at 972-875-1234, Ext. 2236

Angeline Juenemann was elected to the office of Mayor of the City of Ennis in May of 2016. She is the first female mayor in the City of Ennis' history.

Mayor Juenemann is a financial advisor with Edward Jones. Her office is located in historic Downtown Ennis.

She is very active in the community, serving on the Board of



Angeline Juenemann Mayor

Trustees for Ennis Regional Medical Center, Ennis Public Theatre Board, Ennis Economic Development Corporation Board, Ennis Heritage Society, and Ennis ISD District Wide Education Improvement Council. She is a member of the Ennis Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Merchants and Friends, Steering Committee of the Ennis YMCA, Boy Scouts of America Circle 10 Council Advisory Committee, Main Street Board and a graduate of Leadership Ennis. She has also served on the United Way Board of Ennis, Helping Hands of Ennis, and the Ennis ISD Junior High Advisory Board. She does volunteer work locally for several different organizations.

Angie and her husband, Dennis, have three children and seven grandchildren.

Jake Holland began a three year term as Mayor Pro Tem in May 2020. He has served the City of Ennis as a member of the Main Street Board and the Planning and Zoning Commission. Jake is a lifelong Ennis native and Ennis High School graduate. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in Civil Engineering, and currently works as a Project Manager for Beck.



Jake Holland Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Pro Tem Holland and his wife Jessica have two sons, Luke and John, and daughter, June. He is also known for doing an incredible job dancing the Czech Beseda!





Rowdy Pruitt is a lifelong citizen of The City of Ennis, living in Precinct 1 for over 20 years. He graduated from Ennis High School in 1985 and holds an Associate Degree from Northlake College in Electrical Construction. Rowdy has an established and solid career as a Master Electrician in the State of Texas.



Master Electrician in the
State of Texas.
Rowdy has been an
active member of St. John Catholic Church since 1988.
He and his wife Cynthia have been married for 28 years
and have a daughter, Shelby, who is currently attending
Stephen F. Austin in pursuit of a Nursing Degree.

Kameron Raburn was born in Ennis, Texas and is a 6th generation Ennis resident. He concurrently attended Waxahachie Global High and Navarro College. He graduated from Navarro, Magna Cum Laude, with an Associate of Science in General Studies, before graduating from high school. He went on to attend The University of Texas at Arlington, where



Kameron Raburn Ward 3 Commissioner

he graduated, Cum Laude, with a Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering. Kameron is a member of many organizations, including: American Society of Civil Engineers, Rotary Club of Ennis, Ennis Heritage Society, & Ennis Chamber of Commerce. He has a passion for public service with over 10 years of service as a volunteer firefighter and first responder.

Kameron is married to his high school sweetheart, Cassidy Harris. They have two daughters, Presley and Charley. **Bruce Jones** was elected to office November 3, 2020. He graduated from Ennis High School in 1975.

He worked for The Texas Department of Transportation for 19 years in both maintenance and engineering as an inspector. Later, he retired from The city of Midlothian after 16 years as a construction



Bruce Jones Ward 2 Commissioner

inspector and streets superintendent. Mr. Jones says that being in Midlothian when they experienced all of their growth prepared him for the growth that Ennis is about to see.

Bruce is a father of five and enjoys all kinds of sports as well as being a basketball referee and baseball umpire.

Shirley Watson

is currently serving her third term as Commissioner for Ward 4. She was elected for her first term in May 2017, re-elected to serve in May 2020, and again in May 2023. Commissioner Watson is a graduate of G.W. Carver High School, Madame CJ Walker College, and Integrity Seminary with a Bachelors in Christian



Shirley Watson Ward 4 Commissioner

Leadership and Community Organization. She has served on the Parks and Recreation Board and Ennis Housing Authority.

Mrs. Watson (widowed) is the mother of three boys, Phillip, Frederick and Patrick, as well as one daughter, Charlotte. She enjoys traveling, gardening, and serving her community wherever needed.

Bill Honza was first elected as City Commissioner for Ward 5 in May of 2016. He is a graduate of Ennis High School and a 1993 graduate of Texas A&M University in College Station. He currently serves as the Communications Director for Ennis ISD.



Commissioner Honza loves the outdoors and enjoys hunting, fishing, shooting sports, and traveling with his family. He and his wife, Cindy, have two sons.

Boards and Commissions

Are you looking for ways to give back to the community? If so, we have a spot for you! Serving on one of the City of Ennis Boards or Commissions is a great way to become involved in your community! The City Commission is seeking applicants to serve on the following boards.

- Planning & Zoning Commission
- Historic Landmark Commission
- Board of Adjustments
- Economic Development Corporation
- Parks Board
- Library Advisory Board
- Railroad Museum Board
- Arts Commission
- Keep Ennis Beautiful
- Main Street Board

Marty Nelson was selected and appointed as City Manager of Ennis in 2020.

Marty served 28 years in the U.S. Army, beginning as an Infantry Private and ending his service as a Civil Affairs, Colonel (O6), with numerous awards and decorations. He participated in several overseas deployments. The highlight of his



Marty Nelson City Manager

military career was commanding the largest civil affairs battalion ever deployed in combat (448th Civil Affairs Battalion). His call sign was "Viking 6".

He worked in the manufacturing industry for 22 years in a variety of leadership positions, including Regional Customer Service Manager, Plant Manager, Operations Manager, and Manufacturing Manager.

His third career began in 2013, when he was hired by the City of Ennis as the Director of Economic Development. Economic development at that time was limited to industrial development. During his tenure, the spectrum of economic development expanded to include downtown revitalization, retail development, and workforce development.

In 2020, Marty served as the Assistant City Manager through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now, as City Manager, his priorities are taking care of the city staff, improving our service levels, improving our critical infrastructure and improving our quality of life.

Marty and his wife, Jennifer, have three daughters and two grandchildren.

If you are interested in serving or would like to hear more information on the duties and meeting times of each board, please contact the City Secretary's office at 972-875-1234 ext. 2236 or send an email to awade@ennistx.gov.

City of Ennis - Senior Staff



David Anthony Capital Projects Manager



Stephen Barnes Finance Director



Ashley Colunga Mktg & Comm Director



Jessica Diaz Library Director



Bill Evans Fire Chief



Ed Green, P.E. Public Works Director Page 10 - Welcome to Ennis



Kevin Howard Health Director



Irene Kasujja Human Resources Director

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Paul Liska Parks Director



Becky McCarty Downtown & Tourism Dir.



Dustin Munn Chief of Police



Mark Richardson Planning & Development Dir.



