



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City of Dripping Springs

Council Chambers, 511 Mercer St, Dripping Springs, TX

Monday, September 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commission Members

Eric Russell, Vice Chair
Matthew Fougerat
Paul Fushille
Eric Henline
Wade King
Matthew Zarbaugh
Tara Satine
Kristy Caldwell

Staff, Consultants & Appointed/Elected Officials

Programs & Aquatics Manager Mack Rusick
City Secretary Andrea Cunningham

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

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MINUTES

- 1. Discuss and consider approval of the August 2, 2021, Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes.**

BUSINESS

- 2. Introduction of new Commission Members and Overview of Parks & Recreation Commission Function and Duties.**

3. **Discuss and consider the appointment of a Parks & Recreation Commission Chair for a term of one (1) year.**
4. **Discuss and consider the appointment of a Parks & Recreation Commission Vice Chair for a term of one (1) year.**
5. **Discuss and consider possible action regarding Parks & Recreation Committees.**
 - a. Add and/or Remove Committees
 - b. Committee Appointments

REPORTS

The following reports relate to the planning and administration of the City's Parks & Recreation Program. The commission may provide staff direction; however, no action may be taken.

6. **July 2021 Parks & Community Services Director's Report**
Kelly Schmidt, PCS Director
7. **August 2021 Parks & Community Services Director's Report**
Kelly Schmidt, PCS Director

PARKS STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports relate to the administration of the City's Parks. The Commission may provide staff direction; however no action may be taken.

8. **Charro Ranch Park Committee**
Commissioners Paul Fushille and Matt Fougerat
9. **Dripping Springs Ranch Park Committee**
Commissioners Wade King and Matthew Zarbaugh
10. **Founders Memorial Park Committee**
Commissioners Eric Henline
11. **Sports & Recreation Park Committee**
Commissioner Eric Russell
12. **Veterans Memorial Park Committee**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Parks and Recreation Commission 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 Parks and Recreation Commission 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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings

October 4, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

November 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

December 6, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings

September 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

October 5, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

October 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

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.

*I certify that this notice of meeting was posted at the City of Dripping Springs City Hall and website, www.cityofdrippingsprings.com, on **September 17, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.***

City Secretary

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Monday, August 02, 2021 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

With a quorum of the Commission present, Chair Zamora called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commission Members present were:

Robbie Zamora, Chair
Eric Russell, Vice Chair (arrived at 6:11 p.m.)
Paul Fushille
Eric Henline
Wade King
Matthew Zarbaugh

Commissioners absent were:

Amber Ballman
Matthew Fougerat

Staff, Consultants & Appointed/Elected Officials present were:

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No one spoke during Presentation of Citizens.

MINUTES

1. **Discuss and consider approval of the June 7, 2021, Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Henline to approve the June 7, 2021, Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes. Commissioner King seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

BUSINESS

2. **Discuss and consider approval of the Revised Parks & Recreation Commission Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Recommendation.**

The Commission reviewed the budget recommendation. No action was taken.

3. **Discuss and consider possible action regarding the rescheduling of the Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting of September 7, 2021, due to a conflict with the City Council & Board of Adjustment regular meeting.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Henline reschedule the September 7, 2021, regular Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to August 30, 2021. Vice Chair Russell seconded the motion which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

REPORTS

The following reports relate to the planning and administration of the City's Parks & Recreation Program. The commission may provide staff direction; however, no action may be taken.

Reports are on file and available for review upon request.

4. **Parks & Community Services June 2021 Director's Report**
Kelly Schmidt, PCS Director
5. **Parks & Community Services June 2021 Financial Statement**
Shawn Cox, City Treasurer

PARKS STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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There were no updates to Standing Committee Reports.

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Commissioner Robbie Zamora

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The Commission did not meet in Executive Session.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parks & Recreation Meetings

September TBD

October 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

November 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings

August 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

August 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Henline to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Fushille seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

This regular meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

- CODE OF ORDINANCES
 Chapter 2 - ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL
 ARTICLE 2.04. - BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES
 DIVISION 3. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

DIVISION 3. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Sec. 2.04.061. Popular name.

This division shall be commonly cited as the "parks and recreation commission ordinance."

(Ordinance 1500.3, ex. A, § 1.1, adopted 8/9/05)

Sec. 2.04.062. Creation.

There has been created in the county a citizen advisory board known as the City of Dripping Springs "Parks and Recreation Commission."

(Ordinance 1500.3, ex. A, § 1.2, adopted 8/9/05)

Sec. 2.04.063. Definitions.

