



# DRIPPING SPRINGS RANCH PARK BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

City of Dripping Springs

Banquet Hall, 1042 Event Center Drive

Wednesday, November 03, 2021 at 12:00 PM

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## Agenda

### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

#### Board Members

Todd Purcell, Chair  
Terry Polk  
Penny Reeves  
Pam Owens  
Mike Carroll

#### Staff, Consultants & Appointed/Elected Officials

Parks & Community Services Director Kelly Schmidt  
Dripping Springs Ranch Park Manager Emily Nelson  
Dripping Springs Ranch Park Assistant  
Manager Lily Sellers

### PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

*A member of the public who desires to address the Board regarding any item on an agenda for an open meeting may do so at presentation of citizens before an item or at a public hearing for an item during the Board's consideration of that item. Citizens wishing to discuss matters not contained within the current agenda may do so, but only during the time allotted for presentation of citizens. Speakers are allowed two (2) minutes to speak during presentation of citizens or during each public hearing. Speakers may not cede or pool time. Members of the public requiring assistance of a translator will be given twice the amount of time as a member of the public who does not require the assistance of a translator to address the Board. It is the request of the Board that members of the public wishing to speak on item(s) on the agenda with a noticed Public Hearing hold their comments until the item(s) are presented for consideration. Speaker are encouraged to sign in. Anyone may request a copy of the City's policy on presentation of citizens for the City Secretary. By law no action may be taken during Presentation of Citizens.*

### BUSINESS

- 1. Discuss and consider possible action regarding a recommendation to the City Council to approve amendments to the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Fee Schedule.**

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

*The following reports relate to the administration of the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center. The Board may provide staff direction; however, no action may be taken.*

- 2. Parks and Community Services Combined September and October 2021 Director's Report**  
*Kelly Schmidt, PCS Director*

**3. DSRP Manager's Combined September and October 2021 Report**  
*Emily Nelson, DSRP Manager*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*The Dripping Springs Ranch Park Board of Directors for the City of Dripping Springs has the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.086 (Economic Development). The Dripping Springs Ranch Park Board of Directors for the City of Dripping Springs may act on any item listed in Executive Session in Open Session or move any item from Executive Session to Open Session for action.*

**ADJOURN**

**TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT PUBLIC NOTIFICATION & POSTING OF MEETING**

*All agenda items listed above are eligible for discussion and action unless otherwise specifically noted. This notice of meeting is posted in accordance with Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated. In addition, the Commission may consider a vote to excuse the absence of any Commissioner for absence from this meeting.*

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City Secretary

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**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
**PO Box 384**  
**511 Mercer Street**  
**Dripping Springs, TX 78620**

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**Submitted By:** Emily Nelson, DSRP Manager

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**Council Meeting Date:** 11/03/2021

**Agenda Item Wording:** Discuss and consider possible action regarding Amendments to the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Fee Schedule.

**Agenda Item Requestor:** Emily Nelson

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**Summary/Background:** Based on the needs of the business, please reference the fee schedule document attached for recommendations and justifications amending the Dripping Springs Ranch Park and Event Center’s fee schedule for the upcoming fiscal year.

**Recommended DSRP Board Actions:** Approve recommended Fee Schedule amendment to Council as presented.

**Attachments:** Recommended Fee Schedule Amendments

**Next Steps/Schedule:** Present to Council for approval. Amend all publications for a 2022 roll out of new fee schedule and associated policies.



