



Staff Monthly Reports

October 2024

Director:

- PCS Staff Report and Performance Measures Report.
- Big Sky Drip Fields Update
 - City Prosecutor Ryan Turner will not be taking the case to municipal court.
 - Full mitigation of what trees were removed will be required.
- Promotions and New Staff
 - Emily Nelson – Parks & Community Services Assistant Director
 - Lily Sellers – DSRP Manager
 - Nick Spillar – Assistant Park Maintenance Manager
 - Harrison Ladue – Park Maintenance
 - Anthony Ortiz - Park Maintenance
- 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
 - Gathering quotes on Adult Softball improvements, restroom improvements and irrigation for the beds at the entrance of the park.
- 210 Re-Use
 - All Athletic fields at SRP and Founders are flowing.
- Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update
 - Stakeholder meetings are scheduled.
 - Half will be at Christmas on Mercer on Saturday, December 7th.
 - First Open House is scheduled for Thursday, January 16th at 6:30 pm at DSRP.
- TRAPS Central Region Conference was Friday, November 15th in Austin.

Park Maintenance

- Planning to remove the bleachers at Founders Park and Sports & Recreation Park. DSUSA 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.
- Participated in the set up and take-down of Singer's and Song Writers event.
- Made repairs to a broken sewer line at Sports and Recreation Park.
- Made an emergency repair to a broken RV water faucet at DSRP.

Aquatics:

Founders Pool/Park:

- **Howl-O-Ween Puppy Parade & Costume Contest**
Saturday, October 26th Founders Park.
 - 6 vendors
 - 8 Costume Contest Participants
 - 8 Kids Poop Scoop Challenge participants
 - Successful family event, great feedback from participants and vendors

Community Events:

- **October Park Rentals** – Now being handled through DSRP front desk staff
 - 2 Pavilion Rentals
- **October Community Events:**
 - *Puppy Parade* – Founders Park -- Oct 26
- **October Banner Permits:**
 - *Roller Derby* – at DSRP (permit)
 - *Empty Bowls* – at DSRP (permit)
 - *Haunted House* – **city sponsored event with DSRP**
 - *Songwriters Festival* - **city sponsored event**
- **Upcoming in November:**
 - Artisan Market at the Triangle with Dripping Springs Art League
 - Saturday Nov 9th, ~14 vendors

DSRP:

October Highlights:

- DSRP hosted the Texas Gourd Festival for our first time. They were very pleased and have already committed to dates next year.
- Farmer's Market continues to bring great energy to the park on Wednesdays.
- Our Haunted House ran every Friday and Saturday in October and had a strong turnout.
- The DSRP Riding Series hosted a Hunter Jumper Show and Ranch Horse Show with great participation numbers.
- Programs hosted "Creepy Crawlers, Wrighlers, and Fliers" every Wednesday in October.
- DSRP staff worked creatively to serve as an early voting location when their temporary structure did not meet ADA requirements.
- October 27th was our reimagined Family Fall Festival. This year we structured the event as a hop on hop off hayride and partnered with local organizations and city departments like Pound House, Drip Skateboarding, On Stage Ready, Farmer's Market, Thundering Paws, and our Programs team. We are excited to see how this grows.
- Angelica Unger sponsored our Community Ofrenda for the second year.

DSRP Events in November:

Cavalier Classic, Empty Bowls Project, HCLE Queen's Court, Fences Over Bee Caves, Fall Classic, TX Jr Roller Derby, CCA Banquet, We Are Blood Drive, Western Wonderland Opening.

DSRP November Programs:

- Youth: Nature Rangers After-School, Archery, Tween Scene
- Adult: Drip Running and Yoga, Yoga with Lovie
- Family: Star Party, Family Campout, Family Nerf Night, Turkey Trot

Farmers Market:**October FMC Meeting:**

5 of 7 vendor applications approved.

FMC agreed to preparing soup for 11/3 Empty Bowls project, featuring donations from vendors when available.

FMC agreed to take part in Trail of Lights display.

October Market recap:

Everything ran smoothly at market for the month!