(a) General. Words and phrases used in this division shall have the meanings set forth in this section. Terms that are not defined below, but are defined elsewhere in this code, shall be given the meanings set forth in this code. Words and phrases not defined in this code shall be given their common, ordinary meaning unless the context clearly requires otherwise. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense shall include the future tense; words in the plural number shall include the singular number (and vice versa); and words in the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender (and vice versa). The word "shall" is always mandatory, while the word "may" is merely directory. Headings and captions are for reference purposes only.

(b) Specific.

Commission: The City of Dripping Springs Parks and Recreation Commission.

DSISD: The Dripping Springs Independent School District.

DSYSA: The Dripping Springs Youth Sports Association, an incorporated nonprofit organization.

ETJ: The extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Dripping Springs, Texas.

(Ordinance 1500.3, ex. A, § 2, adopted 8/9/05)

Sec. 2.04.064. Members.

(a) Composition. The commission shall be composed of eight members who are known to be interested in parks and public recreation and the proper use of leisure time of the people of the city. The members shall serve without pay.

(b) DSISD. Two members of the commission shall be nominated by the DSISD, and each such nominee shall be appointed by the council to a two-year term of office. Each such member must reside within the boundaries of the DSISD.

- (c) City. Four members of the commission shall be appointed to a two-year term of office by the council. One of the three members may be a city councilmember. Each such member must reside within the city limits, the ETJ, or the boundaries of the DSISD.
- (d) DSYSA. Two members of the commission shall be nominated by the Dripping Springs Youth Sports Association (DSYSA), and each such nominee shall be appointed by the council to a two-year term of office. Each such member must reside within the city limits, the ETJ, or the boundaries of the DSISD.
- (e) Leadership. The members of the commission shall nominate a person to serve annually as chairperson of the commission. The chairperson shall appoint a vice-chairperson.

(Ordinance 2019-21, adopted 6/11/19)

Sec. 2.04.065. Organization and meetings.

- (a) Rules. The commission may adopt such rules as it deems best to govern its actions, provided those rules are not contrary to the general laws of this state, this division and other city ordinances.
- (b) Quorum. The attendance of four or more members shall constitute a quorum. The chairperson shall count toward the establishment of a quorum. The chairperson is allowed to make motions and vote on all matters before the commission.
- (c) Meetings. The meetings of the commission shall be held on a regular basis, but not less than once every two months. Commission meetings shall generally be open to the public as required by the laws of the state, and shall comply with the Open Meetings Act as set forth in chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, as may be amended.
- (d) Ordering meetings. Meetings may be called by the chairperson, or at the request of two or more of the commission's members.
- (e) Attendance. Commission members unable to attend any meeting shall notify the chairperson as soon as possible, in order to assure a quorum will be present. Any member of the commission absent for three regular consecutive meetings, or four regular meetings during the preceding twelve-month period of the commission, without having obtained leave of absence at a regular meeting, unless prevented by sickness, shall be deemed to have automatically vacated the position of commissioner.

(Ordinance 1500.3, ex. A, § 4, adopted 8/9/05)

Sec. 2.04.066. Functions and duties.

- (a) Advisory role. The commission shall act generally in an advisory capacity to the city council in the acquisition, development, utilization, operation, improvement, equipment and maintenance of all park playgrounds and recreational areas owned or controlled by the city.
- (b) Recommendations. It shall be the duty of the commission to make recommendations to the city council pertaining to:
 - (1) The maximum utilization of the parks and park facilities by the DSISD, local athletic associations and the local public.
 - (2) Utilization of the park facilities to accommodate the athletic program of the DSISD and local athletic associations.
 - (3) Establishment of rules and regulations governing the utilization of the parks.
 - (4) Future development of parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities.

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- (c) Activities. The commission shall:
- (1) Schedule special events;
 - (2) Establish an operating budget with approval of the council;
 - (3) Establish a maintenance program;
 - (4) Provide the council with quarterly and annual financial statements;
 - (5) Show income, expenditures and profit or loss of the city's park facilities;
 - (6) Make recommendations pertaining to the city's master park plan; and
 - (7) Prescribe and approve a schedule of activities of park facilities.
- (d) Cooperation. The commission shall at all time seek to promote the close cooperation between the city, the DSISD, and the DSYSA and all private citizen's institutions and agencies interested in conducting recreational activities to the end that all recreational resources within the city may be coordinated to secure the greatest public welfare.