**17.1 Fees and Rates**

<b>17.2</b>	<b>Fields 1, 2, 3 &amp; 4* and Trails</b>
(a)	Full Day
(b)	Trails
(c)	Market Hourly Rate
<b>17.3</b>	<b>Stalls</b>
(a)	Event Center Stalls Full Day
(b)	Small Barn Boarding Stalls
(c)	Shavings
(d)	Grounds Fee
<b>17.4</b>	<b>Outdoor Arena</b>
(a)	Full Day
(b)	Outdoor Arena Lights
(c)	Use of the Concession Stand, Announcers Stand and Public Address System
(d)	DS 4-H & FFA are exempt from rental fees for practices
<b>17.5</b>	<b>Horseback Riding throughout Park &amp; Outdoor Arena (Oct 1-Sept 30)</b>
(a)	Outdoor Daily Use Permit
(b)	Indoor Arena Day Pass Permit
(c)	Individual Riding Membership (Oct 1-Sept 30)
(d)	Family Riding Membership (1 – 4 persons) (Oct 1-Sept 30)
(e)	Each Additional Family Member Added to Family Membership (Oct 1-Sept 30)
(f)	Annual Outdoor only Riding Membership Permit (Oct 1-Sept 30)
(g)	Trainer Membership (Oct 1-Sept 30)
(h)	Trainer Day Fee
(i)	Youth Membership (Oct 1-Sept 30)
(j)	Coggins Certificate must be on person during park use.
(k)	Liability waiver must be signed by each permit holder.
(l)	Permit must be displayed in vehicle and on person during park use.
<b>17.6</b>	<b>Overnight Primitive Camping Site</b>
(a)	Primitive Camping Site
(b)	Permit must be displayed on vehicle.
<b>17.7</b>	<b>Event Center Facilities (Full Day is 12 hours; Half Day is 6 hours)</b>
<b>17.7.1</b>	<b>Large &amp; Small Indoor Arena &amp; VIP Booths</b>
(a)	Large Indoor Arena: Full Day, Monday – Thursday
(b)	Large Indoor Arena: Full Day, Friday – Sunday
(c)	Large Indoor Arena: Half Day, Monday – Thursday

(d)	Large Indoor Arena: Each Additional Hour
(e)	Small Indoor Arena: Full Day, Monday – Thursday
(f)	Small Indoor Arena: Full Day, Friday – Sunday
(g)	Small Indoor Arena: Half Day, Monday – Thursday
(h)	Small Indoor Arena: Each Additional Hour
(i)	VIP Booth: Full Day
(j)	Arena After Hours Fee
<b>17.7.2</b>	<b>Large &amp; Small Special Event Center Rooms</b>
(a)	Large Event Room: Full Day, Friday – Sunday
(b)	Large Event Room: Half Day, Friday – Sunday
(c)	Large Event Room: Full Day, Monday – Thursday
(d)	Large Event Room: Half Day, Monday – Thursday
(e)	Large Event Room: Special Event Room Each Additional Hour
(f)	Small Event Room: Full Day, Friday – Sunday
(g)	Small Event Room: Half Day, Friday – Sunday
(h)	Small Event Room: Full Day, Monday – Thursday
(i)	Small Event Room: Half Day, Monday – Thursday
(j)	Small Event Room: Each Additional Hour
<b>17.7.3</b>	<b>Entire Event Center (excludes stalls and RV Hookups)</b>
(a)	Full Day
(b)	Each Additional Hour:
	NEW FEE: Half Day
<b>17.7.4</b>	<b>Vendor Hall/Front Porch</b>
(a)	Full Day
(b)	Half Day
(c)	Each Additional Hour
<b>17.7.5</b>	<b>Concession Kitchen &amp; Concession Stand</b>
(a)	Concession Kitchen: Full Day
(b)	Concession Kitchen: Each Additional Hour
(c)	Concession Stand: Full Day:
(d)	Concession Stand: Each Additional Hour:
<b>17.7.6</b>	<b>Set-Up, Removal, and Cleaning</b>
(a)	Additional Panels including set-up
(b)	Hourly Staff Charge for Panel Set-Up
(c)	Special Portable Bleacher set-up
(d)	Stage set-up or removal in Special Event Room(s)
(e)	Stage set-up in Arena(s)
<b>17.8</b>	<b>Recreational Vehicle Site with Hook-Ups</b>
(a)	Recreational Vehicle Site with 30 amp
(b)	Permit must be displayed on vehicle
(c)	Recreational Vehicle Site with 50 amp (take up 2 parking spots)
<b>17.9</b>	<b>Entire Park: All Facilities at Park (Entire Event Center, Outdoor Arena, Round Pen)</b>

