



**Staff Monthly Reports  
February 2024**

**Director:**

- PCS Staff Report and Numbers Report.
- Lina Daugvilaite was hired as Aquatics Manager.
- Founders Park Sidewalk and Parking Lot Lights Project
  - Dig Dug was selected as the contractor.
  - Work to begin before April with a completion date before Memorial Day.
- Rathgeber Park
  - Vision Plan Update
    - Stakeholder meetings with the following groups:
      1. HCMN and Hays County Friends of Night Sky
      2. Cyclists
      3. Headwaters HOA and Developer
      4. Dripping Springs ISD
      5. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
    - RVI is working on identifying the main entrance into the park.
- Skatepark
  - SPA to give a quote on additional concrete connection to the parking lot.
- Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan
  - RFQ is currently being advertised.
  - Four agencies RSVP for the March 26<sup>th</sup> pre-submittal conference.
  - Final Submittals are due April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Sports & Recreation Park Signage
  - Southwest Monument was the low bidder.
  - The agreement for construction and installation is in progress.
- Sports & Recreation Park 210 Reuse Water
  - DSUSA is gathering quotes to install irrigation at the adult softball fields.
  - Variance from TCEQ was received.
  - Construction of the line to SRP scheduled to be completed in 6 months.

**Park Maintenance**

- Attended TRAPS State Conference in Galveston
- DSRP:
  - Built indoor arena for Fences Over Bee Caves event.
- Two new trucks were purchased. This will allow Park Maintenance staff to start cleaning park restrooms on a daily basis and keep trash to a minimum.
- Implemented Productive Parks as a work order system.

## **Aquatics and Athletics:**

### **Founders Pool:**

- Pool is closed for the season.
- Lina Daugvilaite is the new Aquatics Manager.
  - Lifeguard Certification
  - Aquatic Facility Operator Certification
  - In process of achieving Lifeguard Instructor Certification
- Staff have started hiring lifeguards for the summer.
- Purchasing new patio deck furniture

## **Community Events:**

- **January Events:**
  - January Star Party
    - Cancelled due to severe cold weather
    - Star Parties are moving to DSRP Programming
- **February Rentals:**
  - 2 Pavilion Rentals
  - 2 Baseball Field Rentals
- **Founders Day Update:**
  - Vendor Booths are Full!
    - reached max capacity by Feb. 6th
    - 144 booths booked through CivicRec
  - Parade Theme Selected: *Celestial Celebrations* – in honor of the Eclipse
- **Dark Sky Quality Monitoring:**
  - 2 sky quality monitors (battery powered continuous monitor)
  - To be installed at DSRP and Charro Ranch Park

## **DSRP:**

### **Highlights:**

- The Texas Special Olympics Opening Ceremony was held at Ranch Park in a last-minute booking due to weather. They really liked our facility and will likely utilize us for future events. Kathy Slack hosts 4 large horse shows a year with us and recommended our facility to them. Roy O'Dell came in right before to pack a section of the arena with his heavy-duty roller. We really appreciate him for doing this.
- We hosted multiple public engagement meetings for TXDot and TCEQ that were heavily attended.
- Our Adult Fitness Programs have been gaining momentum with multiple repeat customers.

- The beginning of February started with HCLE cleanup. It was the easiest it has ever been due to the asphalt.
- We built the second arena in the expansion for a horse show in a very tight time frame. The event was very pleased with the arena.
- Emily and Lily attended a training at the Wilco Facility in Taylor, TX. We are now certified by FEMA for All Hazards Preparedness for Animals in Disasters.

#### **DSRP Events in March:**

NADAC Dog Agility Trials, Elections, DSISD Wrestling Banquet, 2024 Polo Tournament, Texas Jr. Roller Derby, 2024 Wildflower Market, 4H Point Show, Eggstravaganza

#### **DSRP February Programs:**

Youth: Archery Club, Spring Break Camp - Coyote Kids and Skateboard, Tween Scene, Family Nerf Night, Family Camp Out

Adult: Mat Pilates, Community Yoga

#### **Farmers Market:**

##### **February FMC Meeting:**

FMC approved six of six vendor applications.

##### **February Market recap:**

The month was the strongest in almost two years, with total sales per market the highest since March of 2022. Vendors attendance caught up, with the most since May of 2023.

##### **Upcoming:**

March 27<sup>th</sup> will see the move to DSRP as construction projects take over Founders Park. That date coincides with the Master Gardeners annual plant sale, their biggest fundraiser of the year. On Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, we'll hold separate morning and afternoon markets at the Triangle to capture eclipse tourism.

