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## City Manager's Guidance



### Overview:

- We are a **“Welcoming Community”**.
- We want **Residents** and **Visitors** to have a **“Great Experience”**.
- **Public Safety** and **Emergency Medical Services** are **“Paramount”**.
- Early **Planning** and **Coordination** is **“Crucial”** to having a safe and meaningful eclipse experience.
- Reliable and frequent **Communication** is **“Vital”**.

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## Eclipse Town Hall Agenda



Welcome	Marty Nelson
Overview & Planning Considerations	Daniel Ortiz
Communications & Viewing Areas	Ashley Colunga
Emergency Operations Center	Chad Wester
Police (Ennis PD & EISD PD)	Chief Munn, Chief Richardson
Fire & Emergency Medical Services	Chief Evans
Ennis Regional Medical Center	Cynthia Dry
Ennis CARES	Christen Rudd
Library	Jessica Diaz
Airport	Jim Wehmeier
Bardwell Lake	Dylan Mayfield
Parks	Paul Liska

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Eclipse Working Group		
<b>Task Organization:</b>		
• <b>Airport Plan</b>	Jim Wehmeier	Pre & Post Event Operations
• <b>Ambulance Service Plan</b>	Bill Evans	Resources, Where Stationed
• <b>Bardwell Lake Plan</b>	Dylan Mayfield	Pre & Post Event Operations
• <b>Bluebonnet Trails Plan</b>	Becky McCarty	Welcome Center Operations
• <b>Communications Plan</b>	Ashley Colunga	Pre & Post Event Activities
• <b>Emergency Operations Plan</b>	Chad Wester	Who, What, When and Where
• <b>Ennis CARES Plan</b>	Christen Rudd	Pre & Post Event Operations
• <b>Ennis ISD Plan</b>	Chief Richardson	Pre & Post Event Operations
• <b>Ennis Regional Hospital Plan</b>	Cynthia Dry	Pre & Post Event Operations
• <b>Fire Dept Plan</b>	Bill Evans	Who, What, When and Where


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Eclipse Working Group		
<b>Task Organization:</b>		
• <b>Finance Plan</b>	Stephen Barnes	Pre & Post Event Operations
• <b>Health Dept Plan</b>	Kevin Howard	Pre & Post Event Operations
• <b>Human Resources Plan</b>	Irene Kasujja	Pre & Post Event Operations
• <b>Library Plan</b>	Jessica Diaz	Pre & Post Event Operations
• <b>Parks Plan</b>	Paul Liska	Parks Open / Closed
• <b>Police Dept Plan</b>	Dustin Munn	Who, What, When and Where
• <b>Public Works Plan</b>	Ed Green	Water and Wastewater
• <b>Sanitation Plan</b>	Guillermo Lage	Pre & Post Event Operations
• <b>Streets Plan</b>	Earnest Willis	Streets Closings
• <b>Viewing Areas Plan</b>	Becky McCarty	Known Viewing Areas
• <b>Watch Party Plan</b>	Becky McCarty	Day by Day Plan


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## Solar Eclipse




**Overview:**

- The sun is 400 times larger than the moon and is 400 times farther away.
- That's why the sun and moon appear the same size in the sky.
- Two types of Eclipse
  - Annular (Partial)
  - Total (375 Years)


Annular Eclipse



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## Solar Eclipse




**Overview:**

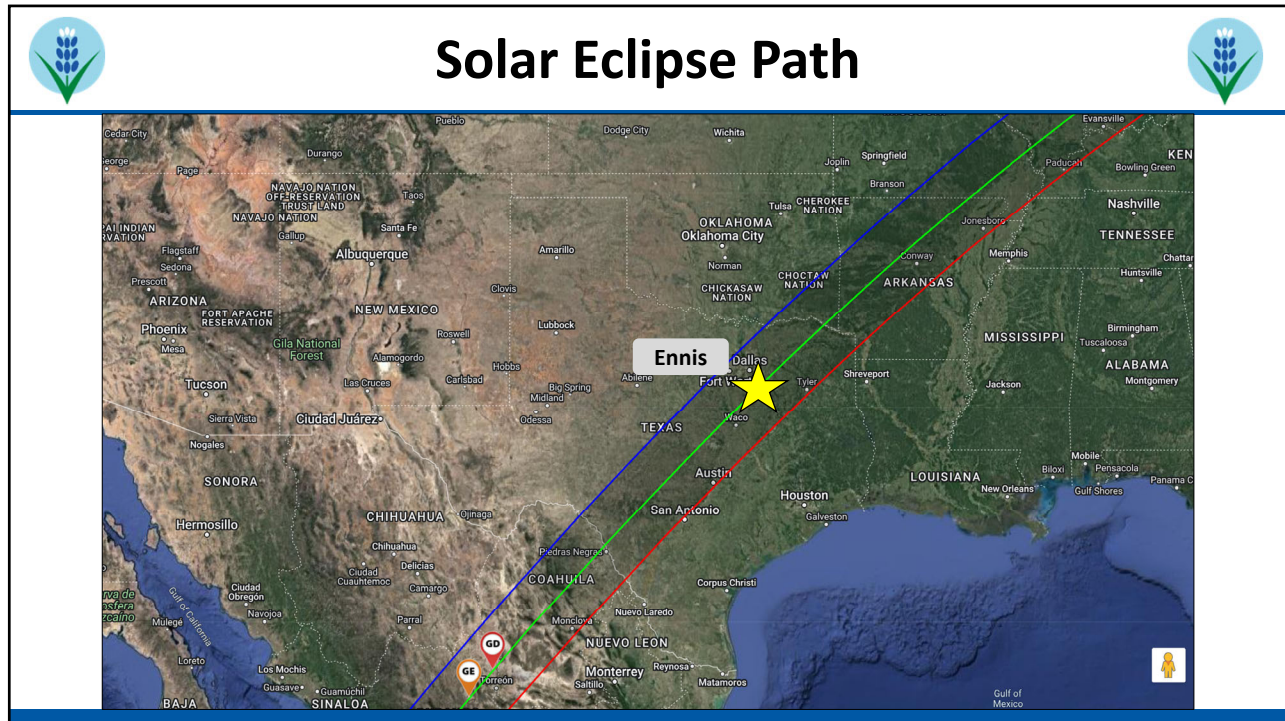
- Ennis is directly in the path of a total solar eclipse.
- Monday, April 8th, 2024
  - Eclipse begins at 12:22pm
  - Totality from 1:40p to 1:44p
    - 4 minutes 23 seconds
  - Eclipse ends at 3:02pm