(a)	Full Day
(b)	Each Additional Hour
<b>17.10</b>	<b>Equipment Rentals</b>
(a)	Tables
(b)	Chairs
(c)	Drag Fees during Event (includes up to 4 drags)
(d)	Water/Drag Additional Fee (includes 2 drags)
(e)	Additional Drags Add On
(f)	Arena Packing
(g)	Special Dirt Needs
(h)	Laser Timer
(i)	Jump Set (set up fees are additional)
(j)	Jump Set Set-Up Fee
(k)	Barrell Racing and Reining Drag Package
<b>17.11</b>	<b>Custodial Cleaning Fees</b>
(a)	Event Park
(b)	Event Center Entire Facility
(c)	Large Indoor Arena
(d)	Small Indoor Arena
(e)	Outdoor Arena
(f)	Large Special Event Room
(g)	Small Special Event Room
(h)	Vendor Hall/Front Porch
(i)	Concession Kitchen
(j)	Concession Stand
(k)	Fields/Trails
(l)	VIP Booth
	NEW FEE: Civic Meeting Custodial (if serving food/drink)
<b>17.12</b>	<b>Electrical Requests</b>
(a)	Large Amp Plugs
(b)	Direct Plug into Transformer
(c)	Extension Cords
<b>17.13</b>	<b>Sound System</b>
(a)	Sound System Use
(b)	Projector/Screen Use
(c)	Audio/Visual Engineer: Fee TBD at assessment per event specifications.
(d)	Portable Sound System Rental
<b>17.14</b>	<b>Recreational Vehicle Dump</b>
(a)	RV Dump
<b>17.15</b>	<b>Damage &amp; Fines</b>
(a)	No glass containers are allowed on premises of the Dripping Springs Ranch Park and Event Center. This includes outdoor spaces. Failure to comply with this policy will result in a \$500.00 fine.

(b)	Events will be required to complete a damage waiver and complete a credit card authorization form. In the event of any damage, the user will be contacted to either pay for the damages or, if the user does not for pay the damages or is unavailable, the damage costs will be charged to the credit card on file.
<b>17.6</b>	<b>Business Opportunities (non-peak)</b>
(a)	Event Center Manager may allow rental available space (60 days from event) at 50% of base rental fee.
(b)	Event Center Manager may allow general use rental rate-booked 14 days or less days in advance for unused event space \$75.00 per hour/minimum 2 hours rental-maximum 4 hours rental.
NEW FEE: Civic Meeting Rate (non-profit only): 2-4 Hour, Monday-Thursday	
<b>17.17</b>	<b>Special Fees</b>
(a)	Holiday Fee-Events booked on city holiday or holiday weekends
(b)	After Hours Fee-Assessed to events that extend past business hours:
<b>17.18</b>	<b>Special Events &amp; Programming</b>
(a)	Special fees for events, clinics, and programming may be set by the DSRP Board in consultation with the Parks and Recreation Director and Event Center Manager by written agreement to be executed by the City Administrator.
<b>17.19</b>	<b>Parking Fees</b>
(a)	Overnight Parking Fee
(b)	Event Parking

# Parks & Commu

## MASTER FEE SCHEDULE ~ SECTION 17. DA

(a) Pursuant to Chapter 284 of the Texas Local Government Code, there is hereby le forth below.

(b) A booking fee is due at the time of booking if booked two years or less in advance booking fee is due two years prior to the event to reserve the date. The booking fee for all other rentals. The base room rental fee is due six months prior to the first day incurred fees for the event.

Current Structure 2020
\$100.00/field/day
\$450.00/event
Market Hourly Rate
\$25.00/stall/day
\$150.00/stall/month
\$9.00/bag (sales tax included)
\$10.00/horse/day
\$150.00/day, if rented with Event Center Facility, \$75.00/day
\$25.00/night
\$50.00/day
Fees apply for events and organized uses
\$5.00/day/horse/bike
\$20.00/day/horse
\$200.00/year
\$500.00/year
\$100.00/person/year
\$50.00/person, per year
\$400.00/year
\$20.00/hour
\$100.00/person who is under the age of eighteen, per year
\$20.00/night/vehicle
\$400.00/day
\$900.00/day
\$225.00/day