Christen Rudd Ennis CARES Director



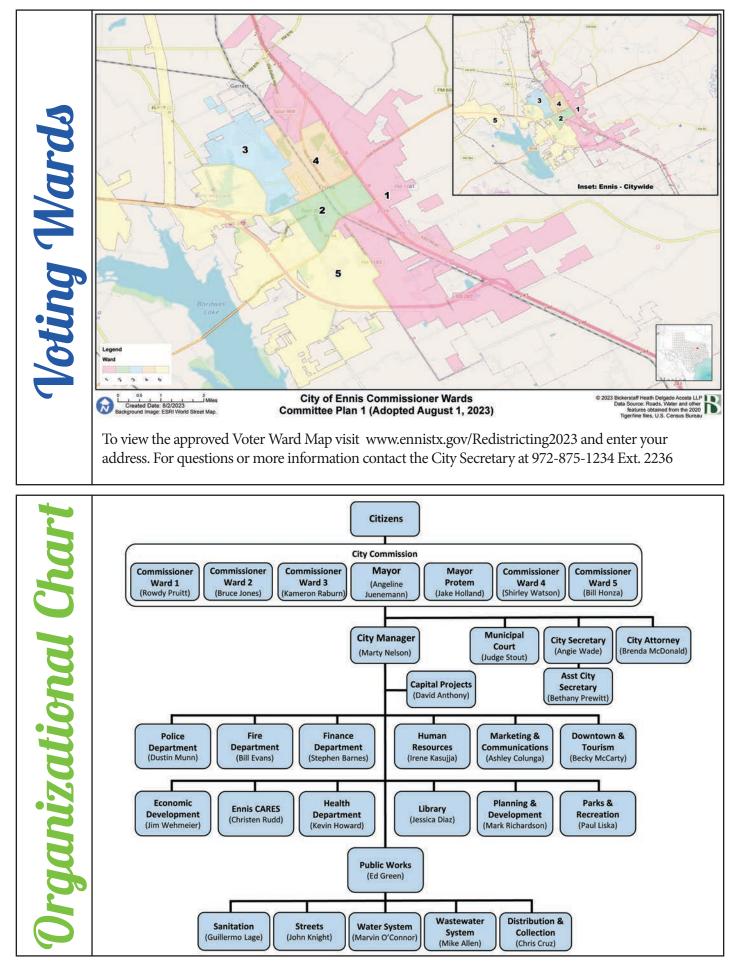
Angie Wade City Secretary



Jim Wehmeier Economic Development Dir.



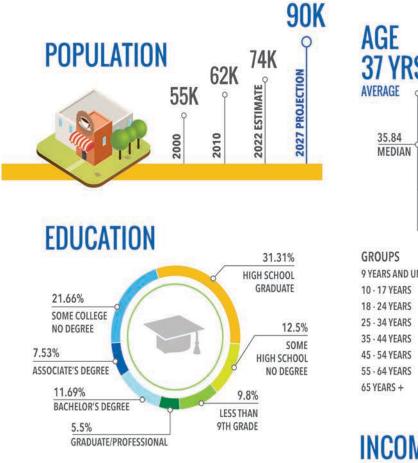
Chad Wester Fire Marshal Welcome to Ennis - Page 11

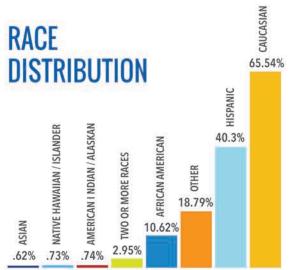


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Key Demographics

Retail Trade Area





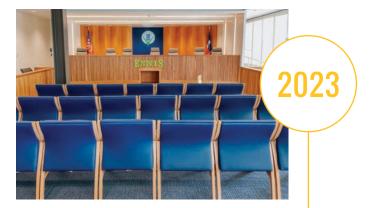


GROUPS	
9 YEARS AND UNDER	14.78%
10 - 17 YEARS	12.44%
18 - 24 YEARS	9.40%
25 - 34 YEARS	12.28%
35 - 44 YEARS	13.20%
45 - 54 YEARS	11.78%
55 - 64 YEARS	11.40%
65 YEARS +	14.72%

INCOME \$85.1K **AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD** \$64,934 MEDIAN \$29,282 PER CAPITA

CITY HALL OPEN 2021, FINAL BUILD OUT 2023 PROJECT VALUE \$3.3M Source(s) of funding: City

- Source(s) of funding: City
- 12,000 sq ft newly restored, historic building
- Houses city staff, and commission chambers
- Creates long term presence in historic downtown







GATEWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT COMPLETION 2024 PROJECT VALUE \$3M

Source(s) of funding: City and TxDOT grants

- Improves Kaufman St., one of our main city entry points, to make it more aesthetically pleasing
- Includes surface improvements, landscaped median, sidewalks for connectivity, and storm water drainage system

FIVE YEAR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT P



SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETED 2021 PROJECT VALUE \$1.1M Source(s) of funding: City

- Creates operational efficiencies and makes trash collection more cost efficient
- Includes curbside recycling in phase two rollout





LIBRARY REFRESH PROJECT COMPLETION 2024 PROJECT VALUE \$5M Source(s) of funding: City

- Complete exterior refresh more consistent with Romanesque style of historic downtown
- Digital signage on Ennis Ave to promote library and city events
- Refresh of interior to make space more efficient
- Addition of fenced outdoor play area



2024



Photo property of Texas Tech University. Shown for conceptual purposes only.



AQUATICS CENTER PROJECT COMPLETION 2025 PROJECT VALUE \$15M

Source(s) of funding: City/Private Partner operates

 State-of-the-art facility featuring indoor lap pool, leisure pool, slide and lazy river

PLAN • 2021 - 2026

INFRASTRUCTURE (STREETS, WATER, & SEWER) PROJECT COMPLETION Ongoing PROJECT VALUE \$45M

Source(s) of funding: City

- Investment in critical infrastructure improvements to support new growth
- Maintenance and updating of streets to maximize tax payer value
- Sonoma Trail road, water and sewer expansion
- Sewer line expansion on Sterilite Drive to serve industrial park growth



PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT COMPLETION Ongoing

PROJECT VALUE \$5M Source(s) of funding: City, TXDot, grants, private

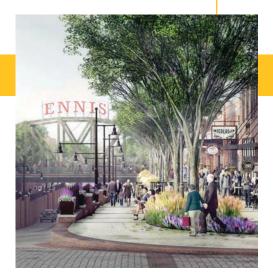
- Development of Parks Master Plan
- Complete redesign/build of Tim Gauna Park
- Two additional splash pads
- New playground equipment including an inclusion playground
- Trails providing connectivity between parks, neighborhoods and downtown



NORTH PLAZA PROJECT COMPLETION TBD PROJECT VALUE \$28M Source(s) of funding: City/Private Developer

- Apartments, retail and restaurant incubator space
- Activated public plaza and water feature

2027



PROJECT COMPLETION 2027 PROJECT VALUE \$50M Source(s) of funding: City NCTCOG \$9M Federal, \$34M State, \$4M City of Ennis, \$3M Union Pacific

- Aesthetically-pleasing trestle bridge on Ennis Avenue which allows trains to pass overhead, relieving road congestion and creating a landmark in Ennis
- Connects IH-45 to the Downtown Market and creates a gateway
- Construction begins 2024

purpose

Our Strategic Plan is a living document that establishes the City's mission, vision, six guiding principles, five strategic priorities and outlines the actions that will help us achieve them. The plan will be used to guide budget and policy decisions for the next five years.

mission

Provide quality services equitably across the bluebonnet city that create a family-friendly community with a shared sense of belonging sustained for generations to enjoy.

vision

Ennis sustains its smalltown atmosphere and identity while promoting growth and development, as well as providing opportunities for all to thrive in a safe, inclusive, and creative community.

city of Ennis Strategic

Guiding Principles

Transparent and Ethical: We communicate and carry out the city's responsibilities with integrity. We are committed to serving with the highest ethical standards and professionalism.