Visitor Estimate 50K to 250K

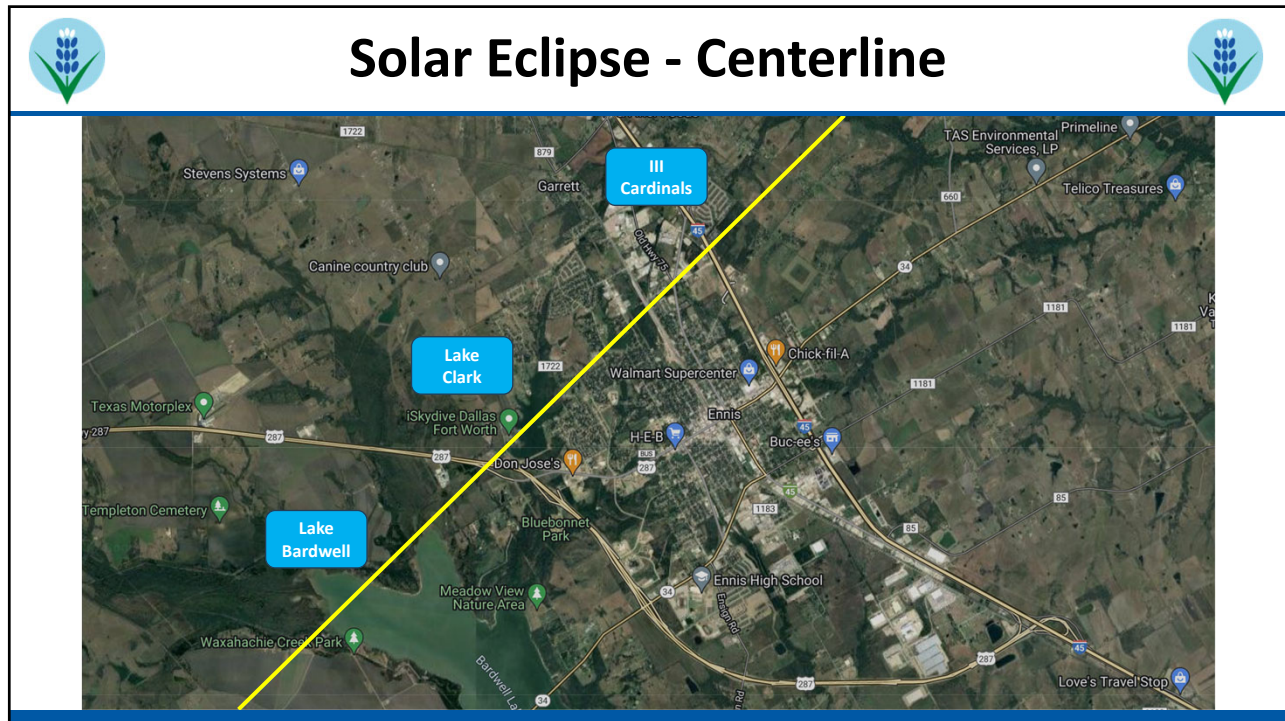
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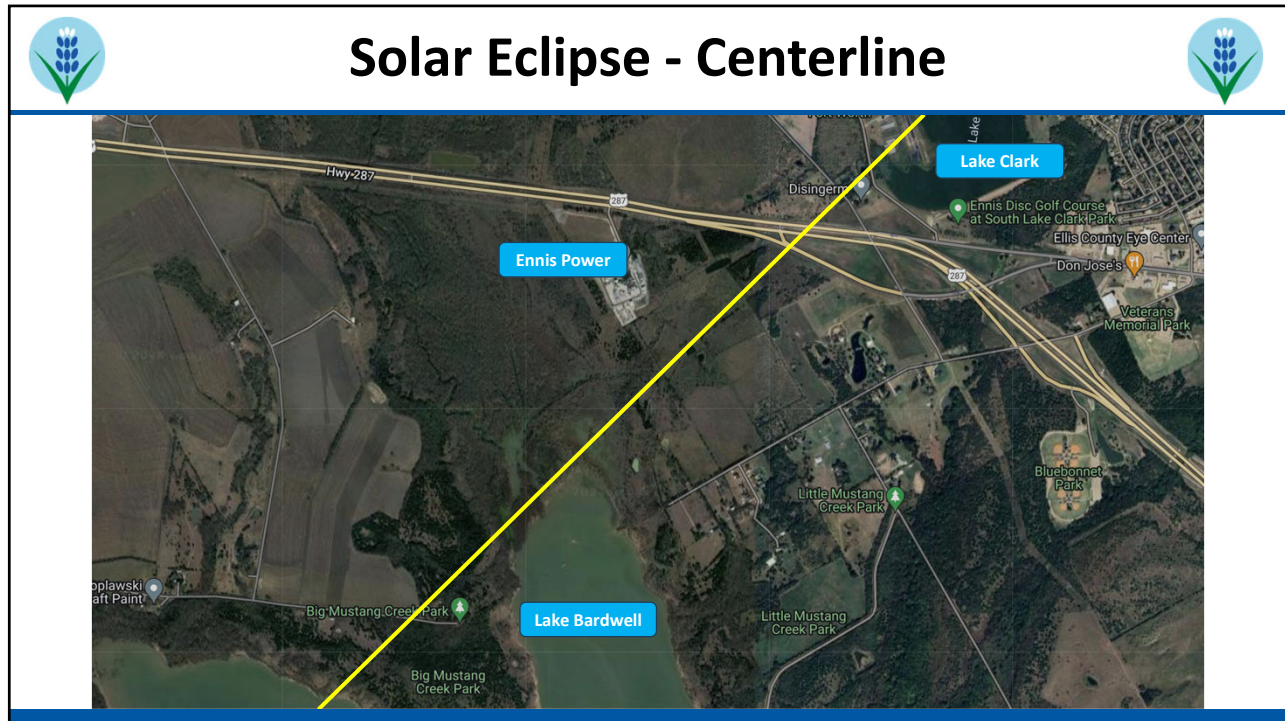