\$50.00/hour
\$200.00/day
\$350.00/day
\$100.00/day
\$25.00/day
\$150.00/day/VIP Booth
\$150.00/hour based on seasonal Business Hours and additional information may be obtained by calling the Event Center.
\$1,500.00/day
\$800/day
\$750/day
\$500/day
\$75.00/hour
\$800.00/day
\$400.00/day
\$400.00/day
\$250.00/day
\$50.00/hour
\$3,000.00/day
\$75.00/hour
\$400.00/day
\$250.00/day
\$35.00/hour
\$300.00/day
\$25.00/hour
\$200.00/day
\$25.00/hour
\$2.50/panel + hourly staff charge
\$25.00/hour/staff member
\$100.00/set
\$50.00/event/stage
\$50.00/event/stage
\$45.00/day
\$60.00/night/vehicle
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\$4000/day
\$75/hour
\$8.00/each, per day
\$15.00/cart (25 chairs)/day
\$100.00/day
\$100.00/event
\$25.00/drag
\$450.00/event
TBD at assessment per event specifications
\$25.00/event
\$250.00/day
\$25.00/hour (one hour minimum)
\$300.00/day
\$1,000.00/day
\$750.00/event
\$300.00/day
\$150.00/event
\$100.00/event
\$350.00/event
\$200.00/event
\$150.00/event
\$150.00/event
\$75.00/event
\$200.00/event
\$25.00/booth/event
\$35.00/box (plug)
\$50.00/plug
\$40.00/item/event
\$75.00/day
\$50.00/day
\$25.00/day
\$20.00/occurrence

20% additional fee per event
\$150 per extended hour. Business hours are set by the Event Center Manager based on the season. Additional information related to business hours may be obtained by contacting the Event Center
\$20.00/vehicle per night
\$5.00/vehicle per day

# City Services 2022-2023

## TRIPPING SPRINGS RANCH PARK FEES ~ WORKSHEET

provided and assessed and shall be collected the application fees and public rights-of-way use rates set

of the event to save the date. If the booking is more than two years prior to the event then the fee is two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) for non-profits and residents and five hundred dollars (\$500) for all other events. If the booking is less than two years prior to the event then the fee is five hundred dollars (\$500) for all other events. The booking fee is non-refundable, but will be used towards any other event.

### Proposed Structure & Rates 2021

Eliminate Fee

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50% Discounted Rental Rate with 100+ stalls 25%

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Discounted Rental Rate with 50+ stalls

Eliminate and make one rule for ALL Events past midnight
50% Discount on Thursday Set-Up Day w/ 3 Consecutive Full Day Friday-Sunday Rental
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\$2000.00/day
50% Discount on Thursday Set-Up Day w/ 3 Consecutive Full Day Friday-Sunday Rental
50% Discount on Thursday Set-Up Day w/ 3 Consecutive Full Day Friday-Sunday Rental
50% Discount on Thursday Set-Up Day w/ 3 Consecutive Full Day Friday-Sunday Rental
Eliminate Panel Fee. Only Charge Staffing Fee at \$25/hour/staff member
30 AMP and 50 AMP: \$45.00/day
Eliminate Fee
cludes Ranch House

50% Discount on Thursday Set-Up Day w/ 3 Consecutive Full Day Friday-Sunday Rental
Arena Packing and Post Event Re-leveling: \$2000.00
Eliminate Fee
\$1250.00/event
\$1000.00/event
\$350.00/event
\$250.00/event
\$250.00/event
\$25/event
Eliminate Fee
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No glass containers are allowed on premises of the Dripping Springs Ranch Park and Event Center. Use of Glitter, Confetti, Fireworks, or PYROTECHNICS is strictly prohibited. This includes outdoor spaces. Failure to comply with this policy will result in a \$500.00 fine.

\$50/hour minimum of 2 hours; maximum of 4 hours. May only be booked 30 days from meeting.
\$50.00/hour/staff member. Event and breakdown must be completed prior to midnight or by the time that is specified in rental contract. Minimum of 2 staff members are required onsite. Additional information related to business hours may be obtained by contacting the Event Center

# PARKS

## CHARRO RANCH PARK – Submitted by Sue Harding, Lead Volunteer

September 11, 2021, workday at Charro Ranch Park: 8 volunteers spent 3 hours pulling weeds and string trimming the area in the demonstration gardens and on the trails.

October 7 & 9, 2021. Sue Harding secured a donation of 20 cubic yards of mulch to replenish the trails from the parking lot down to the bird blind and around the demonstration garden. 6 volunteers spent 3+ hours distributing donated hardwood mulch to all trails around the demonstration gardens and the trail heads leading from the parking lot. The workday's main objective was to remove the big weeds in the paths and cover with the mulch. The trails usually look great once finished and surprisingly stay that way for many months.

Photos show master naturalists Mike Meves, Becky Reynolds, Irene Bondi, and Dick McBride; behind the camera is Dick Barham.