Financial Responsibility: We manage all resources entrusted to our care for the benefit of current and future generations.

Equity and Fairness: We achieve equitable outcomes by drawing upon community diversity in decision making.

Thoughtful and Innovative: Together with our community partners, we encourage creative and cutting-edge ideas, apply new thinking and methods to proactively address issues and solve problems at the source.

Approachable and Compassionate Service: We are an open and responsive city government, serving with dignity, respect, empathy, and kindness.

Valuing Our Employees: We continuously invest in the growth, professional development, and well-being of our employees while creating a diverse, friendly, supportive, and productive environment where employees thrive and are engaged.



Plan Summary 2023-2028

Improve the relationship between City staff and the public by providing open two-way communication that creates greater transparency and opportunities for the public to participate in governmental activities.

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Economy

Invest in resilient infrastructure and the provision of vital public services that enhance safety, community connectivity, and quality of life.

Strategic Priorities

Vibrant

Engage the community

through education and outreach, invest in innovative programming, collaborative community partnerships, provide the resources needed to help ensure public safety and wellbeing for people in Ennis.

Expand and grow the City strategically and thoughtfully so business and industry can thrive, residents have access to quality job opportunities, revenue is generated to sustain city government and Ennis retains its small-town character and identity. Elevate the life experience throughout our community by providing residents and visitors with opportunities to enjoy events, entertainment, recreation, nature and celebrate the City's diverse cultures, and historic resources.



For full Strategic Plan scan or visit ennistx.gov/strategicplan







VISION

Ennis' parks and recreation system fosters a vibrant, equitable community by respecting natural assets, honoring rich cultural diversity, instilling healthy habits, and promoting a love of exploration.

GOALS

QUALITY OF LIFE Bring parks and recreation related

quality of life opportunities to reality to contribute to people's sense of worth, fulfillment and happiness.

FAMILY FOCUSED &

EQUITABLE Provide equitable access to closeto-home parks and recreation facilities of quality for all families, individuals, and groups of people in a just and fair manner.

HEALTHY LIVING

Provide a variety of recreation facilities and programs to promote healthy living and to meet the changing recreational needs and preferences of the Ennis community.

NATURE & CULTURE

Protect and promote the natural environment, including Ennis as "The Bluebonnet Spirit of Texas" and the multi-cultural diversity of the community.



GOALS MET

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The citizen-driven plan established a clear direction to guide city staff, park advisory board and elected officials

TIM GAUNA PARK

Identified as one of the highest priority projects, Tim Gauna Discovery Park will be the first major project to kick off the Parks Master Plan.



Timothy L. Gauna, resident of Ennis, Texas, was killed in the line of duty when a terrorist bomb was detonated along the port side of the USS Cole (DDG 67) while it was refueling in Aden, Yemen, on Oct. 12, 2000.



PLANNED AMENITIES

SPLASH PAD PLAYGROUND PAVILION EVENT LAWN BASKETBALL COURT DOME MEMORIAL RESTROOMS

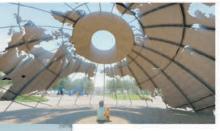
CONCEPTUAL RENDERINGS











The dome memorial is a physical form of the globe that you can walk into and see from another perspective. It represents the expression of discovery.



For full Parks Master Plan scan or visit ennistx.gov/departments/ParksandRecreation



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New Neighbor Information

Welcome to Ennis, the Official Bluebonnet City of Texas! Ennis opens its heart and soul to you, our new resident, to immerse yourself in the culture of our charming city. We invite you to shop, tour historical sites, attend special events and local festivals, use park and recreation services, conduct business, and most importantly, to get involved and to enjoy the quality of life that makes Ennis so special.

As a new resident, one of the first things we encourage you to do is to visit the Ennis Chamber of Commerce located at 207 N.W. Main Street. Ennis Chamber of Commerce phone number is 972-878-2625 and their website is www.ennis-chamber.com. You will also want to stop by the Ennis Welcome Center at 201 N.W. Main Street. The Ennis Welcome Center phone number is 972-878-4748 and their website is www.visitennis.org.

At both offices, you will be greeted by friendly staff that will assist you in getting information that will make your transition to Ennis a pleasant one. At these offices, you will find current Chamber directories, city maps, brochures on what to see and do in Ennis, school information, shopping, dining and travel guides, listings of churches and organizations, local newspapers, and much more! The staff will assist you in answering your questions about Ennis and direct you to the right sources to make your move to Ennis a pleasurable one.

Also, the best way to familiarize yourself with what is happening in Ennis is to do research on local websites and follow these organizations on their respective Facebook pages and Instagram accounts. By doing this, you can stay informed of all the exciting activities that are currently happening in Ennis.

We want to welcome you again, and we know you will be very pleased that you have settled in to a community that is the best kept secret in the southern corridor of the Dallas/Ft. Worth metroplex. Ennis offers a superior quality of life and provides fun family entertainment with an atmosphere of hometown hospitality.

Exciting and extraordinary, you can expect more from Ennis. We will put a smile in your heart and will provide a place that you will be proud to call home.

Key City Contact Information

- City of Ennis, 972-875-1234 107 N. Sherman St., Ennis, TX 75119 *www.ennistx.gov*
- Ennis Economic Development, 972-878-4748 108 W. Knox St., Ennis TX 75119 www.ennistx.com
- City of Ennis Health & Inspections, 972-875-6444 105 S. Preston St., Ennis, TX 75119
- City of Ennis Planning & Zoning, 972-875-6442 108 W. Knox St., Ennis TX 75119
- Ennis Police Department, 972-875-4462 1700 Lake Bardwell Dr., Ennis, TX 75119
- Ennis Fire Dept./Ambulance Service, 972-875-1234 ext. 2244 After 5 pm and weekends: 972-875-3473 1700 Lake Bardwell Dr., Ennis, TX 75119
- Ennis Fire Station #2, 972-875-6151 901 Martin Luther King Dr., Ennis, TX 75119
- Ennis Fire Station #3, 972-895-3313 1300 Country Club Rd., Ennis, TX 75119
- Ennis Welcome Center, 972-878-4748 201 N.W. Main St., Ennis, TX 75119 www.visitennis.org
- Ennis Chamber of Commerce, 972-878-2625 207 N.W. Main St., Ennis, TX 75119 www.ennis-chamber.com
- Ennis Public Library, 972-875-5360 501 W. Ennis Ave., Ennis, TX 75119
- Ennis CARES, 972-695-3524
- Keep Ennis Beautiful, 972-878-4748 www.KeepEnnisBeautiful.com
- Ennis Main Street Program, 972-878-4748
- Ennis News, 972-875-3801, 215 N. Dallas St., Ste. D., Ennis, TX 75119 www.ennisdailynews.com