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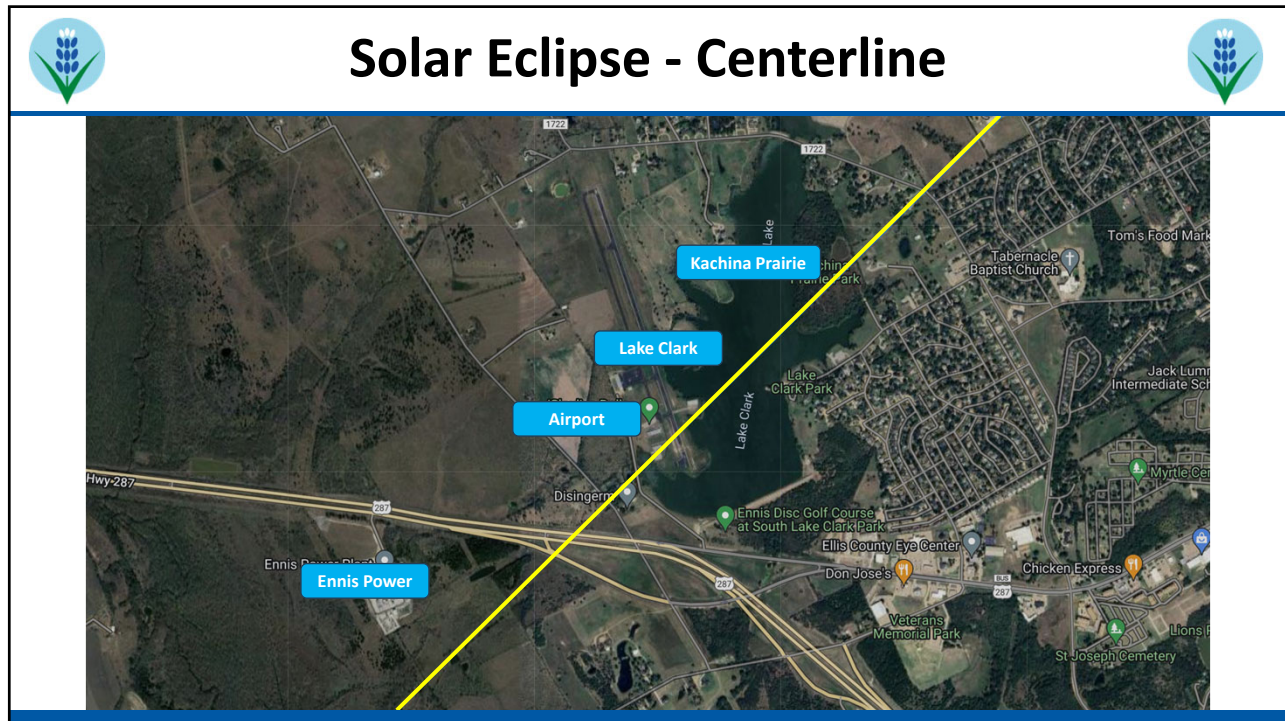
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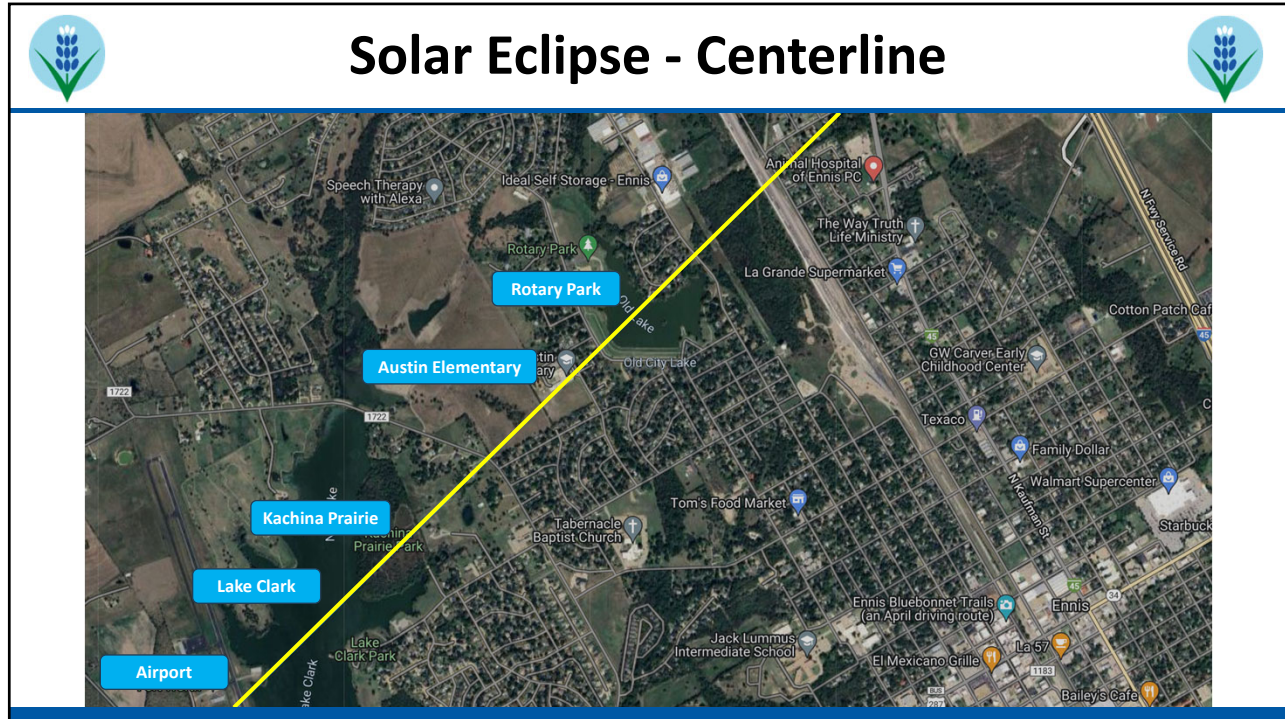
