

April 8, 2025

Mayor, Council, Citizens  
The City of Van Alstyne  
152 North Main Dr.  
Van Alstyne, TX 75495

Subject: March 2025 City Manager Update

TxDOT contractors are currently in the process of installing the traffic lights at Collin McKinney Parkway and FM 121. The new signalization, if not operational at this time, will be put into service in the days ahead, providing for a safer intersection. I wish to formally recognize TxDOT Engineer Aaron Bloom for his work in getting this project to completion.

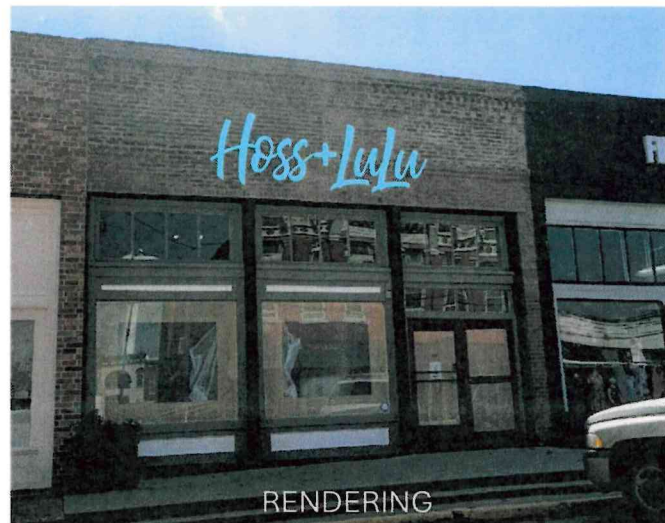
The formal ribbon cutting of **Eula Umphress / Robert Hynds Park** is scheduled for Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>



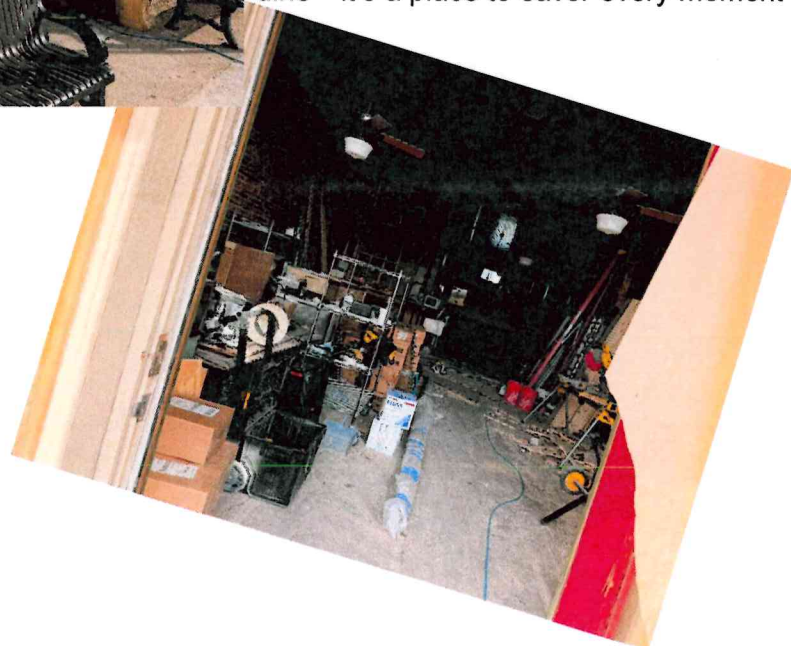
The new park, constructed on 24-acres, is located between Kelly Lane and Dallas Street just north of the Georgetown housing development and is a beautiful addition to our community. It features a fully stocked catch and release fishing pond, playground, restrooms, large pergola, ample green space and walking trails. We encourage all to attend the ribbon cutting scheduled for this Thursday at 3:00 PM

We have some exciting new additions coming to Historic Downtown Van Alstyne. Several new businesses have announced their intentions to open.