(Ordinance 1500.3, ex. A, § 5, adopted 8/9/05)

Secs. 2.04.067—2.04.090. Reserved.

JULY PARKS ACTIVITY

CHARRO RANCH PARK

Submitted by- Sue Harding, Lead Volunteer

Nothing to report.

DRIPPING SPRINGS RANCH PARK

Submitted by - Emily Nelson, DSRP Manager



Summer is burned through so fast! So many great things happened in July at the Ranch Park. We are so excited to have been selected as the location for Alexander Seshan to build his Chimney Swift Tower for his Eagle Scout project. He and his volunteers worked so hard to add such an amazing bird amenity to our park. It is perfectly placed by the pond so that our Bird Watchers can enjoy the show. Thank you, Alexander! Tween Scene continued to grow throughout July. The Ranch Park is the spot to be on Thursday nights for Dripping Springs tweens. We enjoy all the energy they bring! The Summer Sizzle 1 Dressage Show sold out and had quite a waitlist. We added tables in the event room for participants to cool down at between rides. The Ranch Park received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Hays County Sheriff's Office thanking us for hosting the Hays County Junior Deputy Academy in July. We truly enjoyed hosting

them and seeing their excitement learning about all the different aspects of being a Sheriff. Between our amazing Coyote Kids Summer Camp, Junior Deputy Academy, and Tween Scene, Ranch Park is hosting hundreds of youths this summer and providing them educational opportunities all while having fun!

The Ranch Hands were very excited when a brand-new fleet truck arrived at the Ranch Park. It is a much-needed acquisition that was immediately put to work. Craig Rice, City of Dripping Springs Maintenance Director, worked tirelessly to locate us the perfect vehicle to suit our needs. We can't thank Craig enough. Ranch Hands have been busy moving equipment and panels around and knocking out jobs that allow them to use the new truck and trailer to move things with ease. It is looking great up here!

TWEEN SCENE DSRP WEEKLY EVENT	July 1 - 68 Attendees July 8 - 82 Attendees July 15 - 110 Attendees July 22 - 95 Attendees July 29 - 114 Attendees
COYOTE KIDS NATURE CAMP DSRP PROGRAM - July 5 - July 31, 2021	Rock-N-Roll - Week 6 Enrollment = 49 All Things Wings II - Week 7 Enrollment = 38 Wet-N-Wild - Week 8 Enrollment = 50 Sun & Stars - Week 9 Enrollment = 44

FOUNDERS MEMORIAL PARK



Founders Memorial Park –
Parking lot addition is complete.



PROGRAMS & AQUATICS OVERVIEW

Submitted by - Mack Rusick, Programs & Aquatics Manager



Total sales in pool admissions + Season Passes to date = \$23,479

2021 Season Passes Sold	121 Total = 583 people
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The month of July was smooth for the Founders Pool team. We have an awesome team of guards who take pride in their jobs and help to keep the pool a wonderful place for families to enjoy. I'm grateful for the spirit they bring to the pool every day.

As the weather has continued to throw curve-balls we have still had consistent visitors to the pool. Our morning swimmers have become a solid group that shows up right as we open to get their laps in and many of our family pass holders show up right around 10am to beat the heat. We have seen less lulls mid-morning but continue to see peak times between 2pm-6pm with around 30 - 50 people on average. Additionally, our peak days are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, with Saturday being the highest visited day every week.

I do want to add that I seem to have the same conversation repeatedly with people who wander in saying that they have lived in the area for 5+ years and never knew that Founders Pool existed! I think with the new signage, better advertising, and more programming we could really put Founders Pool back on the map for this community.

We have had some awesome staff in-service trainings lately including a special training in conjunction with local Hays County EMS. The EMT's were serious business and helped staff to understand the real-life consequences of being unprepared for a real-life emergency. We were able to work side by side to run through different scenarios and received great feedback from the team. Our subsequent in-service was spent reviewing in detail some of the weak points in our Emergency Action Plan and skills practice. I was pleased to see a greater overall confidence in the staff as they ran through various scenarios.

We held a special Float & Flick event at the pool on July 24 and had many people in the community come out to enjoy. We watched the movie JAWS on a huge outdoor screen that really made it an immersive experience. Overall, the event was success although next year we might pick a shorter movie that's a bit more family friendly!


Jim and I have been working to keep systems running smoothly. We have had continued issues with faulty UV system, broken filters, electrical issues, and various other breakdowns. We have also continued to have trouble with our ADA chairlift even after replacing nearly every part except the seat itself! Jim and the maintenance crew have been amazing at responding to these issues quickly and staying on top of our to-do list rather than letting things fall by the wayside.