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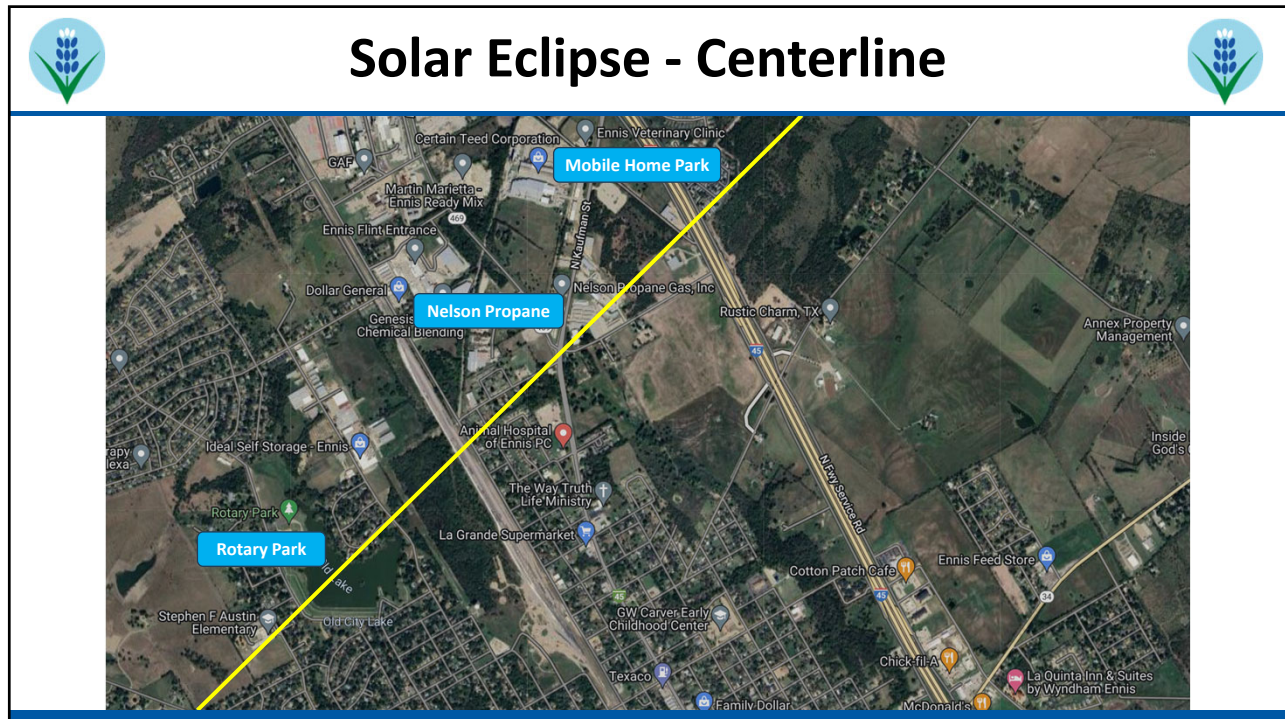
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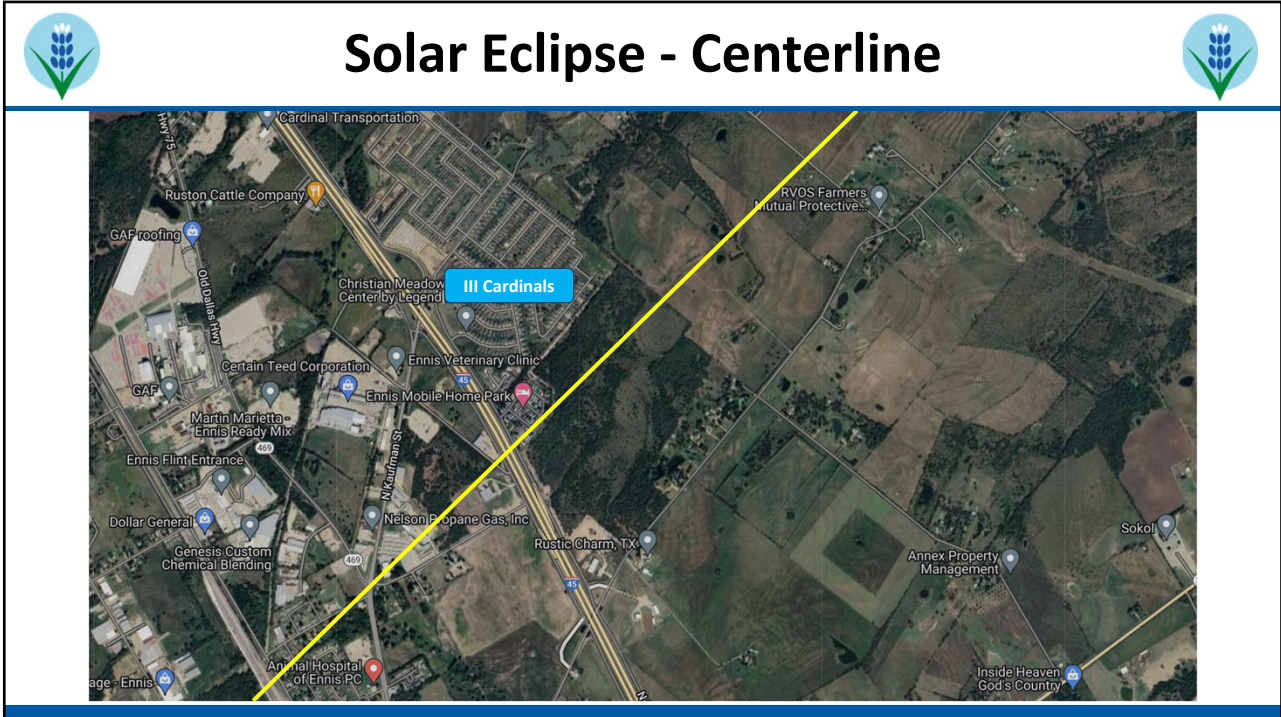


