



## Staff Monthly Reports September 2024

### Director:

- PCS Staff Report and Performance Measures Report.
- Parkland Dedication and Development Funds Update
- 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 input staff provided.
  - RVI to provide a conceptual plan for a Phase I including plans for the entrance road through DSISD property.
- Sports & Recreation Park
  - Working with Hays County Emergency Management to remove storage container.
- Sports & Recreation Park Signage
  - Complete except for a mile marker sign at the entrance of the park where construction materials are currently stored.
- Sports & Recreation Park 210 Reuse Water
  - Public Works is working on getting water to the south soccer fields.
- Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update
- Mountain Bike Club Update
- Emily and Patrick attended the NRPA Conference in Atlanta Oct 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>.
- TRAPS Central Region Conference is Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> in Austin.

### Park Maintenance

- Planning to remove the bleachers at Founders Park and Sports & Recreation Park. DSYSA has indicated that the bleachers are not theirs and do not object to them being removed for safety reasons.
- Replacing a light pole at Founders Park that was knocked down, as well as, adding a light pole that was supposed to be added during construction.
- Allowing the prairie area in the northwest part of the park to grow back to its original state.

### Aquatics:

#### Founders Pool:

- **Puppy Plunge**  
Close to 50 dogs and about 80 human participants  
Vendors: Whole Pets Market, Zoomies and Good Dog in the making brought goodie bags and give aways.
- **Howl-O-Ween Puppy Parade & Costume Contest**  
Saturday, October 26th at 10:30 am at Founders Park.

## **Community Events:**

- **September Park Rentals** – Now being handled through DSRP front desk staff
  - 1 Pool Rental
    - Private party (included Pavilion in their rental)
  - 3 Pavilion Rentals
    - Private parties (one included Pool rental)
  - 6 field rentals –
    - Adult softball on Thursday nights at SPR
    - 1 youth softball rental
    - 1 baseball tournament, cooperating with DSUSA
  
- **September Community Events:**
  - *Puppy Plunge* – Founders Pool -- Sept 14
  - Appamada School cleanup day – SPR – Sept 20
  
- **Upcoming in October:**
  - *Holiday & Harvest* – pumpkin patch pop up sale – Begins Oct 5 (Permitted event)
  - *OctoberFest* – Oct. 19 @ St. Martin de Porres (Permitted Event)
  - *Puppy Parade* – Founders Park -- Oct 26 (City Event)
  - 2 pavilion reservations so far (Oct 5, Oct 29)

## **DSRP:**

### **September Highlights:**

- Our year-end purchases included new table and chairs for the main event room, and a new John Deere UTV to replace the Mule.
- Farmer's Market continues to bring great energy to the park on Wednesdays.
- We are back in full swing on events. All September events went great. We are focusing on making sure there is enough staff coverage for events on the weekends.
- Our Archery Program is off to a very strong start.
- Our Adult programs are starting to get some traction with the community.
- We had two different bleacher rentals this month.
- City Hall will be utilizing DSRP VIP boxes as offices throughout the City Hall Renovations. Be sure to wave.
- Madyson Sanchez, DSRP Program Coordinator, and Chris Segovia, DSRP Programs Specialist, attended the Association of Nature Center Administrators Annual Summit in Memphis Tennessee. Over 160 Nature Education professionals gather for a week of professional development and networking, learning about all aspects of operations of nature centers and nature education.

### **DSRP Events in October:**

Texas Gourd Festival, Double the Skills Clinic, Farmers Market, THCBRA FALL Buckle Series, Hill Country Harvest Market, Various Open House Meetings, DSRP Riding Series: Hunter | Jumper Show, Halloween Skate-a-thon, Big Tex Gun Show, Ken McNabb Clinic, Cavalier Classic

**DSRP September Programs:**

Youth: Nature Rangers After-School, Archery, Creepy Crawlers

Adult: Drip Running and Yoga, Yoga with Lovie, Haunted House Family: Family Fall Festival, Star Party

**Farmers Market:****September FMC Meeting:**

FMC meeting was cancelled, but FMC met virtually to review 8 applications, approving 5.

**September Market recap:**

September saw the most active stretch, in terms of customers and sales, for morning markets, with numbers comparable to normal afternoon markets in the busy season. We'll survey customers and vendors on their preferences for when to hold markets. While most prefer afternoons, a much larger customer segment expressed desire for permanent morning markets.