We are on our last push to the end of the season!




RATHGEBER NATURAL RESOURCE PARK

July 13, 2021 – 2nd POSAC presentation delivered.



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RATHGEBER NATURAL RESOURCE PARK UPDATE

Kelly Schmidt
Parks & Community Services Director




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RATHGEBER NRP OVERVIEW






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RATHGEBER NRP LOCATION

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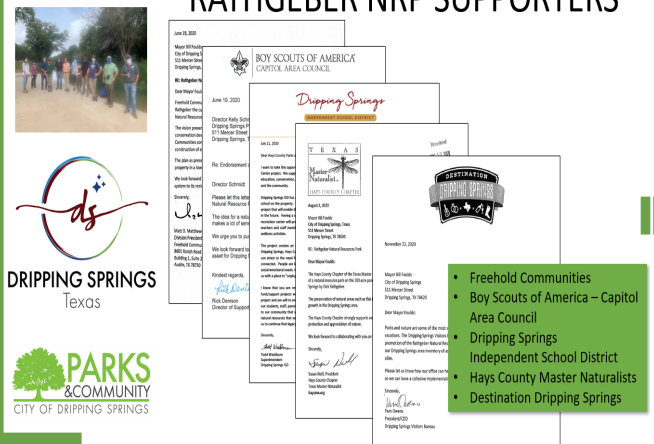
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RATHGEBER NRP VISION



- PROTECT + IMPROVE WATER QUALITY -**
 - Restore the stream bank and riparian forest
 - Reconnect riparian forest
 - Manage water and non-water dependent uses
 - Protect water quality and riparian habitat
- PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION -**
 - Install interpretive panels
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- PROMOTE CONSERVATION -**
 - Install interpretive panels
 - Install interpretive panels
 - Install interpretive panels
 - Install interpretive panels
- PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE RECREATION -**
 - Install interpretive panels
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RATHGEBER NRP SUPPORTERS



- Freehold Communities
- Boy Scouts of America – Capital Area Council
- Dripping Springs Independent School District
- Hays County Master Naturalists
- Destination Dripping Springs



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BUDGET & PHASING

PROJECT OVERVIEW

BUDGET AND PHASING

PHASE I (2020-2022)

COMMITTED PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION IS ACCEPTED BY THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS

- Value \$3,750,000 - \$5,250,000 – 300 acres of pristine Barton and Little Barton Creek riparian area and watershed have been committed via signed agreement by Dick Rathgeber.

PROPOSED CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS CONTRIBUTION

- \$50,000 - Master Plan & Public Input Process
- \$60,000 - \$125,000 - Engineering/Environmental studies

PHASE II (2022 - 2024)

- \$500k - 1m - Trailheads, Parking lots & Park Entrances w/ Signage & ADA compliant (Three access points, One may require additional easement or land acquisition)
- \$1.5 - \$2.5m - Connectivity. A mixture of rustic/primitive (DG) & ADA Compliant. Trails Existing dilapidated low water crossing (dam) redesigned into pedestrian bridge

PHASE III (2024 - 2026)

- \$300,000 - \$500,000 - Interpretive Master Plan & Installation. Interpretive kiosks, traiside interpretive panels, wildflower & pollinator meadows, wayfinding signage throughout park and interactive exhibits
- \$300,000 - \$500,000 - Boy & Girl Scout / Youth & Family Group Campground. Platforms, gathering pavilion, water spigots, trepits, pit toilets or restrooms



PHASE IV (2026 - 2028)

- \$3 - \$4m - Dripping Springs Natural Resource & Outdoor Recreation Center. Restrooms, classrooms, meeting space, staff offices, night sky viewing center, outdoor recreation amenities and features (example climbing wall, high element challenge course, hiking, etc.)


***TOTAL PROJECT COSTS RANGE – \$6,210,500 - \$7,675,000**
(without Interpretive/Outdoor Rec Center – project costs \$3,210,500 - \$4,675,000)

**This rough budget estimate was compiled from consultation with RvI Planning and established from nearby similar projects.
** If not awarded funding by the POSAC opportunity, for PHASE IV, our goal is to partner with other potential funding sources for the Natural Resource & Outdoor Recreation Center project – DSISS, TPWD, Private Donations, In-Kind, City funding, etc.)











