



Staff Monthly Reports December 2024

Director:

- PCS Staff Report and Performance Measures Report.
- Aquatics Manager, Lina Daugvilaite, has resigned.
- Rathgeber Park
 - Continue to work with the DSISD on the entrance road through DSISD property. DSISD to provide the City with a cost estimate based on staff input provided.
 - RVI to provide a conceptual plan for a Phase I including plans for the entrance road through DSISD property.
- Sports & Recreation Park
 - Adult Softball improvements to the outfields and infields have begun.
 - Adult Softball lights maintenance are scheduled for January.
- Park Restrooms Update
 - Quotes have come in higher than expected. Re-evaluating how to move forward.
- Storage Building Update
 - Chad Gilpin is putting it out to bid with new City Maintenance building with hopes for savings.
- Founders Park
 - Parking lot improvements go out to bid in February.
 - Pool chemical dispenser area will be included in the bid for the parking lot improvements.
 - Pool wood staining/painting, we have three quotes.
- Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update
 - Stakeholder meetings are finished.
 - Half was at Christmas on Mercer on Saturday, December 7th.
 - The first Open House is scheduled for Thursday, January 16th at 6:30 pm at DSRP.

Park Maintenance

- 12.12.2024 Sports & Recreation Park Vandalism – Truck.
- 1.1.2025 Sports & Recreation Park Vandalism – Fireworks.
- Founders Park Women’s Restroom sink was replaced.
- Christmas Tree Recycling goes through January 19th.

Aquatics:

- No report

Community Events:

- **December** – no park rentals
- **December Community Events:**
 - *Christmas on Mercer* – Downtown Dripping Springs – Dec 7
 - People came despite the rain!
 - Thank you to all Parks team who helped with the booth and cleanup
 - Artisan Market at the Triangle with Dripping Springs Art League
 - Saturday Dec 14
 - All vendors had great sales!
- **December/January Triangle Banner Permits:**
 - *Living Nativity* – at DSRP
 - *TX Junior Roller Derby* – at DSRP
- **Itinerant Vendor & Special Event Permits:**
 - *Christmas at the Pound House* – Pound House Museum & Farmstead – Dec 14
 - 2 itinerant vendor permits (arts & Crafts)
 - 3 food vendor permits (Danny, Health Inspector permits)
- **Founders Day:**
 - Applications for returning vendors open January 2nd

DSRP:

December Highlights:

- Vintage Market Days was the first week of December, and despite a rainy weekend, they had a packed house of shoppers
- Our Programs and Admin team braved the cold and rain at Christmas on Mercer but connected with new and familiar faces
- Our DSRP Riding Series Holiday Classic Dressage Show was full, and we were excited to see many riders from our clinic who joined us for their very first Dressage Show
- Western Wonderland joined us for the 2nd year with many highlights:
 - Melanie had 18 businesses and nonprofits contribute to our Community Trail of Lights! Last year we had 6 so it grew tremendously!
 - Our inaugural Character Pancake Breakfast had 80 participants which surpassed our goal by double
 - Our Community Stage saw performances from every elementary school, SSMS, DSHS, and even a Live Nativity from the Cowboy Church
 - Our Micro Events had great turnout and provided many smiles
 - We had over 6500 skaters come, just in December!!

DSRP Events in January:

TX Jr Roller Derby, CCA Banquet, We Are Blood Drive, Western Wonderland Closes on January 5th, 4H Point Show, Big Tex Gun Show, HCLE Buyer's Gala, Hays County Livestock Expo

DSRP January Programs:

- Youth: Nature Rangers After-School, Tween Scene on Ice, Arrow Wranglers
- Adult: Drip Running and Yoga
- Family: Star Party, Family Nerf Night

Farmers Market:**December FMC Meeting:**

1 of 1 vendor applications approved. Meeting was cancelled due to lower activity.

December Market recap:

The Tolly brothers (vendors, woodcrafters, veterans) nicely donated hand-carved trees for kids to decorate with paints at 12/11 and 12/18 markets, which helped create a festive atmosphere. With markets falling on holidays on 12/25 and 1/1, customers stocked up at the 12/18 market and pushed total sales to a new all-time high.