New Neighbor Information

Communications | Social Media

• City of Ennis, Texas-Government www.facebook.com/CityofEnnis

• Downtown Ennis Tx

www.facebook.com/downtownennistx Instagram: @downtownennistx

• Visit Ennis, Texas www.facebook.com/visitennistexas Instagram & Twitter: @visitennistexas

• Downtown Ennis Bluebonnet Market www.facebook.com/downtownennisbluebonnetmarket Instagram: @ennisbluebonnetmarket

• Keep Ennis Beautiful www.facebook.com/KeepEnnisBeautiful Instagram: @ennisisbeautiful Twitter: @EnnisBeautiful

• Ennis Bluebonnet Spirit Shop www.facebook.com/bluebonnetspiritshop Instagram: @bluebonnetspiritshop

• Ennis Public Library www.facebook.com/EnnisPublicLibrary Instagram & Twitter: @ennislibrary

• Ennis Railroad & Cultural Heritage Museum www.facebook.com/EnnisRailroadMuseum

• City of Ennis Parks & Recreation www.facebook.com/EnnisParksandRec Instagram: @ennisparksrecreation

• Ennis Chamber of Commerce, Ennis, TX www.facebook.com/EnnisTxChamberofCommerce Instagram & Twitter: @ennistxchamber

Communications | Social Media

• Ennis CARES www.facebook.com/EnnisCARES

• Ennis Police Department www.facebook.com/EnnisPD Instagram: @ennispdtx

• Ennis, Texas Fire Department www.facebook.com/EnnisTxFireDept

• Ennis Economic Development Corporation www.facebook.com/EnnisEcDev

• Ennis Independent School District www.facebook.com/EnnisISD Instagram and Twitter: @ennisisd

• Ennis ISD Athletics www.facebook.com/EnnisLion.org

• Ennis Now Magazine www.facebook.com/EnnisNOW Instagram: @ennisnowmagazine

• The Ennis News www.facebook.com/EnnisDailyNews

City Services

City of Ennis Utility Billing Office, 972-875-1234 Water, Wastewater & Sanitation 107 N. Sherman St., Ennis, TX 75119 Pay Online: www.municipalonlinepayments.com

Water or Sewer Emergencies

For water or sewer related issues and to report water leaks, please contact the Service Center at 972-875-1234, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. After hours, weekends, and city holidays, please call 972-875-4465.

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New Neighbor Information

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If the water supply problem is between the water meter and your residence, or if you have a sewer problem within your property, you will need to call a plumber for repairs. Call the emergency number for water supply problems on the city side of the meter and for sewer problems originating beyond your property line.

The City of Ennis does not take payments over the phone nor does City Staff contact customers to request payments over the phone. If anyone calls you advising you to pay your water bill over the phone please contact the City Utility Billing Department at 972-875-1234.

Updating Driver's License

• Texas Department of Public Safety, Waxahachie, 972-923-6780 1720 E. Main St., Waxahachie, TX 75165 www.dps.texas.gov/section/driver-license

• Texas Department of Public Safety, Corsicana,

903-872-5631 3030 US 287, Corsicana, TX 75109 www.dps.texas.gov/section/driver-license

Vehicle Registration

• Ellis County Sub-Courthouse, 972-825-5390 Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 207 S. Sonoma Trail, Ennis, TX 75119

Voter Registration

• Ellis County Voter Registrar's Office,

972-825-5195 204 E. Jefferson St., Waxahachie, TX 75165 www.co.ellis.tx.us/740/Voter-Registration-Information

You may obtain an application from the County Voter Registrar's office, the Secretary of State's Office, libraries, post offices, or high schools. You can call to request an official, postage-paid application. You may download an informal application, but you will be required to affix a stamp before mailing.

You may also register to vote when you apply for or renew your driver's license in person at the DPS office.

Child Care

- Candy Cane Corner, 972-878-3200 1000 W. Lampasas St., Ennis, TX 75119
- The Blessing Center Child Care, 972-875-1118 1700 N. Kaufman St., Ennis, TX 75119
- Sunshine Kids Academy, 972-875-8753 or 8766 1700 Cedar Run, Ennis, TX 75119
- Kidz Lane Learning Center, 469-881-1811 906 S. Kaufman St., Ennis, TX 75119

Public Library

• Ennis Public Library, 972-875-5360 501 W. Ennis Ave., Ennis, TX 75119 *Library will be operating at 115 W. Brown St. in Historic Downtown Ennis April 2023 through April 2024

Other Key Contacts

- Ennis Independent School District, 972-872-7000 303 W. Knox St., Ennis, TX 75119 www.ennis.k12.tx.us
- The Ennis News, 972-875-3801 215 N. Dallas St., Ste. D, Ennis, TX 75119 www.ennisdailynews.com
- Ennis Regional Medical Center, 972-875-0900 2201 W. Lampasas St., Ennis, TX 75119 www.ennisregional.com
- Ennis Municipal Airport, 972-875-4279 3000 W. Ennis Ave., Ennis, TX 75119

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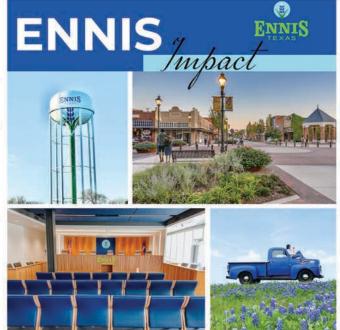
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Ennis Impact is a quarterly newsletter from the City of Ennis sent to residents and businesses. Brought to you by the Marketing & Communications department, the newsletter focuses on city updates and upcoming events. It is available in English and Spanish which can be selected during the opt in process. If you'd like to sign up to receive the quarterly newsletter visit ennistx.gov/enews or scan the code below.







Experience Ennis, is a monthly newsletter focused on fun activities and events for the entire family. The newsletter is full of clickable content and is guaranteed to make sure you never miss out on anything fun happening in your community ! visitennistexas.com



Ennis Independent School District



Ennis ISD is in Region 10 of the Texas Education Agency in the City of Ennis, Texas. The district, formed in 1881, covers an area of 253.8 sq. miles in the southeastern corner of Ellis County and extends into a small area of Navarro County. The District is dedicated to offering the best education at all 11 of its campuses focusing on student achievement for all students. EISD educators are highly qualified and work to ensure all students have the

best resources and instruction to succeed. The District has a long tradition of success and continues building excellence so that all students are college and career-ready when they graduate from EISD schools.

Regularly scheduled school board meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the EISD Administration Building, 303 W. Knox St., Ennis, TX 75119.

Ennis ISD Board of Trustees

The Ennis ISD Board of Trustees consists of seven elected citizens who work with community leaders, families, and educators to develop sound educational policies that support student achievement and ensure the solvency of the District. As a unit, they are a strong and cohesive team that helps the Ennis ISD continuously set and achieve new levels of excellence.



