



MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board
FROM: Jessica Carpenter, Director of Community Experiences
DATE: Thursday, September 5, 2024
SUBJECT: September Director's Report

Events Update

September 14 – Sunset Social: Music in Old Town from 7-9PM – Fans of all ages, get ready to rock out to the musical talents of [Epic Unplugged!](#) Enjoy hits by Queen, Muse, Pink Floyd, Killers, Led Zeppelin, Nirvana, and more, performed completely "unplugged". Grab a bite to eat from [F&F Express](#) and [Nacho Loco](#); and for dessert, stop by Mandico Ice Cream!

September 14 – The Cozby Library welcomes Raina Telgemeier at The Coppell Arts Center from 3-5:30PM. Raina Telgemeier is the author and illustrator of the graphic novels Smile, Drama, Sisters, Ghosts, and Guts, all #1 New York Times bestsellers. She also adapted and illustrated four graphic novel versions of Ann M. Martin's Baby-Sitters Club series. Raina will give a 60 minute talk about her life in comics. A book signing will follow the presentation. No tickets or registration are required. Doors open at 2:30 pm. Attendees are welcome to bring one book for Raina to sign. Books will be available for purchase at the event through Talking Animals books in Grapevine.

September 20 - October 6 – Theatre Coppell Presents: The Diary of Anne Frank in the Wheelice Wilson, Jr. Theatre at the Coppell Arts Center. Tickets are available at www.coppellartscenter.org.

September 21 – Fall Frolic at the Biodiversity Education Center from 10AM-Noon. Join the BEC in celebrating the changing of the seasons! Enjoy a petting zoo, climbing wall, slides, a maze, and other family friendly activities.

September 21 – Wild West Circus Presented By Lone Star Circus in the Main Hall at the Coppell Arts Center. Tickets are available at www.coppellartscenter.org.

October 5 – The Coppell Arts Center Presents: Canine Stars Stunt Dog Show at 2PM and 7PM in the Main Hall at the Coppell Arts Center. Tickets are available at www.coppellartscenter.org.

October 12 – Art Sip & Stroll at Andy Brown East – The Coppell Arts Council is unveiling new art pieces at Andy Brown East! Tickets can be purchased at www.coppellartscouncil.org.

October 18 – The Coppell Arts Center Presents: Uptown in Main Hall at the Coppell Arts Center. Tickets are available at www.coppellartscenter.org.

October 19 - Flick or Treat at Andy Brown East Park – Come out and "trunk or treat" before sitting back to enjoy a family-friendly Halloween flick! [1965 Pizza](#) and [Cheddr Wheel](#) food trucks will be on site to keep any little monsters from getting hungry.

Project Update

Magnolia Park Trail – Staff have a pre-construction meeting scheduled with the project contractor this week. We will have an updated timeline after this meeting.

Dog Park Renovation – We are assembling a timeline for the bid process.

Veterans Memorial Project – We are working through the final stages of design. We anticipate going to bid for construction in early October.

General Updates for the Board

Boards & Commissions Applications – It's that time again! Applications for all City Boards and Commissions are open from August 26 – September 20! You should have been contacted by City Secretary's office if your term expires at the end of this year.

October Meeting Cancelled – As a reminder, due to Community Experiences staff attending the National Recreation and Park Association annual conference, the regularly scheduled October Board meeting is cancelled.

Potential Joint Board Meeting – We are beginning to discuss dates to hold a joint meeting with the Park Board and Library Board. It has been several years since these bodies convened for a formal meeting. We hope to have an email out to you this week to gather availability.

National Senior Center Month – September is National Senior Center Month. A proclamation will be presented at the September 10, 2024 Council meeting.