## DRIPPING SPRINGS RANCH PARK – Submitted by Emily Nelson



Springs Ranch Park has seen its busiest event schedule post covid. Every weekend has brought a unique event(s) into our facility. From dogs to horses, September really saw a lot of new faces from our community coming to enjoy the different types of events. We hosted our first dog conformation and rally show with the Southeast Texas American Eskimo Dog Club. They were delighted with the turnout and are looking forward to hosting more events with us. Our roping club, Texas Beef Initiative, ran an amazing team roping over Labor Day Weekend. We loved working alongside them and supporting their efforts. We were even able to squeeze a dog agility show into

September. We were lucky that the weather brought moderate temps which kept everyone comfortable. Our October only picked up even more speed.

We opened October with Buda Buckle Bash, a lamb and goat show. Our long time show host, Texas Market Guide, ran a well-attended shopping fair. This is her 9<sup>th</sup> year hosting events at DSRP. Dripping Springs Ranch Park was so excited to host Rodeo this year. Ticket sales really picked up and we are excited to watch it continue to grow. We wrap up October with a



final hoorah. We have a co-sponsored Haunted House, a DSRP Hunter/Jumper Show, and a free community Halloween movie. WOW!

The staff at Ranch Park have really pulled together through this time. Even though we are short-handed, we have been hitting our marks and delivering excellent service to our users. We hired a new Ranch Hand, Heather Newman. She has already become an asset to the team. We are in the process of 2<sup>nd</sup> round interviews for our final open position. I have been focusing on the improvement projects that we would like to complete at the Ranch Park. Our calendar is so full that it will require some creative scheduling to complete these improvements. The Ranch Park team is dedicated to becoming known for excellent customer service and great entertainment opportunities for our community. It was such a delight to get smiles and waves from our community tweens that attended Tween Scene this summer while we were out working Rodeo. That's the kind of community we want to foster.

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### FOUNDERS MEMORIAL PARK

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September and October have breathed life into Founders Memorial Park. The hot days of summer are subsiding and the return to school DSYSA athletic activities, park pavilion rentals, and Pound House's wildly successful Dripping Springs Pumpkin Festival are driving people into the park in numbers unparalleled to previous years.



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### RATHGEBER NATURAL RESOURCE PARK

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Wildlife Management has begun at Rathgeber Natural Resource Park. To that end, a Volunteer Wildlife Manager position was created and is being filled by Robert Ellis who is Dick Rathgeber's grandson. Ellis has been serving as the registered Hays County Wildlife Manager on property for over a decade.

**NO TRESPASSING**  
**PARK CLOSED TO PUBLIC**

**WILDLIFE**  
**MANAGEMENT**  
**AREA**



**UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL PROHIBITED**  
CONTACT 512-858-4725 TO REPORT VIOLATIONS



## PROGRAMS & AQUATICS – Submitted by Mack Rusick

The end of summer swim season went well! Even though our Head Guards all left for school mid-August we were able to keep the pool open on the weekends until Labor Day weekend. I was glad to see many families coming out to enjoy the pool during the heat of the day. Many expressed that they were both glad that the pool had stayed open a bit longer but also wished that we could remain open on weekdays or even later into the fall.

The last day of the season we had the Bark in the Park event, where all the pups in the community came out to take a dip in the pool! The puppy plunge was a huge success especially when accounting for the fact that the event had been rescheduled from its original date on Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> because of poor weather. We had dogs of all breeds and sizes. Some of them LOVED the water and some were content to avoid it. Wading pools were set up on the pool deck and one was filled with ice which a few dogs absolutely loved! So much fun to watch. Lots of laughter and wet dogs.

While the puppy plunge portion of the event went smoothly there were several hiccups on the park side of the event. Because the event had been rescheduled a lot of the vendors that had agreed to attend and provide free goods/services dropped out last minute or simply didn't show. This was disappointing but we simply had to roll with the punches. At the end of the night a few families stayed for the outdoor movie but ultimately an incoming storm sent everyone home for the night. Altogether it was a great event and so many people expressed how much they enjoyed the puppy plunge and looked forward to attending next year.

Now that the pool has been put into hibernation, I have been working on organizing and recording camp supplies and inventory as well as researching and beginning the development of the structure for Spring and Summer adult softball 2022 season. Jason Cones has agreed to be our point of contact for the Adult Softball Program going forward. He contacted staff at the end of the 2021 season and offered his services in place of Coach Waits.