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RATHGEBER NRP UPDATES

- ➔ **May 2020** – Presentation Hays County Parks Recreation & Open Space Commission
- ➔ **June 2020 – April 2021** – *Multiple Stakeholder Site Tours Given* POSAC, DS Officials, PCS Staff, BSA, HTGCD, Hays County Staff
- ➔ **July 2020** – Rathgeber Natural Resource Park Named as Tier 1 Project by POSAC.
- ➔ **September 2020** – Formal Appraisal obtained valuing Rathgeber parcel at 5,600,000.
- ➔ **December 2020** – RNP 300-acre parcel was deeded to and accepted by the City of DS.
- ➔ **June 2021** – RNP Access road through Headwaters at 90% completion.
- ➔ **March 2021** – BSA Lease Agreement replaced with BSA Maintenance & Use Agreement.

2021 – 2022 Rathgeber Natural Resources Park & BSA Wilderness Park Acquisition Agreement & Letter of Intent on file	2022 – 2023 Master Plan & Public Input Process \$50,000	2023 – 2024 Engineer/Impact Studies & Site Development Plan \$60,000	2024 – 2026 Site Development Plan Approved & Ground Breaking Estimated cost for project \$7.5 million
			

SPORTS & RECREATION PARK

Nothing to report.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

On July 21, concerns were submitted from the Farmers Market board chair in the form of an email and the photos below about the condition of the parking lot at Veterans Memorial Park. Workorders and discussions had been underway between PCS and the Maintenance department prior to receipt of the email to address the conditions in Veterans Memorial Park as well as system-wide that had formed. The degradation of the parking lot at Veterans Memorial Park is an annual occurrence. It appears to be at its worst following several concurrent rain events. Because Veterans Memorial Park is in a designated floodplain, this will continue to be an ongoing struggle. Each week the park hosts the Dripping Springs Farmers Market which has doubled in size and popularity since the start of the pandemic in 2020 and as a result the vehicular traffic and impact on the park and the Triangle have also greatly increased. Addressing the issue annually will remain on the radar of the maintenance department but the ability to address the issue in a timely manner, however, will depend on the resources available to staff at the time the need arises each year. It has been noted that this spring and summer were unseasonably wet, and the conditions of the park remain below ideal as a result.



CITY-WIDE EVENTS & INITIATIVES + PARK RENTALS + COMMUNITY OUTREACH + VOLUNTEER COORDINATION

Submitted by- Melanie Blakely, Community Services Coordinator



In July of 2021 we had 6 itinerant vendors. 6 pool/pavilion rentals and 3 triangle banners. We held a community night of Flick and Float. I joined the first kick off meeting of Christmas on Mercer and the Lions Club has asked me to spearhead the sponsorship collection. Learning ordinances and integrating the Parks and Community Services Mission into my everyday working style is one of my biggest passions.

Permits & Rentals for July	Qty
Itinerant Vendor Permits	6
Pavilion/Park Rentals	5
Pool & Pool Party Package Rentals	6
Triangle Banner Display	3

EVENT - COMMUNITY MICRO EVENTS - July 24, Float Flick (Jaws)

EVENT - CHRISTMAS ON MERCER – Nothing to report

EVENT - FOUNDERS DAY FESTIVAL – Noting to report

EVENT - WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY – Nothing to report for July.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE - KEEP DRIP (TEXAS) BEAUTIFUL – Annual report completed.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE – BIRD CITY – Nothing to report for July.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE – VOLUNTEER OUTREACH - Coordination of interested volunteers has begun. Several volunteers to programs within the Parks and Community Services Department that are a good fit and the volunteers have really enjoyed helping. Meetings with the Boy Scouts have begun about their volunteer clean up commitment to our parks.

OTHER NOTABLES FOR THE MONTH – Heavily assisted with Coyote Kids Camp administration and staffing coverage for Tween Night.

FARMERS MARKET

Submitted by - Charlie Reed, Farmers Market Manager



July brought a return to the market’s old layout, making it friendlier for people looking to sit and enjoy food, drink, and music in the shade beneath the trees – and just in time, as spring-like temperatures endured through most of July. Local Peaches remain in peak form, and the ground has remained soft and green from all the sweet-tart juice that been dripped.

It’s vacation season for residents, but that also means we’re getting lots of stops from folks vacationing from elsewhere – we’ve had people from Seattle and Maine stopping by. With four new vendors approved in each of the last two months – bringing gardeners, beverages, microgreens, spreads, and crafts – the market is prepared to take on seasonal changes as certain vendors reach the end of their growing periods.