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Houston Elementary School Principal: Lori Redning 1701 S. Hall St. | (972) 872-7285



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Ennis Chamber of Commerce

207 N.W. Main St., Ennis, TX 75119 | PO Box 1177, Ennis, TX 75120 972-878-2625 | *www.ennis-chamber.com* | @EnnisTxChamberofCommerce





Welcome to Ennis! You have just discovered a wonderful family community rich in heritage and traditions, which you will experience through our local festivals, parades, dances, theater and everyday living.

The Ennis Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to the expansion of the individual goals of its members as well as the businesses they represent. The officers of the Ennis Chamber, along with the board of directors, offer a wealth of knowledge and insight. We utilize these ideas to conduct and host events which promote economic growth and an attractive quality of life.

At the Ennis Chamber, our priority is you. We are focused on helping businesses in Ennis grow and join in our efforts of serving the community. We are working together to improve the economic, civic and cultural well-being of our great community.

A high-quality, balanced and diverse community of happy families is the Ennis way. We are here to provide you with information about Ennis necessary to adjust to new surroundings and working together to help your business, family and our community grow.



For Your Banking Needs

• Bank of America ATM (drive-thru)

844-401-8500 301 W. Knox St., Ennis, TX 75119 www.bankofamerica.com

Centex Citizens Credit Union

972-872-6820 2251 W. Ennis Ave., Ennis, TX 75119 *www.myowncu.com*

Citizens National Bank

972-938-4300 500 E. Ennis Ave., Ennis TX 75119 www.cnboftexas.com

• Ennis State Bank - Trinity Capital Bank of Texas 972-330-8530 815 W. Ennis Ave., Ennis, TX 75119 www.ennisstatebank.com

• Ennis State Bank Motor-Bank 972-330-8530

101 N. Clay St., Ennis, TX 75119 www.ennisstatebank.com

• Harmony Bank (formerly First State Bank) 972-878-4040 909 S. Clay St,, Ennis, TX 75119 www.harmony.bank

• PNC Bank

972-875-4711 1712 W. Ennis Ave., Ennis, TX 75119 www.pnc.com

Prosperity Bank

972-875-8461 207 S. Clay St., Ennis, TX 75119 www.prosperitybankusa.com

Civic Organizations

• Ennis Garden Club began and has sponsored the Ennis Bluebonnet Trails & Festival for 70+ years. The club meets at 10 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month, September through May, at the First Presbyterian Church of Ennis, 210 N. McKinney St., Ennis, TX 75119. Programs are open to the public. Business meetings are closed.

Email: *ennis.garden.club@gmail.com* Mail: P.O. 784, Ennis, TX 75120 *www.facebook.com/EnnisGardenClub*

• Ennis Heritage Society serves to protect and preserve historic resources that focus on Ennis and East Ellis County for the use, education, and enjoyment of present and future generations. Updates and information available on Facebook.

Email: *info@ennisheritagesociety.com* Mail: P.O. 189, Ennis, TX 75120 *www.facebook.com/ennisheritagesociety*

• Ennis Noon Lions Club was officially chartered on March 5, 1921. Lions Clubs are found in 206 countries with over 3 million members. In Texas, there are 850

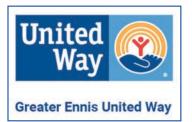
clubs with over 31,000 members. The club meets every Wednesday at noon, with a few exceptions when they are serving the community with the Eye Van and other projects. "WE SERVE," the motto of the club is to serve our community, businesses, and families. For more information on joining the club, please contact Jeannette Patak at *jeannettejp49@gmail.com*.

• Rotary Club of Ennis brings together dedicated individuals to exchange ideas, build relationships, and create lasting change within our community.

Email: ennisrotary@gmail.com www.ennisrotary.org www.facebook.com/Rotary-Club-of-Ennis

• Unity in the Community of Ennis is a non-profit organization that operates as a resource to bring medical, human needs awareness, and events to the City of Ennis.

> Email: uitcofennis@gmail.com unityinthecommunityofennis.org www.facebook.com/unity1musicfest



United Way Agencies

815 W. Ennis Ave. Ste. D, Ennis, TX 75119 | PO Box 639, Ennis, TX 75120 972-351-2060 | *www.ennisunitedway.org* | @greaterennisunitedway

Our Mission: To improve the quality of life of all people by responding to priority health and human service needs through gathering and distributing community resources in an efficient and accountable manner.

- ACROSS Transitional Housing (8 units) 972-872-9828 P. O. Box 8844, Ennis, Texas 75120 www.acrossennis.org
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- Candy Cane Corner Child Care 972-878-3200 1000 W. Lampasas, Ennis, Texas 75119 www.candycanecorner.org
- Children's Advocacy Center Forensic Counseling, Abused Children

972-937-1870 425 E. Ross St., Waxahachie, Texas 75165 *www.elliscountycac.org*

- Ennis Golden Circle Senior Citizen Activities 972-875-6101 1700 N. Floyd St., Ennis, Texas 75119 www.ennisgoldencircle.com
- Friends of the Library Ennis Public Library 972-875-5360 501 W. Ennis Ave., Ennis, Texas 75119 www.ennistx.gov/FriendsoftheLibrary

- Girl Scouts Scouting Activities 972-349-2400 www.gsnetx.org
- Give a Kid a Chance Back-To-School Assistance www.facebook.com/Ennis-Give-A-Kid-A-Chance
- Helping Hands of Ennis Food Pantry & Assistance 972-875-0218 604 N.E. Main St., Ennis, Texas 75119 www.helpinghandsofennis.org www.facebook.com/HelpingHandsofEnnis
- Hope Health Medical, Mental Health, Social Svcs. 972-923-2440 805 W. Lampasas, Ennis, Texas 75119 www.hopehealthtx.org
- Impact Ennis Drug Prevention Resources
- Meals on Wheels Elder/Disabled Meals 888-8MY-MEAL www.mownct.org
- Runnin' Free Ranch Mental Health Counceling 214-399-4270 1403 Old Bardwell Rd., Ennis, Texas 75119 www.runninfreeranch.org www.facebook.com/runninfreeranch

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For Your Healthcare Needs



Ennis Regional Medical Center is the first and only hospital located in Ennis, Texas. We're a full-service health care facility providing services that include advanced digital imaging; 24-hour emergency care; physical and occupational therapy; and same day surgery. Ennis Regional Medical Center is truly the best of both worlds. We are a full-service hospital that is small enough to allow us to provide our patients with the personal attention that they deserve and large enough to provide them with the services they need.

Ennis Regional Medical Center is staffed by a group of professionals dedicated to ensuring your stay is as comfortable as possible. It recently became a part of ScionHealth, a new company based in Louisville, Kentucky, that was formed in late 2021 following a transaction between LifePoint Health and Kindred Healthcare. ERMC was formerly a part of Brentwood, Tennessee-based LifePoint.

We are more than a hospital. We are a vital part of Ennis and the surrounding area. Whether it's health care, education, or community involvement, Ennis Regional Medical Center is committed to being your community partner. On behalf of our employees, physicians, and volunteers, thank you for choosing Ennis Regional Medical Center.

