



FY 2025

Parks & Community Services Year in Review

Director/Department Head:

Staff:

Andrew Binz – Director of Parks & Community Services

- Emily Nelson – Assistant Director
- Charlie Reed – Farmers Market Manager
- Drew Hughes – Aquatics Manager
- Patrick Baglietto – Parks Maintenance Manager
- Lily Sellers – Ranch Park Manager
- Nick Spillar – Parks Maintenance Asst. Manager
- Johnna Krantz – Community Events Coordinator
- Madyson Sanchez – Ranch Park Program Coordinator
- Teri Sanders – Ranch Park Facility Rental Coordinator
- Melanie Engels – Ranch Park Customer Specialist
- Katey Ewton – DSRP Program Specialist
- Sheri Kapanka – Parks Maintenance
- Fletcher Engstrom – Park Maintenance
- Chris Segovia – Parks Maintenance
- Harrison Ladue – Parks Maintenance
- Anthony Ortiz – Parks Maintenance
- Vacant – Parks Maintenance

Services & Service Levels:

The Parks & Community Services Department Mission

“It is our mission to foster community by preserving parks and open space, by connecting people to our natural resources and cultural history and by offering engaging programs and events.”

Oversight and Responsibilities:

- Boards, Commissions and Committees
 - Parks & Recreation Commission
 - Dripping Springs Ranch Park Board of Directors
 - Founders Day Commission
 - Farmers Market Committee
- Parks & Open Space
 - Founders Memorial Park – 30.3 acres
 - Charro Ranch Park – 67.3 acres
 - DS Ranch Park – 118.9 acres
 - Sports & Recreation Park – 39.8 acres
 - Veterans Memorial Park – 1.9 acres
 - Arrowhead Park – 10.7 acres
 - Rathgeber Natural Resource Park – 299.8 acres
 - 10 miles of trails

- Facilities
 - Event Center and Arenas
 - Aquatics Center
 - Skate Park
 - Athletic Fields
 - Playgrounds
 - Pavilion
 - Outdoor Basketball and Volleyball Courts
 - Bird Blinds
- Community Events
 - Founders Day
 - Christmas on Mercer
 - Western Wonderland
 - Eggstravaganza
 - Festival of Flight
 - Family Fall Festival
 - Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo
 - Movie Nights in the Park
 - Star Parties
 - Puppy Plunge
 - Kite Festival
 - Holiday Fun Runs
- Camps and Programs
 - Coyote Kids Nature Camp
 - Nature Rangers After School Program
 - Tween Scene
 - Swim Lessons
 - Skate Camp
 - Archery
 - Family Campout
 - Guided Nature and Bird Walks
 - Family Nerf Night
 - Adult Softball Leagues
 - DSRP Riding Series
- Initiatives
 - Bird City Texas
 - International Dark Sky Community
 - Keep Texas Beautiful
- Community Partners
 - DSYSA
 - Lions Club
 - Hays County Livestock Expo
 - Hays County Master Naturalists
 - Hays County Master Gardeners

- The Pound House
- Ag Boosters
- Texas Beef Initiative
- Texas Hill Country Barrel Racing Association
- Tiger Splash
- Wild Birds Unlimited
- DS Skatepark Inc.
- VFW Post 2933
- American Legion Post 290
- Dripping Springs Independent School District

Performance Measures:

PCS staff track key performance indicators to help the department achieve their goals and better serve the public. The Performance Measures report is compiled monthly and included within the Parks and Recreation Commission monthly meeting agenda packet. The April 2025 Performance Measures report is included in this report.

FY 2025 Budget Highlights:

	2025	YTD
Revenue:		
Parks & Rec.	\$ 107,800	\$ 8,626
Aquatics	\$ 62,985	\$ 1,522
DSRP	\$ 1,107,109	\$ 375,466
Farmers Market	\$ 90,342	\$ 11,105
Founders Day	\$ 137,330	\$ 56,645
Total	\$ 1,505,566	\$ 453,364
Expense:		
Parks & Rec.	\$ 771,987	\$ 530,711
Aquatics	\$ 206,313	\$ 59,161
DSRP	\$ 1,602,468	\$ 667,857
Farmers Market	\$ 89,012	\$ 40,501
Founders Day	\$ 156,625	\$ 628
Total	\$ 2,826,405	\$ 1,298,858
Cost Recovery		
Parks	14%	2%
Aquatics	31%	3%
DSRP	69%	56%
Farmers Market	101%	27%
Founders Day	88%	9027%
Total	53%	35%

FY 2025 Projects:

Completed:

- SRP – Adult Softball Field Improvements
- DSRP – LCRA Steps Forward Day Projects

In Progress:

- PROS Master Plan
- DSRP – Storage Building
- DSRP – Outdoor Arena
- DSRP – Dirt Removal
- SRP – Fence along Rob Shelton

Not Started:

- FMP – Parking Lot Improvements
- FMP – Pool Chemical Storage Area Improvements
- SRP / VMP – Boulders for Parking Lot

2026 Budget Prep:

Staffing

- No New Positions
- Contractual labor for large or specialty projects.

Equipment

- Skid Steer
- Z Turn Mower
- Tractor
- Trailer

Potential 2026 Projects

- DSRP – Path to Pond Improvements
- DSRP – Path to Playground Improvements
- Rathgeber Phase I Planning
- SRP – Athletic Field Lighting Improvements
- DSRP – Trail Wayfinding Signage
- FMP – Replace Propane with Gas
- SRP – Fence Improvements
- SRP and FMP – Restroom Improvements
- DSRP – Trail Debris Removal
- SRP – Landscaping Bed Irrigation Improvements
- FMP – Trail Extension and Crossing Improvements
- FMP – Skatepark Improvements

Long Range Planning

- FMP - Aquatic Facility Improvements
- DSRP – Roof Improvements
- DSRP – Restroom Improvements

- DSRP – Outdoor Arena Improvements
- Agency Accreditation