Date	Vendors	Customers	Music
6/30/21	41	537	Melvin Brown
7/7/21	42	517	Jerry Rivers
7/14/21	43	564	Bob Slaughter
7/21/21	35	509	Anna Rose
7/28/21	t/k	t/k	
7/1/20	33	n/a	Alex Dormont
7/8/20	27	n/a	None (Covid)
7/15/20	29	n/a	None (Covid)
7/22/20	27	n/a	None (Covid)
7/29/20	32	n/a	None

It's that time of year again to VOTE for our special Farmers Market!!!! As of August 17, 2021 - we have reached 500 votes!!!!



American Farmland Trust



Not Mushroom for Competition

Did we just get a heavy rain? Because your endorsements are popping up like mushrooms! Your customers are loving your market and are giving you some more support. Your market is quite the find – just like the precious truffle!

Congratulations on your 500th endorsement!

OTHER PCS BUSINESS & PROJECTS

July 19, 2021 - Park System Signage Plan - Update

A Park System Signage Plan Committee has been formed. It consists of City Administrator, Michelle Fischer, Communications and Marketing Director, Lisa Sullivan, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Paul Fuschille, Lead Charro Ranch Volunteer, Sue Harding, and Parks and Community Services Director, Kelly Schmidt. Their first meeting with Studio 16:19 was an orientation meeting of sorts and reviewed the first set of conceptual signage themes proposed. Following that meeting the Committee unanimously agreed that the concepts presented did not align with collective vision and the Committee asked that the firm produce additional concepts to review and choose from.

JULY PARKS ACTIVITY

CHARRO RANCH PARK

Submitted by- Sue Harding, Lead Volunteer

Nothing to report.

DRIPPING SPRINGS RANCH PARK

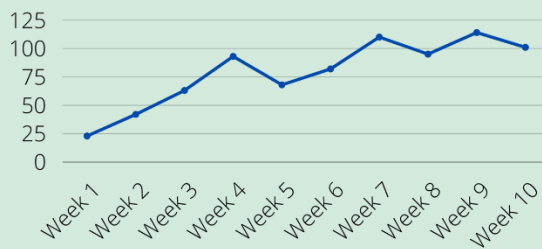
Submitted by - Emily Nelson, DSRP Manager



The heat finally found us this August. We have been very lucky with temperatures in June and July. Our second Summer Sizzle Dressage show really earned its name in more ways than one. Penny, Melissa, and Lily are such a great show team. The participants really enjoyed a well-run show.



DRIPPING SPRINGS RANCH PARK TWEEN SCENE ENROLLMENT



700 youth served throughout the program

Coyote Kids Summer Camp and Tween Scene wrapped up in August, and the entire staff had to adjust to the quiet. We truly enjoyed having Dripping Springs youth at the Ranch Park all summer. Tween Scene served almost 700 youth (ages 9-14) throughout the program this summer. We are thankful to the parents for sharing their tweens with us.



Alexander Seshan completed his Eagle Scout project by the pond. He constructed a beautiful Chimney Swift Tower for park goers to enjoy. I encourage everyone to check it out. Thank you, Alexander.

August also brought us our first Gun Show in over a year. The organizers really hosted a smooth show, and it was well attended both days.

The staff at the Ranch Park are gearing up for non-stop event weekends through Thanksgiving. We are so excited to host a huge variety of shows from Eskimo Dog Shows to Fall Classic, a Dripping Springs Ag Boosters livestock show. And we can't forget Rodeo in October. We are excited to welcome everyone.

FOUNDERS MEMORIAL PARK

DSYSA youth football program has begun its seasonal use of Founders Memorial Park. Their fall schedule is slated to be as follows:

Practices

- August 1 – August 16 | Monday – Friday (4:45pm-8:45pm)
- August 17 – September 3 | Monday – Thursday (5pm-8pm)
- September 6 – November 5 | Monday – Thursday (5pm-8pm)

Games

- September 25 – November 6 | Saturday (7:30am – 5:30pm)

RATHGEBER NATURAL RESOURCE PARK

Nothing to report.

SPORTS & RECREATION PARK

Nothing to report.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Nothing to report.

PROGRAMS & AQUATICS OVERVIEW

Submitted by - Mack Rusick, Programs & Aquatics Manager



The full pool summer season schedule concluded on Sunday, August 15, 2021, with the start of the DSISD school year and the lifeguard staff returning to their respective universities, high schools, and various academic commitments. From August 16 until Labor Day the pool is only open on Saturday and Sunday from 12pm-6pm (Closed on Labor Day).