Be well. Live well. That's why we're here.

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Selection of a health care provider is a personal choice. Most or all of the health care providers performing services in Ennis Regional Medical Center are independent contractors who have privileges to practice at the hospital but they are not hospital employees, representatives or agents. This includes but is not limited to radiologists, pathologists, emergency physicians, anesthesiologists, hospitalists, surgeons and others. Independent contractors are responsible for their own actions and the hospital is not liable for the acts or omissions of any such independent contractors. If understanding the relationship between your health care provider and this hospital is important to you, you may ask your health care provider.

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Quality of Life: Churches

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Baptist

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Anthony Drive Baptist 801 Anthony Dr., Ennis | 972-875-3632

Baylor Baptist 210 N. Preston, Ennis | 972-875-2521

Bethlehem Missionary 608 E. Loggins, Ennis | 972-875-4557

Calvary Baptist 805 W. Baldridge, Ennis | 903-467-4747

Creechville Baptist 900 Creechville Rd., Ennis

First Baptist of Ennis 301 N. Dallas St., Ennis | 972-646-9108

First Baptist of Bardwell 204 Beaulah St., Bardwell

First Baptist of Palmer 200 S. Sherman St., Palmer | 972-845-2199

Friendship Baptist 1101 Hall St., Ennis | 469-881-1671

Fundamental Baptist 211 W. Jefferson St., Palmer | 972-499-3265

Garrett Baptist 403 Templeton St., Garrett | 972-875-1101

Tabernacle Baptist1200 Country Club Rd., Ennis | 972-875-3861

Catholic St. John Nepomucene Catholic 601 S. Paris St., Ennis | 972-875-2834

Christian

First Christian 101 Paris St., Palmer

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Church of Christ

Church of Christ 99 Church Circle, Bristol | 972-875-5904

Church of Christ 1503 Country Club Rd., Ennis | 972-875-7404

Episcopal

St. Thomas Episcopal 901 Park St., Ennis | 972-875-2423

Lutheran

Grace Lutheran Church 2402 W. Ennis Ave., Ennis | 972-875-7680

Methodist

Alliance of Faith UMC Family 1306 N. Kaufman St., Ennis | 972-875-8073

Bardwell United Methodist 104 Pecan, Bardwell

Bristol United Methodist 104 Church St., Bristol

First Methodist Church of Ennis 300 N. Sherman, Ennis | 972-875-7491

Missionary Baptist

Bristol Missionary Baptist Church 308 Union Hill Rd., Bristol | 972-935-8406

Fourth Ward MBC 1300 N. Shawnee St., Ennis | 972-875-2596

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church 900 S. Preston St., Ennis | 972-875-8306

Independent Missionary Baptist Church 1108 W, Milam St., Ennis | 972-875-6141

New Hope MBC 704 N. Ripley, Ennis | 972-875-7310

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St. Nektarios Orthodox 604 Water St., Waxahachie | 816-509-6411

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian of Ennis 210 N. McKinney St., Ennis | 972-875-3196

First Presbyterian of Ferris 201 Church St., Ferris | 972-544-3773

Pentecostal

Living Way UPC 2007 E. Ennis Ave., Ennis | 469-881-1175

Abundant Life Pentecostal 5404 I-45 South | 972-878-4673

Foundation of Life Church 2003 E. Ennis Ave, Ennis | 972-875-1200

Holy Temple Church 201 E. Lake St., Ennis | 972-878-2828

Non-Denominational

Refiner's Fire Ministries 1611 W. Ennis Ave., Ennis | 972-875-6006

Evangelistic Messengers Assn. 1107 S. Clay St., Ennis | 972-349-1135

Cowboy Church of Ennis 429 I-45 | 972-872-9118

Ennis Bible Church 110 S. Mulberry St., Ennis | 972-825-7185

The Road Church 116 W. Ennis Ave., Ennis | 214-534-6927

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Grace Tabernacle 1200 Dolfie Ln., Ennis | 214-536-0555

Quality of Life: Downtown Ennis

Ennis Main Street

The Ennis Main Street Program is downtown revitalization within the context of historic preservation. Our program focuses on bringing people downtown and creating an energy within our community through programming events and supporting the downtown master plan. Programming includes festivals, our seasonal market, and holiday events.

Bluebonnet Market

100 N. Dallas St., Ennis, TX 75119 | 972-878-4748 *April - October, Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon)* Homemade – Handpicked – Hometown Style.

The Bluebonnet Market, located on the tree-lined boulevard of revitalized Dallas Street in downtown Ennis, is open Saturdays, April through October, offering a variety of fresh produce, hand-crafted items, and unique products from area farmers, craftsmen, artists, and specialty vendors.

Created in 2014, the Farmers Market was renamed Bluebonnet Market in 2020, and continues to welcome hundreds of locals and visitors to the downtown every Saturday morning with food, events, entertainment, and special activities for children during the summer months.

The Bluebonnet Market builds a sense of community and promotes the continuing growth and economic development of the City of Ennis and its Historic Downtown. The Bluebonnet Market is also perfect for small, startup businesses wishing to test the market prior to opening a brick-and-mortar location.





Bluebonnet Spirit Shop

204 W. Knox St., Ennis, TX 75119 | 972-268-0702 www.bluebonnetspiritshop.com Wednesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Bluebonnet Spirit Shop is a one-stop shop for anyone who loves Ennis and bluebonnets! We offer a wide variety of t-shirts, home goods, and specialty items for you to show off your Bluebonnet Spirit year round. Ennis Main Street, who operates the Bluebonnet Spirit Shop, is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization committed to providing exciting social, cultural, and educational experiences in historic downtown Ennis. Proceeds from all sales will go back into downtown to expand upon and increase programming.

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Quality of Life: Downtown Ennis

Ennis Y'all App

We are very proud to offer the convenience of the Ennis Y'all mobile app for iPhone and Android. App features include the bluebonnet trail map with GPS location and a full directory of restaurants, shops, hotels, attractions and events. Search *Ennis Y'all* in the app store and download today to discover our charm!



Downtown Download

If you're interested in more information about Historic Downtown Ennis, email *lortiz@ennistx.gov* to receive a monthly newsletter regarding all things downtown!



Major Events & Festivals



February Ennis Czech Music Festival



<mark>April</mark> Ennis Bluebonnet Trails & Festival



May Cinco de Mayo Cultural Celebration



May National Polka Festival



June Blues on Main



June Ennis Freedom Fest



October Ennis Autumn Daze



December Lights of Ennis Parade & Block Party

Ennis CARES Program

The Ennis CARES Program was born as a response to community needs identified during the COVID-19 pandemic in March of



2020. Ennis C.A.R.E.S. serves our (**C**)ommunity by providing (**A**)ssistance and (**R**)esources, through (**E**)ngagement and (**S**)ervices while focusing on long term solutions for people and families in need.

Ennis CARES serves as the resource hub for the City of Ennis, all while working alongside other agencies, organizations and churches, by providing charitable, benevolent, civic, educational, social and societal services to the community of Ennis to improve the lives of our fellow citizens. The Ennis CARES Program identifies a need in the community and looks for ways to address those needs.