Pool improvement projects have been our number one priority to initiate since the beginning of our new fiscal year (October 1). We don't want to underestimate the possibility of another potentially harsh February and the setback weather can bring for improvement projects. Thermal blankets, a blanket reel, and reel cover have been ordered. Custom thermal blankets take a minimum of 6 weeks to produce, and we have no way of knowing how supply chain impacts will delay the equipment ordered. to cover and enable the most efficient operation of the pool. Professional connections were made at the World Waterpark Trade Show on October 20 and staff explored several options for the new pool filtration and finishing the pool deck expansion project with a surface layer of cool decking.

A partnership offering with the YMCA of our Adult Softball Program was explored during the months of September and October. Mutually the PCS team and the YMCA team agreed that it would be best for the first trial year to hold on exploring a partnership. I have been working on gathering information from nearby cities and making connections through local reps of USA Softball. They have been helpful resources to get the program started.

We have been working on the vision for Coyote Kids Camp 2022. Two brainstorming meetings produced themes and our general schedule for next year to include weekly trips to Founders Pool to cool off our Coyotes on those hot summer days. After being turned down by DSISD to use their school buses for transportation we were able to find a shuttle service in town that happily agreed to provide service for us. We also had our first camp counselor interview! We are hoping for an awesome staff this year to sustain and grow our incredible Coyote Kids Nature Camp Program!

# COMMUNITY SERVICES

## EVENTS

September 5 Bark in the Park @  
Founders Memorial Park & Pool



October 8 Star Party @ DSRP  
Celebrated Dark Sky Month



October 9 – Big Day @ DSRP  
Celebrated our efforts to become a certified Bird City!



October 28 – 31 – Dead Hill Ranch @ DSRP

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 4 Christmas on Mercer
- April 22-24 Founders Day Festival
- May 7 Festival of Flight – World Migratory Bird Day



**COMMUNITY INITIATIVES**

**International Dark Sky Community** – October was proclaimed Dark Sky Month and we held a star party at DSRP to celebrate the occasion! Lots of other wonderful Dark Sky initiatives happening through the efforts of Hays County Friends of the Night Sky

**Texas Bird City** – Bird City Committee met in September and October. Application activities were assigned.



**Keep Drip Beautiful – Keep Texas Beautiful Affiliate  
October 22 – Fall Sweep w/ Sky Bridge Academy**

Sky Bridge Academy Park Clean Up Volunteer Day was organized and facilitated by Programs and Aquatics Manager Mack Rusick. Teen and adult volunteers picked up litter in both Founders Memorial Park and then on to Sports & Recreation park. The weather proved to remain beautiful for a day filled of civic engagement and support for our parks



**COMMUNITY SERVICE PERMITS + PARK RENTALS + CO-SPONSORSHIPS**

Permits & Rentals	Qty
Co-Sponsorship Requests	4
Commerical Activity in Park Permits	1
Filming Permits	0
Itinerant Vendor Permits	10
Park Rentals	4
Pavilion Rentals	8
Pool Rentals	0
Triangle Banner Displays	10

**FARMERS MARKET – Submitted by Charlie Reed, Farmers Market Manager**



For the third time in four years, Dripping Springs has the title of best Farmers Market in Texas and the Southwest Region. The three-month-long vote, held by American Farmland Trust, helps to raise visibility of Farmers Markets and the issues their providers face. It’s a marathon of a celebration, and we’re all thrilled to have regained the top spot.

In the better-late-than-never category, we welcomed an ice cream vendor to the market after a summer-long search. Bésame Ice Cream delivers a truly decadent selection of flavors and has been an instant hit among the after-school crowd. All in all, we’re heading into the fall season with a full house, and perhaps the widest range of shopping options the market has seen.

Totals and Averages by Month				
	July	August	September	October
# Markets	4	4	5	2
Vendors	161	148	191	80
Vendors Reporting	159	148	190	80
Total Sales	\$52,387	\$51,519	\$73,933	\$33,692
Average per Vendor	\$329.48	\$348.10	\$389.12	\$421.15
Customers	2107	1634	2187	1200
Per Market	527	409	437	600
Sales per Customer	\$24.86	\$31.53	\$33.81	\$28.08

Date	Vendors	Customers	Music
9/1/21	38	376	Jerry Kirk
9/8/21	38	392	Bob Slaughter
9/15/21	39	453	Jerry Rivers
9/22/21	40	503	Jerry Kirk
9/29/21	36	463	Bob Slaughter
10/6/21	42	625	Bob Slaughter
10/13/21	38	575	Jerry Rivers

Farmers Market Weekly Newsletters are a hit! If you haven’t yet you must sign up for them. Charlie + Johnna never disappoint with their humor, highlights and weekly content!