The 2021 summer season is nearly complete, and the summer was very successful. Several issues challenged staff at the onset and throughout the summer with technical and mechanical malfunctions of various components of the pool, but the staff were able to navigate them and still provide an incredible swimming experience for Tiger splash and pool patrons alike.



**CITY-WIDE EVENTS & INITIATIVES + PARK
RENTALS + COMMUNITY OUTREACH +
VOLUNTEER COORDINATION**

Submitted by- Melanie Blakely, Community Services Coordinator



Permits & Rentals for July	Qty
Itinerant Vendor Permits	0
Pavilion/Park Rentals	1
Pool & Pool Party Package Rentals	5
Triangle Banner Display	5
Co-Sponsorship Request	1 - Denied

EVENT - COMMUNITY MICRO EVENTS – None in August.

EVENT - CHRISTMAS ON MERCER – Attended first planning meeting.

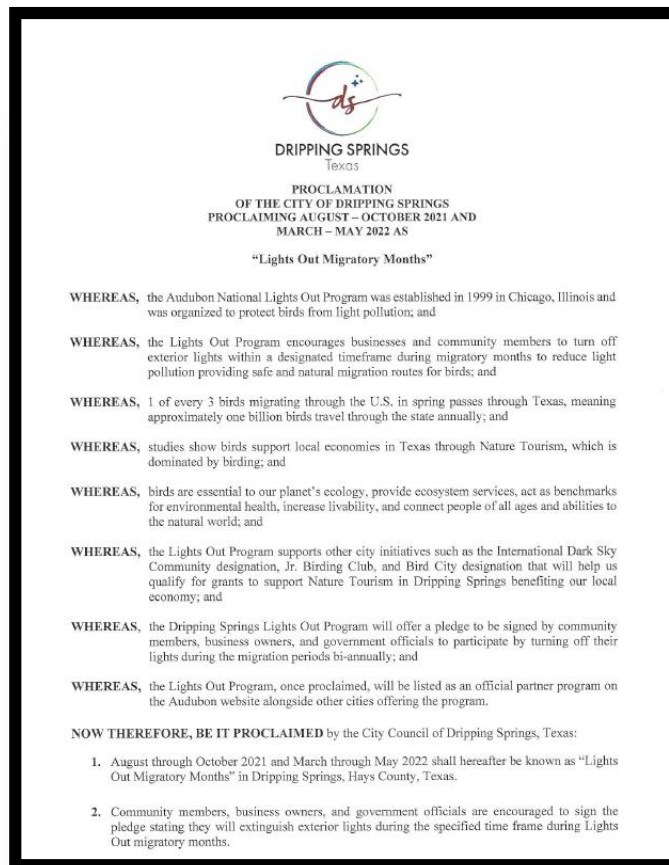
EVENT - FOUNDERS DAY FESTIVAL – Nothing to report for August.

EVENT - WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY – Nothing to report for August.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE - KEEP DRIP (TEXAS) BEAUTIFUL – Researched various community beautifucation initiatives to be involved with both optional and required.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE – BIRD CITY – Attended July Planning meeting

Lights Out Dripping Springs Proclomation was composed by City Administrator Michelle Fischer and passed.



COMMUNITY INITIATIVE – VOLUNTEER OUTREACH - Coordination of interested volunteers has begun. Several volunteers to programs within the Parks and Community Services Department that are a good fit and the volunteers have really enjoyed helping. Meetings with the Boy Scouts have begun about their volunteer clean up commitment to our parks.
OTHER NOTABLES FOR THE MONTH – Heavily assisted with Coyote Kids Camp administration and staffing coverage for Tween Night for the last two week in August.

FARMERS MARKET

Submitted by - Charlie Reed, Farmers Market Manager



Summer Recap:

Being featured on Fox 7’s “Market Monday” segment was an unbelievable kick-off for our summer and helped bring out the crowds. Also, by taking a marketing approach with the newsletter and using social media to focus on Dripping Springs’ vibrant community, Johnna and I have seen both approaches grow the market, and we’ve had tons of fun along the way. The result has had long-time vendors saying they love the market’s new energy, while new vendors consistently say they’re reaching out because they’re hearing good things.

And what a wonderful summer it was for the Farmers Market! We broke records with total vendors and visitor counts from May to July, and lower-than-average temps kept the Triangle’s grass green throughout the hot season. This made the market a comfortable spot to enjoy the huge variety of delicious artisanal foods and drinks.