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## Planning Considerations



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**Mitigation Measures to Consider:**

- Increased staffing for PD, FD, Dispatch, EOC, EMS and Hospital
- Situational Awareness before, during and after the event
- Message Boards for communications
- Temporary Traffic Lights for known choke points
- Designated Viewing Areas
- Trash/Rubbish, dumpsters and trash containers at high density viewing areas
- Redundant emergency communications
- Public Messaging, Townhall Mtgs, Social Media

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## Planning Considerations



### Challenges:

- Large crowds
- Booked hotels, short term rentals, RV parks
- Traffic Congestion / Choke Points / Key Intersections
- Vehicle Accidents / Stalled Motorists
- Medical Emergencies
- Access for EMS vehicles
- Fuel Shortages
- Communication Problems (LTE and 5G Networks)
- Overwhelmed Dispatch / EOC
- School Closure
- Wildfires

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## Planning Considerations



### Transportation Considerations:

- Avoid last minute and unnecessary travel on roadways
- Be prepared for heavy traffic and delays
- Pre-position resources if possible
- Travelers will stop on all roadways to view the Eclipse
- Lakes will be popular and probably crowded for viewing
- Airports will be popular with fly-ins for the Eclipse
- Pilots may try to camp with their planes
- Taxiways may become overflow parking

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## Planning Considerations



### Law Enforcement Considerations:

- Human Trafficking
  - Traffickers follow the people, money and large crowds
- Alcohol
  - Alcohol consumption is significantly higher during this kind of event
- Illegal Drug Use
  - Drug use is significantly higher during this kind of event
- Active Shooter / Domestic Terrorism
- Civil Unrest

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## Planning Considerations



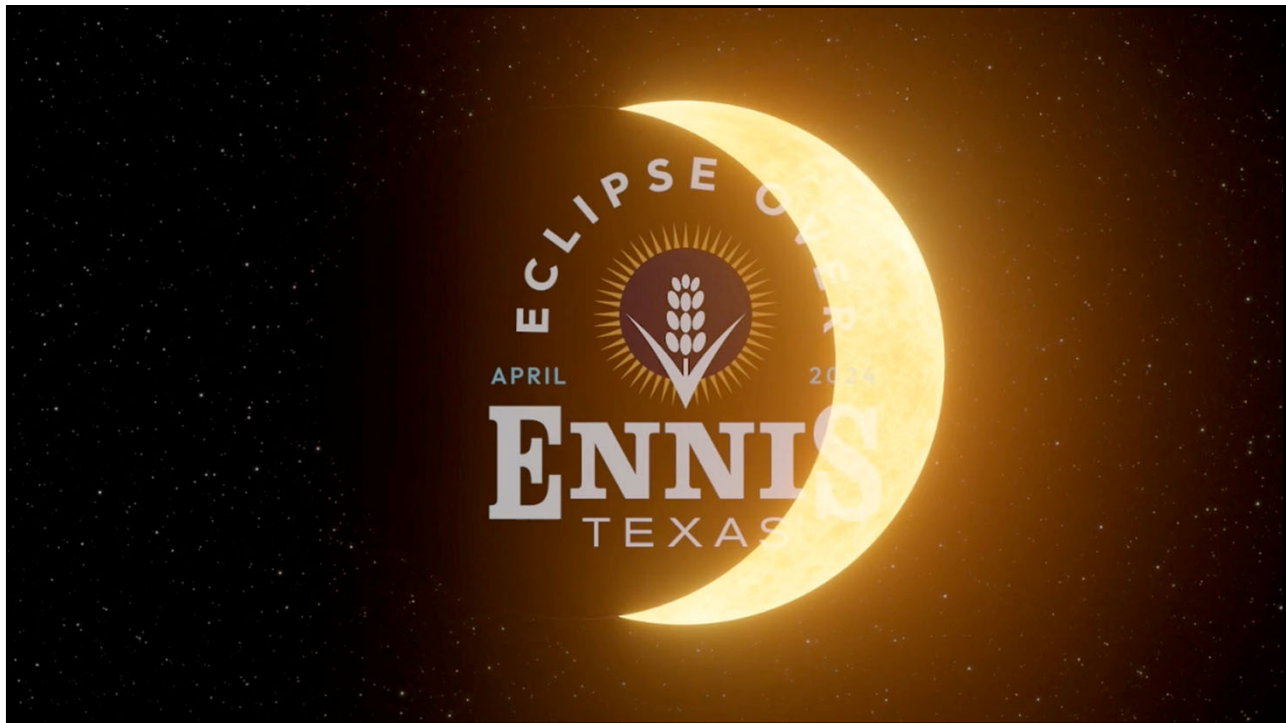
### Private Property:

- Allowed to sell day parking on unimproved surfaces
- Overnight camping is prohibited (in city limits)
- Toilet access is a problem in high density locations
- Trash collection and removal


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# Communication



- Purpose: To provide residents and visitors with information needed to prepare for and enjoy the eclipse
  - Flyer sent with water bill to all residents (English/Spanish)
  - Email sent to residents who have opted in to Impact/Impacto Ennis
  - Email sent to business owners through Chamber of Commerce
  - Website
  - Social Media
  - Radio
  - Print

**TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE**  
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Monday, April 8th, 2024  
4 min and 23 seconds of totality  
www.eclipseoverennis.com  
@eclipseoverennis

**OVERVIEW**  
The City of Ennis will experience a once in a lifetime natural phenomenon on Monday, April 8, 2024, that will create an influx of visitors to the City of Ennis, directly impacting residents.

