



**Staff Monthly Reports
December 2023**

Director:

- PCS Staff Report and Numbers Report.
- Patrick Baglietto Introduction as Park Maintenance Manager
- Founders Park Sidewalk and Parking Lot Lights Project
 - PSA with Graybar for park parking lot lights.
 - The location of sidewalks are currently staked at the park for review.
 - Going to bid in January/February with construction starting in March.
- Rathgeber Park
 - Vision Plan Update
 - Christmas on Mercer booth was well attended.
 - Recording of the December 14, 2023 Public Engagement meeting is available on the website.
 - RVI and City Staff are meeting with DISD on January 23rd to discuss potential access to Rathgeber Park through the DISD property on the south side of the park.
- Skatepark
 - “Coming Soon” sign to be placed at Founders Park in January.
 - Skatepark Schedule
 - Final Construction Plans are being reviewed by the City and anticipated approval in January.
 - Amenities and skatepark signage has been identified and will be ordered.
 - Looking at dates for a Ground Breaking ceremony.
- Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan
 - Finalizing the RFQ with plans to go out to bid in February.
- Sports & Recreation Park
 - Working with DSUSA on a plan to improve the Adult Softball fields.
 - Working with Studio 16:19 to go out to bid for the Park System Signage Phase 2 at Sports & Recreation Park.
- Scheduling of Park Tours with Commissioners.
 - DSRP – Hope Boatright
 - Veterans Memorial Park – Kristy Caldwell
- Texas Recreation and Parks Society Agency Membership

Park Maintenance

- Founders Park:

- Public Works cleared and repaired some piping in the lawn area on the south end of the pool. Staff is placing bollards along the road on the east side of the entrance to prohibit cars from entering that area.
- Inspection of Founders Pool is scheduled for March.
- Sports & Recreation Park:
 - DSYSA had to fix some irrigation between the softball field and parking lot due to cars driving over that area. Staff is placing telephone poles and a possible swing gate where cars are able to drive up to the adult softball fields
 - Staff is removing the scorekeeper stands at the adult softball fields. They are unsafe and aesthetically unpleasing.

Aquatics and Athletics:

Founders Pool:

- Pool is closed for the season.
- The Aquatics & Athletics Manager position is still open.
- Staff will be starting to hire lifeguards for the summer.

Community Events:

- **December Events:**
 - Christmas on Mercer!
 - Dec 1st – tree lighting & holiday movie night
 - *The Santa Clause*, on the inflatable screen at the Stephenson Building
 - Vendor: Snowasis is bringing sno-cones and a cooler of pre-made snowballs for a snowball fight before the movie!
 - Sponsor: Sunrise Christian Schoolhouse (covers movie license fee)
 - 8-12 volunteers (4H)
 - Dec 2nd – Christmas on Mercer (day of event)
 - 21 Volunteers for set up, parking, and trash collection.
- **January Events:**
 - Bird City Committee meeting
 - Initial review of new recertification requirements (2024)
 - Plan to meet with Bird City Texas Audubon representative.

DSRP:

Highlights:

- Western Wonderland was an extremely smooth first year event with over 6900 people coming to skate. The PCS team really worked together to make it a success.
- The Network and AV project is 95% complete with staff trained.
- Winter Coyote Kid camps and Skateboard Camp were a success over break. The Coyote Kids were able to ice skate during camp.

DSRP Events in January:

TX Roller Derby Competition, 4H Point Show, Big Tex Gun Show, HCLE Horse Show, HCLE Livestock Show, TXDot Public Meeting, TCEQ Public Meeting

Upcoming DSRP Events:

Monster Trucks, Fancy Feathers, Wild Game Dinner, Fences Over Bee Caves, Safari Club Banquet, TCEQ Public Meetings

DSRP Programs:

Family Nerf Night, Archery Club, Coyote Kids Winter Break Camp, Community Yoga and Pilates

Farmers Market:

December FMC Meeting: Canceled.

December Market recap:

- Market events in December included craft painting (thanks to donations from Tolly brothers), Caroling, Gift Wrapping, and a last-minute retirement party for musician Jerry Rivers.