August Recap:

August was predictably slower in both vendor and visitor counts, with both dropping as vacation season rolled in. This didn’t slow the market at all – we held contests and giveaways throughout the month, celebrating National Farmers Market Week and driving folks to vote for DSFM in American Farmland Trust’s yearly contest, which in ends in mid-September. Through August, we hold the top spot in the Southwest region.

Date	Vendors	Customers	Music
8/4/21	34	503	Jerry Rivers
8/11/21	40	425	n/a
8/18/21	38	372	Jerry Rivers
8/25/21	36	334	Jerry Kirk

It's that time of year again to VOTE for our special Farmers Market!!!! As of August 30, 703 votes!

Roswell's Ruin

Last week, Roswell's Farmers Market was making a serious run in the vote, but thanks to your efforts, we've put them in their place and taken their space aliens.

What can these aliens teach us? Do they have technology that will help our gardens in late summer? Can they show us what "local" means across interstellar distances? And what do we do with them in their off hours? Will they like miniature golf? Or are they more into beer gardens with sprawling views of the Hill Country?

In any case, there's still a few weeks left in this vote, and as you can tell, we're going a little loopy from the pressure. We're still up on #2, Winnsboro, TX, but not by enough to get comfortable.

So if you haven't already, please [vote online](#). And share that link with friends, family, or anyone you know who wants Dripping to be #1. We sure do appreciate it. Or as our new alien friends say, *mahalo*.

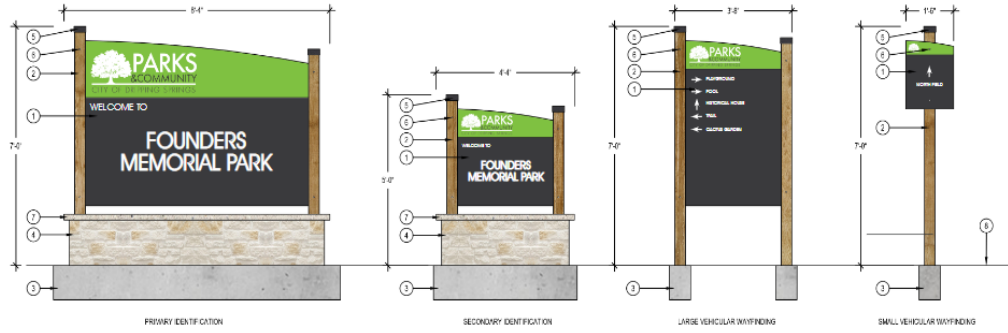
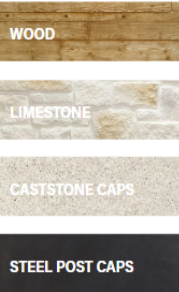


OTHER PCS BUSINESS & PROJECTS

August 30, 2021 - Park System Signage Plan - Update

The Signage Plan Committee has expanded to include a few park partners in addition to key City personnel. The first draft of the signage plan concept is being narrowed down to the Rustic Modern Concept. The Committee overwhelmingly selected this concept out of a total of 3 thematic options presented. Next steps- Studio 16:19 will now expand their concept to ensure all design elements comply with the City's sign ordinance. Color palette and sign materials will be finalized. Content will be presented to the signage committee for review and feedback as it is developed for each park. Then it will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission for review and final recommendations.

MATERIALS

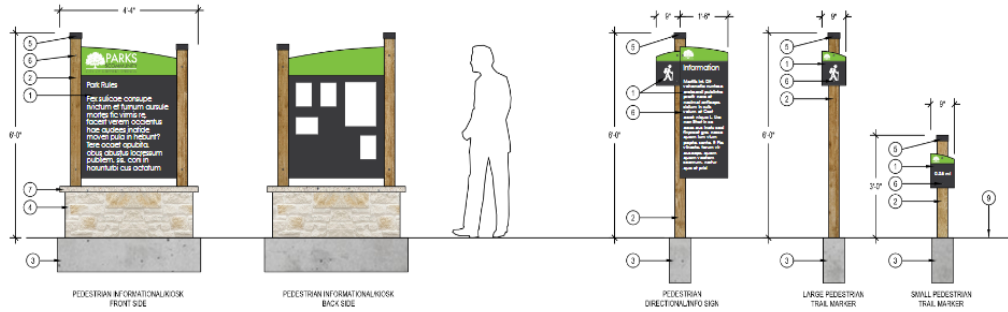


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SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

IZONE PANEL COLORS



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PEDESTRIAN IDENTIFICATION SIGNAGE

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Rustic-Modern Sign Design Concept

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