On April 8th, North America will experience a total solar eclipse called the "Great North American Eclipse". There is a narrow path of totality and Ennis is directly on the center line meaning we will experience one of the longest durations in the US. This makes Ennis specifically one of the BEST places to experience the eclipse. We are predicted to host 50,000-200,000 visitors. Hotels are completely booked, and we have heard incredible stories from people traveling from New Zealand, France and Beijing to Ennis, Texas.


We want to make sure our residents are prepared for this event and also make plans to enjoy this once in a lifetime natural phenomenon.

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

- Gridlock traffic before, during and after the eclipse. Partial begins at 12:22 p.m. and ends at 3:02 p.m. Totality takes place at 1:40 p.m.
- Sanitation routes will not run and City Hall will be closed.
- Downtown Ennis will host a Watch Party on April 8th from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Programming in downtown will be all weekend long.
- Ennis ISD will be closed. The City of Ennis will provide Ennis ISD with an educational packet for all students along with protective eye wear to experience the eclipse. Glasses will also be provided to the Boys and Girls Club.


**HOW TO PREPARE**

- Make plans to pick up any grocery orders, medicines and make gas runs prior to these days.
- Check doctor appointments and avoid these dates.
- Know where you will experience the eclipse and plan your timing.
  - Bring cash in the event of connection issues.
  - Follow city social media pages for updates on road closures and any event updates that could affect residents. @eclipseoverennis
  - @cityofennis @downtownennisx and @visitennistexas
  - Sign up for emergency notifications at ennistx.gov/enrtheknow




**AT A GLANCE**


- Monday April 8th-influx of traffic and visitors
- March 21st Town Hall Forum
- Downtown pre-party and watch party featuring Le Freak
- EclipseOverEnnis.com for FAQs and to purchase glasses



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# What to Expect

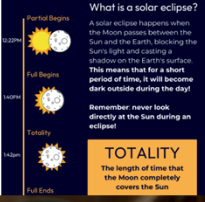


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**Remember: never look directly at the Sun during an eclipse!**

**TOTALITY**  
The length of time that the Moon completely covers the Sun





**Wear me!**  
Never remove your protective glasses during an eclipse.

**STAY IN TOUCH**  
@eclipseoverennis @downtownennisx @visitennistexas @cityofennis

**How rare is a total solar eclipse?**  
Total solar eclipses are actually quite rare! Ennis will only experience this phenomenon once every 360-430 years!

**Staring at the Sun**  
Can you see the sun? Not the sun! The sun is behind the moon. It's not very bright!





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# EISD Student Booklet

**APRIL 8, 2024**

A TOTALLY PHENOMENAL EXPERIENCE!

On April 8th, 2024, North America will experience a total solar eclipse called the "Great North American Eclipse" and ENNIS is in the direct path! A total solar eclipse recurs at any given place only once every 360-410 years—truly once in a lifetime!

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**FUN FACT**  
We are experiencing 4 minutes and 23 seconds of totality in Ennis, Texas!

**SAFETY TIP:**  
Never remove your protective glasses during an eclipse.

Color in the moon during the phases of the eclipse you see!

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**Journey to the sun:**  
Can you help the Moon find the Sun? Try to complete the maze to create totality!

**ECLIPSE OVER ENNIS**

**Wear me!**  
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eclipseoverennis.com, visitennistexas.com, ennis-tx.gov

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# How to Prepare

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- Check appointments and avoid April 8<sup>th</sup> if possible.
- If you plan on attending a watch party event, bring cash in the event of connection issues and consider carpooling.
- Follow city social media pages for updates that could affect residents. @eclipseoverennis @cityofennis @downtownennistx and @visitennistexas
- Sign up for emergency notifications at [ennistx.gov/intheknow](http://ennistx.gov/intheknow).

**Eclipse Over Ennis**  
February 28 at 4:55 PM

If you are an Ennis resident or business owner looking for more information about the upcoming total solar eclipse, we have you covered. Here are ways to learn more:  
Visit the FAQ list on our website: [eclipseoverennis.com](http://eclipseoverennis.com)... See more

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# Downtown Watch Party



- Pre-Party
  - Saturday, April 6, 2024 | 10am-7:30pm
    - 10:00am: Perot Museum TECH Truck and Astronomer
    - 6:00pm: Live Music by King George: A Tribute to George Strait
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## For More information



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- @EclipseOverEnnis



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## Stay in the Know



### Sign up Today:

- Impact Ennis
  - Quarterly email for residents (English and Spanish)
- Experience Ennis
  - Monthly email for visitors and residents



Scan or visit  
ennistx.gov/intheknow to opt in

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 **Viewing Areas Plan** 

**Overview:**


• Security Team	On Site
• First Aid Team	On Site
• Sanitation	Porta-Johns
• Trash	Dumpsters or receptacles on site



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## Viewing Areas




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**Viewing Areas:** Security, EMS, Sanitation, Porta-Johns

<p><b>• Locations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airport</li> <li>• Watch Party Downtown</li> <li>• Sugar Ridge</li> <li>• SPJST</li> <li>• SOKOL</li> <li>• Texas MotorPlex</li> <li>• Chamber of Commerce (KJT)</li> <li>• Galaxy Drive-In</li> <li>• KofC</li> </ul>	<p><b>• City Parks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veterans</li> <li>• Bluebonnet</li> <li>• Rotary</li> <li>• Lions</li> <li>• Rogers and Maisie</li> <li>• Lake Clark</li> </ul>	<p><b>• Public Parking Lots</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walmart</li> <li>• Buc-ee's</li> <li>• Avenue Church</li> <li>• Dirt Cheap</li> <li>• Refiners Fire</li> <li>• HEB</li> </ul>
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## Viewing Areas MAP



