



Staff Monthly Reports

December 2025

Director:

- PCS Staff Report and Performance Measures Report was provided in the packet.
- Rathgeber Natural Resource Park
 - Continue to work with the DSISD on the entrance road through DSISD property.
- Sports and Recreation Park
 - A pump was added to the irrigation for the pollinator gardens.
 - The restrooms were vandalized over the Christmas break.
 - Lights at the adult softball fields are scheduled to be worked on in January or February by ATX Electrical Services.
 - Looking at moving the bleachers at the baseball field to the outdoor arena at DSRP.
 - Looking at removing the structures at the baseball field and softball field that are no longer used and in bad shape.
 - Looking at replacing the scoreboards at the adult softball fields.
- DSRP
 - Storage Building Update
 - Arena roof sealing project was awarded to Elite Contracting Group LLC in the amount of \$456,593.40.
 - Path to Pond and Path to Playground projects are scheduled to go to bid in February/March.
- Founders Memorial Park
 - Road, dumpster enclosure and speed bump project is completed.
- Charro Ranch Park
 - An additional 5 trees are scheduled to be removed in January.
- Veterans Memorial Park
 - Looking to aesthetically improve the electrical areas throughout the park.
- LCRA Step Forward Day is Friday, April 12th
 - Adding playground mulch to all three playgrounds.
 - Rebuilding the fire pit at the Ranch House.
 - Making improvement to the landscaping beds at the Ranch House.
 - Adding plywood to the storage container at the SRP Soccer Fields and painting it.
- Stephenson Building
 - Working on the staffing and budgeting for FY2027 opening.

Park Maintenance:

- Vandalism at SRP Restrooms
- Supported set up and breakdown of VMD and Texas Roller Derby.
- Maintained ice rink and Zamboni operations.
- Removed dead deer from Charro Park.
- Removed several large stones from Sports and Recreation Park.

- Replaced two ADA signs at DSRP.
- Two new trashcans are installed.
- Installed new kitchen faucet in Ranch House.
- Removed destroyed trashcan from skate park due to vandalism.

Aquatics:

- Assisted with set up and operations of Western Wonderland and Trail of Lights.
- Coordinating the conversion to a gas furnace at the pool with Project Manager Garrett Osborne.

Community Events:

- **December Park Rentals:**
 - 3 pavilion rentals
- **December Community Events:**

Christmas on Mercer is run by the Lions Club, with assistance from City Staff. Not considered a PCS event

 - **PCS booth** at Christmas on Mercer
 - Staff shared information about park events and programming: Western Wonderland, skating lessons, camp, Bird City, Farmers Market, etc
 - Gave away Park Guides, Lights Out Texas magnets, and jingle bells with ribbon (cats indoors)
 - kids craft with button maker, stickers, and coloring
- **December Community Service Permits:**
 - Special Event Permit – “Christmas at the Pound House” 12/13/2025
 - Special Event Permit – “Santa’s Station” 12/13/2025 (downtown)
- **UPCOMING for 2026:**
 - Prepping for Founders Day!

DSRP:

December Highlights:

- We started off the month with Vintage Market Days! This event is always a huge success, but the beautiful weather that weekend helped with great attendance!
- Texas Outlaw Running Company hosted one of their Outlast Tour Trail Runs with us on December 13th. This event features a 5k every hour for 6 hours! The event was well attended and they have already reached out to host additional events.
- Sunday, December 14th, the DSHS Varsity Football Banquet was in the Main Event Room!
- Saturday, December 20th, was our Western Wonderland Character Pancake Breakfast! Staff is all hands on deck during this event between making pancakes, serving guests, cooking sausage, or welcoming them at the entrance. This event continues to grow and has become a community favorite on our Western Wonderland calendar!
- Despite some Zamboni struggles, Western Wonderland has been a great success! Staff took on the responsibility of managing the ice and have added new skills to their toolbox. The community loves

having an ice rink in Dripping Springs and we have seen the attendance numbers rise each year. It was a month full of successful skating lessons, micro events, and other fun opportunities!

- Although DSRP closed their doors to horses on November 20th due to an EHV outbreak in Central Texas, we utilized the month of December to do some much-needed dirt maintenance. The Main Arena and warm up were leveled and granite sand was added in!

DSRP Events in December:

4H Point Show, TX JR Roller Derby New Years Revolution, Big Tex Gun Show, HCLE Horse Show, Hays County Youth Livestock Show!

DSRP December Programs:

- **Youth:** Nature Rangers After School, Coyote Kids Winter Break Camp
- **Family:** Astronomy in the Park

Farmers Market:

December FMC Meeting:

- 5 of 5 vendor applications approved.

December Market recap:

- December 17th market set a new all-time high for vendor sales, due in part to a two-week break with cancellation of markets on 12/24 and 12/31, but also because of the snowball fight held at market.
- Due to Livestock Show at DSRP, 1/21 market will return to the Triangle.