To date, the Ennis CARES Program has assisted with initiatives such as the Hurricane Laura

Evacuation Center, Extreme Cold Weather Emergency Shelter, Emergency Water Distribution, COVID-19 Working Group, Ellis County

Vaccination Hub, Ennis Vaccination Hub, Ellis County Mobile Vaccination Team (In-Home), Mobile Food Pantry Events, Community Thanksgiving Meal and Angel Tree Programs. The non-emergency Bluebonnet Call Center serves the Ennis and Ennis ISD area and is a great resource to citizens needing help with running errands for the homebound, picking up a prescription, financial assistance with a bill, welfare checks, prayer or just someone to talk to.

For assistance or information on how <u>YOU</u> can help those in need, call the Bluebonnet Call Center at 972-695-3524 or email BBCC@ennistx.gov. Donations can be made to the Ennis CARES 501(c) (3) by going to www.ennistx.gov/enniscares.



Keep Ennis Beautiful (KEB) is a City of Ennis affiliation with Keep Texas Beautiful. The mission of KEB is to cultivate community pride through volunteerism and education focused on creating a healthy, beautiful, and sustainable environment.

Our goals are:

1. To inspire, initiate, plan, direct, and coordinate programs for litter control and prevention

2. To encourage the planting and preservation of trees, flowers, plants and shrubbery

3. To initiate programs that promote a cleaner, safer, healthier, and more beautiful community

4. To stimulate interest and action toward conservation of resources. In a nutshell ~ we dig in the dirt, we pick up trash, we try not to waste, and we encourage others to do the same. We believe that our words and actions should create an environment that we can be proud of. Since its creation in 2018, KEB volunteers have put their love for our community in action by spending countless hours picking up litter, planting trees, and encouraging others to respect the planet and all of the organisms that we share it with. We ARE the change!

Join us in making Ennis the most beautiful city in the great state of Texas.

For more information: www.KeepEnnisBeautiful.com 972-878-4748



Parks and Recreation



Parks & Recreation Department

500 Lake Bardwell Dr., Ennis, TX 75119 972-875-1234 Ext: 2248 www.ennistx.gov/departments/ParksandRecreation



Lions Park

1200 Lampasas St., Ennis, TX 75119

At 18.5 acres, Lions Park trail amenities make it a daily tradition for leisure walkers, joggers, and those who just want to relax around the large pond. The main attraction is the ½ mile paved walking path featuring the Ennis Library's Story Walk, 20 reading stations containing the children's book of the month. Benches and overlooks along the path allow patrons to take in the beauty of this serene property. Large trees are abundant throughout the area and include turn of the century lighting for a nostalgic atmosphere. Lions Park houses a covered pavilion, playground, restroom facilities, a used book exchange, and all the relaxation one can take! Fishing is allowed along the banks of the pond.



Our parks offer a multitude of recreational and sports activities for youths and adults, from baseball, soccer, and basketball to open trails, cool splash pad, fun family gatherings, and more!

Rotary Park

2300 Park St., Ennis, TX 75119

At 35.5 acres, it is the largest community park in Ennis and houses a cool refreshing splash pad for those hot Texas summers, two beautiful party pavilions, brand new playground designed for all ages, beach volleyball courts, and the only National Fitness Center Fitness Court in Ellis County. Enjoy a game of pickleball or tennis at our outdoor courts or play some baseball on our practice diamonds. Feel free to picnic at one of our shaded gazebos in the area. The park surrounds historic Old City Lake as the one-mile paved Ivan Goodwin Walking Trail connects to the adjoining Kiwanis Park.



Rogers & Maise Park

900 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Ennis, TX 75119

A 3.8 acre park houses an adult softball field with backstop, dugouts, and enclosed outfield fence with foul poles. The complex also contains 3 lighted basketball half-courts, playground, and fixed restroom facilities.

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Parks and Recreation

Timothy Gauna Park & Community Center

301 W. Crockett St., Ennis, TX 75119

A 2 acre neighborhood park that sits a stones throw from beautiful downtown Ennis and Main Street activities! It contains a playground, basketball court, and mini-soccer goals. The biggest feature of this park is the historic community center. It once served as the "place to be" for rockin' sock hops and youth dances in the 50's, 60's & 70's. Today the center is a prime rental location for birthday parties, baby showers, and various types of meetings and classes. Although closed and no longer in use, a hidden gem is the old pool house at the corner of Crockett & Sherman.

*Per the City of Ennis Parks Master Plan, this park will begin major renovations in 2023. Follow the City of Ennis Government page and City of Ennis Parks & Recreation page for updates.

Bluebonnet Park

201 S US-287, Ennis, TX 75119

This 47-acre park and athletic complex is the competitive home for the Ennis Baseball & Softball Association. It includes 8 lighted diamonds, 10 acres of open green space, playgrounds, covered pavilion, picnic gazebos, concession stands, restroom facilities, and a large fishing pond with an adjacent 3/4 mile walking trail. Primarily designed for youth softball & baseball, Bluebonnet serves as a perennial neutral site for local and regional tournaments.

Veterans Memorial Park

2301 Ennis Parkway, Ennis, TX 75119

This 19-acre park is the competitive home for the Ennis Soccer Association. The athletic complex includes 3 soccer fields that can easily be converted to multiple youth fields, a paved 1/4 mile walking path through a designated bluebonnet prairie, concession and restroom facilities, picnic tables, and a playground. Be sure to visit our a stunning tribute to local war veterans, a memorial unlike any other in the metroplex. Veterans Memorial Park is also home to our summer Freedom Fest, the best small-town patriotic experience in Texas!





Kiwanis Park at Old City Lake

610 Park St., Ennis, TX 75119

Kiwanis Park is a 4.3 acre neighborhood park located along the southern edge of Old City Lake. A small but relaxing area, the park has a new playground and serves as a trail connector to the Ivan Goodwin Walking Trail. You can fish or launch your kayak from the jetty nearby as well. Because of the large duck population lounging throughout the grounds, it is unofficially referred to as "the duck park" by local citizens.

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Parks and Recreation

Lake Clark Park

2100 W. Baldridge St., Ennis, TX 75119

Lake Clark park is a shoreline park surrounded by Ennis' popular Lake Clark, a beautiful 156 acre public body of water. The park contains a playground and picnic gazebos for families to enjoy their day. Love to fish? You will find a land jetty and pier to cast off of, or use our boat launch to motor out further on the lake. Anglers will find a variety of fish including catfish, large mouth bass, bream/bluegill, red ear sunfish, white bass, carp, and crappie. Please ensure you have the proper fishing license, boating certifications, and safety gear on board.



1.0.0.F. Park at Fairview

4100 4th St., Ennis, TX 75119

I.O.O.F. Park at Fairview is a 5.25 park with 2 baseball fields, newly installed playground, and 1/2 mile walking trail. The jewel of the park is its regulation baseball field played on by a local amateur team, complete with dugouts and stands. The park is managed in conjunction with the International Order of Odd Fellows, an organization dedicated to serving the community and the local neighborhood. A brand new pavilion equipped with lights, electrical outlets, and picnic tables is available for family and community events.