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**Locations**



- Galaxy Drive in
- Rotary Park
- Downtown
- Veterans Park
- BBT Park
- Airport
- Texas Motorplex
- KJT – Chamber of Commerce
- SPJST
- SOKOL
- Avenue Church
- Buc-ee's



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 <b>Emergency Operations Center Plan</b> 	
<p><b>Overview:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activated</li> <li>• Operations</li> <li>• Primary</li> <li>• Secondary</li> <li>• Primary</li> <li>• Dispatch</li> <li>• Ennis CARES</li> <li>• Ellis County Sheriff</li> <li>• Texas Dept of Emergency Mgmt</li> </ul>	<p><b>Chad Wester</b></p> <p>Saturday, 4/6</p> <p>24 hrs for 3 days</p> <p>Public Safety Facility</p> <p>Fire Station #3</p> <p>911</p> <p>972-875-4455</p> <p>972-695-3524</p>
	<p>1700 W Lake Bardwell Road 972-875-4455</p> 
	<p>1300 Country Club Road 972-895-3313</p> 

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## Emergency Operations Center Plan



### **Overview:** Chad Wester

- Operations to begin April 6th Saturday and continue April 8th Monday.
- Command Staff from each department needed to run incident and operations
- Provide resource support for the incident command operations
- Provide community wide warning
- Instruct and provide information to the general public
- Organize and implement large scale evacuation
- Coordinate traffic control for large scale evacuation
- Help establish, maintain and share situational awareness
- Simplify information analysis and verification
- Request assistance from State or other external sources

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## Emergency Operations Center Plan





### **Communications:** Chad Wester

- AT&T Cell Tower, 2.2 mile radius range.
- HAM Radio Network and Operators
- VHF Radios to Parks, Public Works, Others
- Radios to Bardwell Lake Rangers
- Emergency Communications, Radio and TV Stations (Ashley)
- Ennis CARES 972-695-3524

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	<b>Police Department Plan</b>	
<b>Overview:</b>	<b>Chief Munn</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum number of uniformed officers (26 with Command Staff) deployed on Monday, April 8th</li> <li>• Officers deployed to key locations (viewing areas) and by District</li> <li>• Two (2) to four (4) additional officers Friday, April 5th through Sunday, April 7th</li> <li>• One (1) additional Communications Officer Friday, April 5th through Sunday, April 7th</li> <li>• Two (2) additional communications officers on Monday, April 8th</li> <li>• EISD PD covering campuses, properties, parking lots and stadium</li> <li>• Dallas County Constable Precinct 5 Deputies (up to 7 w/units) covering intersections and business parking lots for traffic control on Monday, April 8th.</li> <li>• Reserving Interoperable Radio Channels</li> </ul>		

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## Police Department Plan




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**Overview:**                    **Chief Munn**

- Command Vehicle available and deployable based on predetermined need
- Plan for stock supplies of food and drink for police employees for duration of event cycle
- Separate Police Operations Plan to be attached as addendum (work in progress)
- ERMC needs security coverage

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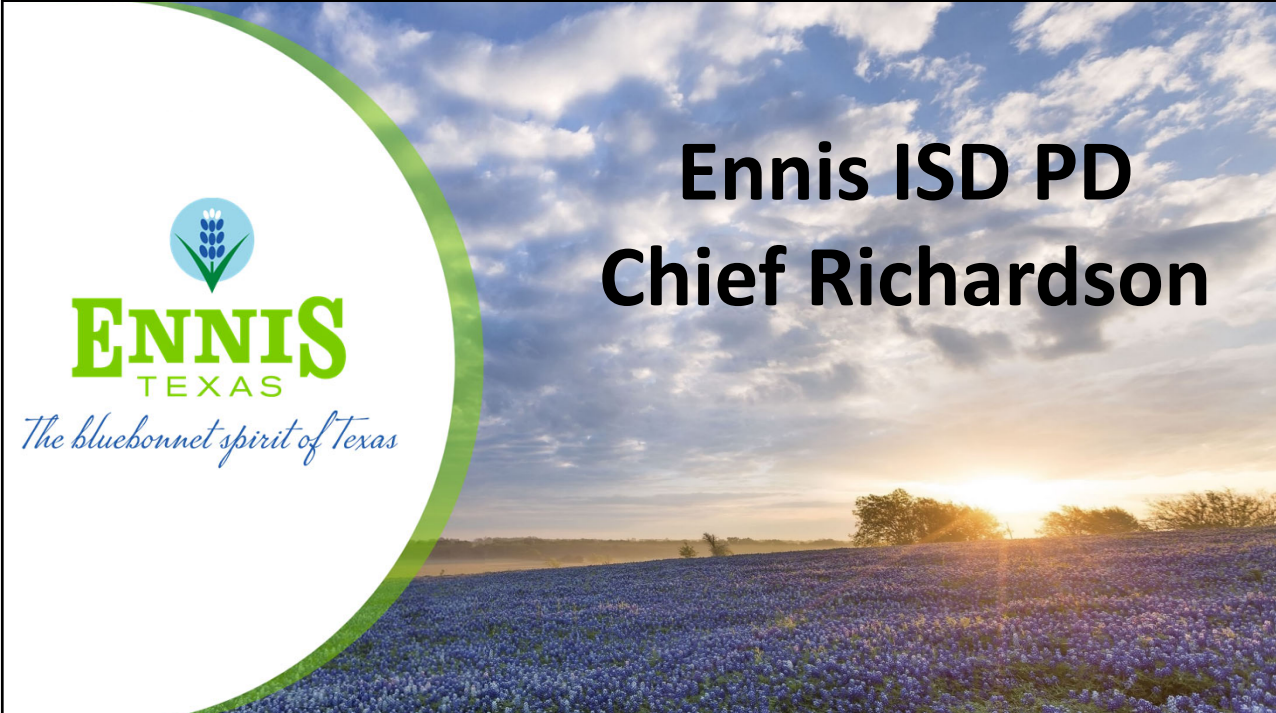
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# Ennis ISD PD


## Chief Richardson



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## Ennis ISD Plan



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**Overview:**                    **Chief Richardson**

- Schools Closed Monday
- Normal School Operations Tuesday
- 2 shifts Saturday
- 2 Shifts Sunday
- All sworn staff on duty on Monday, April 8th and as needed by Ennis PD through weekend.
- Covering campuses, properties, parking lots and stadium in coordination with Ennis PD.