**Hoss & LuLu** opened for business on Saturday, March 22, 2025. They offer women's sportswear, custom patches and an exciting atmosphere. Located at 245 E. Marshall St, the new store is owned by Jill Swanner. The beautiful store reflects the touches of the owner's "Interior Design" background.

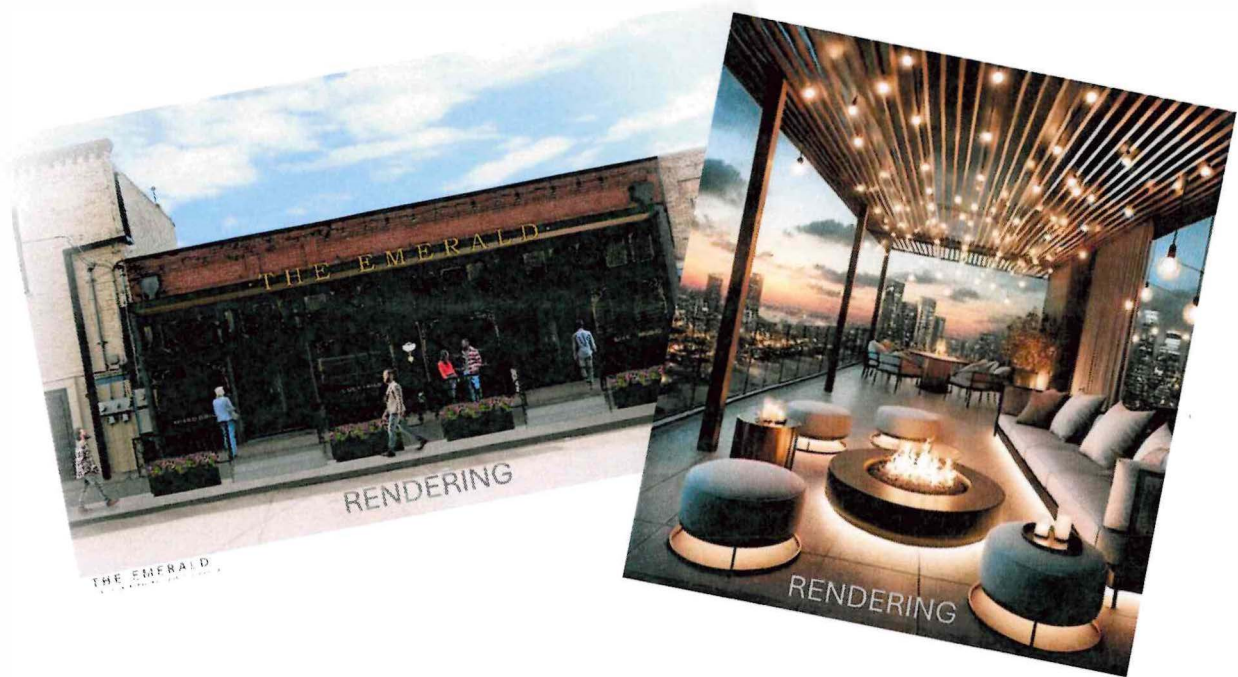


**Burnt by J.H.**, a restaurant owned by Executive Chef James Harrison and Kaya Villalpando, is busy converting a space located at 224 E. Jefferson into a modern classic restaurant with a bold southwestern twist, offering an elevated dining experience that blends timeless flavors with contemporary flair. Renovations are in full swing with an anticipated opening in late spring, early summer. "Burnt by J.H. is not just a place to dine—it's a place to savor every moment"





In the months ahead work should commence on the former museum space located at 267 E. Jefferson. **The Emerald**, a 2,500 sq ft space will offer a high-end lounge experience and the possibility of a rooftop deck. (Rooftop deck subject to structural engineering study before being given the green light). Owned by Tami and Ryan Hayes, The Emerald will bring an exciting destination to downtown Van Alstyne. Plans for interior improvements have yet to be seen and timing of work has yet to be shared with city staff.



Respectfully submitted,

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