Minnie McDowal Park

119 Dallas St., Ennis, TX 75119

This park is the gateway to our historical downtown district. The beautiful gazebo serves as the place to meet up when shopping or out for a bite with family and friends. Throughout the year, the gazebo is used for art displays, community functions, and live music events with plenty of space to do some boot scootin' boogying! It can be rented out for private events by calling (972) 878-4748.

Kachina Prairie Park

1816 W. Baldridge St., Ennis, TX 75119

Kachina Prairie is a 35 acre nature trail located on the north east side of Lake Clark Park. It is a rare, undisturbed part of the Blackland Prairie eco-region and a southern extension of the North American tall grass prairie. At one point in history, it covered over 170 million acres in North America. It is now being actively conserved by a coalition of the Ennis Garden Club, Indian Trail Master Naturalists, City of Ennis, and the Texas Land Conservancy. This is a perfect place to walk a piece of Americana. At various times throughout the year, the Indian Trail Master Naturalists will hold special events for children and families. Say hello to the bison when you're on the trail!

Disc Golf Course

3000 W. Ennis Ave., Ennis, TX 75119

The 18-hole course was designed by the Ennis Disc Golf Association and curated by the Ennis Parks and Recreation staff. Positioned in a wooded area with very few open fairways, the course remains one of the most challenging in the area. All baskets have been updated with new U.S. Disc Golf rated equipment, and all tee boxes have been renovated with concrete pads and signage containing maps and distances. Entry to the course is located on the south side of Lake Clark and can be accessed from Airport Road as you travel westbound from Ennis Ave (U.S. Business 287). The course is free an open to play, however, please be courteous and respect all disc golf etiquette practices.

Lake Bardwell

With over 3,500 surface acres, Lake Bardwell is of one of the largest attractions in Ellis county with annual attendance exceeding 150,000. The sparkling body of water offers skiing, fishing, swimming, boating and more to be done at your leisure. Highview Marina rents paddle boats and offers fishing space in a covered pavilion. Camp, picnic, or host a special gathering on the 1,800 acres surrounding the lake. There are 5 parks strategically located on the grounds of Lake Bardwell that are maintained by the US Army Corps of Engineers. They include 17 picnic areas, six boat ramps, and more than 125 electric sites. User fees and annual passes can be obtained by calling 972.875.5711. For reservations at the parks, visit *recreation.gov*.



Texas Motorplex

Drawing annual crowds in excess of over 500,000 fans, the Texas Motorplex is one of the finest racetracks in the nation. Races and other events are held almost every weekend from February to November. Rev up your stay in Ennis by visiting such large events as the NHRA Double Divisional in May and the NHRA Texas Fall Nationals Stampede of Speed in October. The Texas Motorplex is home of an incredible record speed of 333.95 mph! Call 972-878-2641 or visit *www.texasmotorplex.com* for additional information regarding the many exciting auto racing events at the Texas Motorplex.





Ennis is home to a pair of local theater organizations. Both present six productions a year and offer other entertainment on their respective stages. Ennis residents and those in the area are provided some great shows at Ennis Public Theatre and Theatre Rocks! Plus, they can even audition for a chance to be part of a production.

Ennis Public Theatre

113 N. Dallas St., Ennis, TX 75119 972-878-7529 *www.ennispublictheatre.com*

Theatre Rocks!

505 N.W. Main St., Ennis, TX 75119 972-878-5126 *www.theatrerocks.com*

Czech Halls



KJT #35 www.kjt35.com

1216 S. Paris St., Ennis, TX 75119 Members: Approximately 1,250 Community Outreach & Activities: KJT youth program, scholarships for KJT members who are graduating seniors.



History: KJT stands for Katolicka Jednota Texaska. KJT Society began so that Czech immigrants could bond with each other after coming to the United States. The Ennis chapter was founded in 1900. KJT began accepting women members in 1980. Although it started out as an exclusively Catholic organization, in 2008, KJT opened membership to all Christians.



Sokol www.sokolennis.com 2622 E. Hwy 34, Ennis, TX 75119 Members: Approximately 300

Community Outreach & Activities: Sokol provides gymnastics and fitness classes for all and a twirling program. Facilities can be used



for community functions, weddings, and other parties. Memberships for their newly renovated outdoor pool are available.

History: Sokol, which means falcon in Czech, was founded in 1862 in Prague, and brought to the United States by Czech immigrants to preserve their heritage. The Ennis unit was formed in 1908.



SPJSTLodge #25

1901 E. Ennis Ave., Ennis, TX 75119 Members: Approximately 700 Community Outreach & Activities: Youth Program, Scholarships for SPJST Members who are graduating seniors. Bar open every



Wednesday night from 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. Kitchen/dining room, bar, and hall available for bookings for birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, holiday parties, and special occasions.

History: SPJST stands for Slovanska Podporujici Jednota Statu Texaska which translates to Slavonic Benefit Order of the State of Texas. SPJST Lodge #25 was established in 1897. **Facebook:** SPJST Lodge #25



CITY OF ENNIS BRAND STORY

We are pure Texas. And we're not just saying that like every other Texas town. As the "Official Texas Bluebonnet City," we know what it truly means to epitomize everything Texas.

It's true. You can find bluebonnets throughout our great state. But in Ennis, bluebonnets are more than visual beauty. They give us a certain spirit that's a part of our everyday life. It's why families from all over our state—in fact, from all over the world—make their Texas Bluebonnet memories here. It means family Sunday suppers to Friday night football. Bluebonnet spirit is friendliness, love of neighbors, hospitality and a get-it-done mindset. So, you see, while bluebonnet beauty surrounds you, here it's also a part of you.

Our city began with trains and cotton. Humble, but important in the story of Texas. Today, we see our "South of Dallas" location as a "What's next" advantage. We have the heart of a small town with the energy of a city 10 times our size. Ennis stays with you and is always your home, no matter where else you live. When our town was hurt by a tornado, some might've seen it as a setback. We saw it as an opportunity—to build a better Ennis for ourselves and our visitors. With our Downtown Master Plan to guide us, we'll grow how we want. Not just have growth for the sake of it. Our plan invites community involvement, builds excitement and will give us a better downtown Ennis, which is the heart of our community.

We're in Texas, so you know we love a good time. We bring out the color, fun and culture of our state with our Bluebonnet Festival. This welcoming spirit continues year round from our Christmas parade of lights, to our Blues on Main and to celebrating our Czech heritage with our National Polka Festival. That festival, that began as a casual get-together 53 years ago. Now, it's known beyond our state line and even our country's borders. Believe us, you've never heard and experienced polka like this before.

We want you to get to know us. Once you do, we feel pretty sure you'll like us. We're close by, just south of Dallas. You'll feel the spirit of Texas rise from our bluebonnets. Then, you'll discover why Ennis is the home of "The bluebonnet spirit of Texas."