**DRIPPING SPRINGS FARMERS MARKET WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

3-6pm | Veterans Memorial Park | 160 E. Mercer Street | DSTX

**We're in the Kale House Now**

Fall is here, and for a lot of folks that means sweaters, spiced ciders, and pumpkin-flavored everything, but for me it means it's time to warm the house with soups, stews, and chilis. As an amateur chef, it's the time I come into my own. After all, at its most basic, soup is the easiest thing in the world. All you need is broth and whatever else you want to throw in.



This time of year, we're also starting to see some of the tougher vegetables come into season. Kale may be stubborn as a salad base, but it is wonderful in soups. While lettuce and spinach break down instantly in heat, kale cooks beautifully, softening and losing some of its strong flavor, but retaining its fiber and nutrients. And if you keep the crispy stem, you can even add a little crunch.

As we get deeper into the colder months, I hope to feature lots of soups and stews using the produce and meats you find at our market, but since kale has started showing up, I'm going to kick off with one of my favorites – scroll down for the recipe.

**OUR MISSION**

To provide a community gathering place where local food producers, artisans and community organizations educate and sell directly to consumers.

The City of Dripping Springs believes that local agriculture is essential to the region's economy, and is committed to making economic and educational connections between residents and local agricultural producers through the Dripping Springs Farmers Market.



DRIPPING SPRINGS  
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# MANAGER REPORT



**SEPTEMBER &  
OCTOBER**  
**Full Steam Ahead**

Written by Emily Nelson

Dripping Springs Ranch Park has seen its busiest event schedule post covid. Every weekend has brought a unique event(s) into our facility. From dogs to horses, September really saw a lot of new faces from our community coming to enjoy the different types of events. We hosted our first dog conformation and rally show with the Southeast Texas American Eskimo Dog Club. They were delighted with the turnout and are looking forward to hosting more events with us. Our roping club, Texas Beef Initiative, ran an amazing team roping over Labor Day Weekend. We loved working alongside them and supporting their efforts. We were even able to squeeze a dog agility show into September. We were lucky that the weather brought moderate temps which kept everyone comfortable. Our October only picked up even more speed. We opened October with Buda Buckle Bash, a lamb and goat show. Our long time show host, Texas Market Guide, ran a well-attended shopping fair. This is her 9th year hosting events at DSRP. Dripping Springs Ranch Park was so excited to host Rodeo this year. Ticket sales really picked up and we are excited to watch it continue to grow. We wrap up October with a final hoorah. We have a co-sponsored Haunted House, a DSRP Hunter/Jumper Show, and a free community Halloween movie. WOW!

The staff at Ranch Park have really pulled together through this time. Even though we are shorthanded, we have been hitting our marks and delivering excellent service to our users. We hired a new Ranch Hand, Heather Newman. She has already become an asset to the team. We are in the process of 2nd round interviews for our final open position. I have been focusing on the improvement projects that we would like to complete at the Ranch Park. Our calendar is so full that it will require some creative scheduling to complete these improvements. The Ranch Park team is dedicated to becoming known for excellent customer service and great entertainment opportunities for our community. It was such a delight to get smiles and waves from our community tweens that attended Tween Scene this summer while we were out working Rodeo. That's the kind of community we want to foster.

# HIGHLIGHTS AND PREVIEWS



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"Our event ran very smoothly and your team was responsive and attentive to all of our needs."

--Lewanna Campbell

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## Coming Soon in November

**CCA Banquet**  
November 3

**Grape Camp 2021**  
November 8-November 10

**Master Naturalists Gala**  
November 6

**Down Under Horsemanship**  
November 12-14

**ABKC TX Bully Reunion**  
November 6

**Masters Gardeners Annual Meeting**  
November 17

**24th Annual Empty Bowls**  
November 7

**DS Ag Boosters Fall Classic**  
November 19-21