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# Fire / EMS Chief Evans



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## Fire Department Plan




**Overview:** **Chief Evans**

- **Saturday, April 6th** – Full Staffing (13) plus **50% increase** – 20 shift personnel
  - Truck 191 (3) - Engine 192 (4) - Engine 193 (3) - Battalion Chief (2)
  - Brush 191 (2) - Brush 192 (2) - Brush 193 (2) - Utility (2)
- **Sunday, April 7th** – Full staffing (13) plus **50% increase** – 20 shift personnel
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  - Brush 191 (2) - Brush 192 (2) - Brush 193 (2) - Utility (2)

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## Fire / EMS Deployment




**Overview:** **Chief Evans**

- EMS 1st Response Vehicles Deployed at Strategic Locations
  - Brush 191 – Brush 192 – Brush 193 and Utility
- Additional Allegiance MICU's Deployed at Strategic Locations
  - 24 hour units deployed from fire stations
  - 12 hour units TBD

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## Ambulance Service Plan



**Overview:** Chief Evans

- **Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>:**
  - 5 x 24 hour MICU Ambulances (normally 2)
- **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>:**
  - 5 x 24 hour MICU (normally 2)
- **Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>:**
  - 5 x 24 hour MICU (normally 2)

Double Units & Staffing!!



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# Ennis Regional Hospital Cynthia Dry



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## Ennis Regional Hospital Plan



**Overview:**            **Cynthia Dry, CNO**

- Need security coverage (Ennis PD)
- Surging ER Staff
- Surging Surgery Staff (on-call)
- Surging Anesthesiologist Staff (on-call)

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# Ennis CARES Christen Rudd



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## Ennis CARES Plan



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**Overview:**                      **Christen Rudd**

- **Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> - Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>:**
  - Open center at old fire station from 8am – 4pm for unsheltered neighbors to have a "safe" place / connection point with EC staff due to the overwhelming number of people in town.
  - Distribute eclipse glasses to unsheltered and anyone that reaches out to EC leading up to the event.
- **Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>-**
  - Center can serve as a hospitality space for all city crews / employees the day of the event. Hydration station, breakfast, lunch, bathroom break, etc...
  - Ennis CARES will be available to assist other departments with any needs leading up to and after the eclipse.

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# Library


# Jessica Diaz



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## Library Plan



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**Overview:**                    **Jessica Diaz**

- Library to be open regular business hours on Saturday (10am-2pm) and Monday (10am-6pm)
- To cut down on patrons trying to physically reach the library, no items will be due on April 6th-8th, and no fines will accrue
- Library has 5055 eclipse glasses to give away for free beginning March 18th
- Library will give away approx. 300 mini buttons with eclipse logo the week before eclipse
- Friends of the Library group interested in hosting a concession stand outside the library's Crockett St. door
- Library & Public Parking Lot – will be for staff, merchants and nearby residents.
- Museum – continue regular business hours: Saturday (10-4), Sunday (1-4), and Monday (CLOSED)

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Airport


Jim Wehmeier



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## Airport Plan



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**Overview:**                    **Jim Wehmeier**

- Securing airport for pilot (fly-in) viewing only
- Addition of Toilettes at airport for transient pilots
- Pre-determine maximum number of transient aircraft that can be safely accommodated
- Restricting home-based aircraft to "Necessary" operations on that day
- Publish NOTAMS regarding expectation of heavy traffic and limited availability of apron
- Prepare to file a NOTAMS closing airstrip upon reaching capacity
- Notify home based aircraft of possibility of airfield closure on that day

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# Bardwell Lake


# Dylan Mayfield

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## Bardwell Lake Plan



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**Overview:** **Dylan Mayfield**

- Lake Viewing
 

• Little Mustang Creek	Closed
• Buffalo Creek	Day Use
• Waxahachie Creek	Day Use and Camping
• Highview / Mott	Day Use and Camping
• Love Park	Boat Ramp Only
• Meadowview	Closed??
  
- Day use areas will be closed for incoming visitors once the park reaches maximum capacity.

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# Parks

# Paul Liska

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## Parks Plan



**Overview: Paul Liska**

- City Parks will be open, parking will be managed with barricades to close off entry once full.
  - Rotary, Veterans, Bluebonnet, Lions, Rogers and Maise, Lake Clark
- Pedestrian traffic welcome in all areas.
- Soccer and baseball groups will be notified to cancel all activities that day. They may open concessions.
- Parks Staff will be divided in 2/3 people groups at larger Community Park sites.
  - Rotary Park, Bluebonnet Park, Veterans Park, Rogers & Maise Park.
- Signage / temporary barricades at
  - Lions, IOOF, Kiwanis, Lake Clark Park to prevent parking on grass. (may staff if other departments have available personnel.)
- Parks Staff will assume they will be "stuck" onsite the entire day, so will have all supplies needed to manage restrooms, trash, communications, first aid and traffic control.

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## Parks Plan



**Overview: Paul Liska**

- Extra barrels and needed barricades will be deployed and staged at sites on Friday, April 5th.
- Parks staff will close park entries on Sunday between 10:00pm and 12:00am once normal activities in the park have concluded.
- Staff will arrive on Monday, April 8th at 5:00am

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# Questions



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