

MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Jessica Carpenter, Director of Community Experiences

DATE: Tuesday, September 2, 2025

SUBJECT: September Director's Report

Events Update

September 13 – Sunset Socials: Music in Old Town from 7-9PM. Throw on those boots and scoot on over to Old Town Coppell as Hazard County takes the stage for an evening of Texas Country hits! Kick back and enjoy the music with family and friends, play some lawn games, and have a good ole' time. Food trucks will be on site if you need to grab a bite, featuring Easy Slider, Nacho Loco, and Marble Slab (y'know, for somethin' sweet.) Cantina Caravan will also be available for adult beverage purchases.

September 20 – The Coppell Arts Center Presents: Doktor Kaboom! Look Out! Science is Coming! in the Main Hall at the Coppell Arts Center. Tickets are available at www.coppellartscenter.org.

October 4 – Art, Sip & Stroll presented by the Coppell Arts Council beginning at 6PM in Old Town. Join the Coppell Arts Council for their annual fundraiser, the Art, Sip & Stroll! The event will take place at Old Town Coppell. Purchase tickets to join the Coppell Arts Council and enjoy Headline Performance Elevation - An Emerald City Band along with wine samples, new public art, art demonstrations, and performances by Coppell's Local arts groups; The Coppell Community Chorale, Coppell Community Orchestra, Theatre Coppell and the Ballet Ensemble of Texas. In addition, VIP ticket holders will enjoy an individual charcuterie box to pair with wine samples and food and drink tickets. Tickets can be purchased from the Coppell Arts Council website – www.coppellartscouncil.org.

Project Update

Magnolia Park Trail – Concrete trail is complete. Crews are now working on fencing and other final details. Completion is expected by the end of the month.

Dog Park Renovation – Construction officially began in mid-June. There have been some slight delays with additional design work needing to be done regarding drainage concerns. Project is still expected to be complete near the end of the year, with the official opening date contingent on condition of new turf.

Veterans Plaza – There have been several delays with contractors, but the project is still expected to be complete by November 11, 2025.

MacArthur Park Playground – After compiling survey and public input meeting feedback, staff asked City Council to consider additional funding to expand the playground footprint, add swings and other structures, and fence and shade the entire area. Council approved the additional funding at the July 22nd meeting. CRDC approved the request at their August meeting. We anticipate an early 2026 completion.

General Updates for the Board

Board and Commission Applications – It's that time again! Applications to serve on a Board or Commission will be open from August 11th – September 9th. All Board members are encouraged to reapply.

New Agenda Posting Timeline – For your awareness, the Texas Legislature recently passed HB 1522 which requires agendas for public meetings to be posted at least three business days in advance of the meeting. This means agendas for this Board will now be posted the Tuesday prior to the Monday Board meeting. Please let Jessica or Cecilia know if you have any questions.

Senior Center Month Proclamation – Please join us at City Council on Tuesday, September 9th at 7:30PM as we proclaim September as "Senior Center Month." We are excited to celebrate at our Senior Center all month long!