



MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board
FROM: Jessica Carpenter, Director of Community Experiences
DATE: Thursday, October 31, 2024
SUBJECT: November Director's Report

Events Update

November 9 & 10 – Coppell Community Chorale Presents: One and Only You in the Main Hall at the Coppell Arts Center. Tickets are available at www.coppellartscenter.org.

November 16 – The Dallas Conservatory Presents: Fall Ballet Gala in the Main Hall at the Coppell Arts Center. Tickets are available at www.coppellartscenter.org.

November 23 – Gobble Wobble 5K and Fun Run The 6th Annual Coppell Gobble Wobble 5K & Fun Run is back for 2024! Families, friends, and groups of all ages are invited to join in and kick-off the holiday season! Sign up by the Early Bird date of Friday, November 1 to receive a Gobble Wobble t-shirt! After the Early Bird date, registrants will not receive a t-shirt with packet pick-up. Participants will receive an email with full race details after registration. Proceeds will be donated to Coppell Animal Services to provide food and other necessities for adoptable pets.

Project Update

Magnolia Park Trail – Construction is underway. The new timeline for completion is early summer. Signage is posted onsite with a QR code that directs to a project information page on the City's website.

Dog Park Renovation – We are experiencing delays in the final stages of the design process. We hope to receive final plans soon.

Veterans Memorial Project – We have received final plans and are currently preparing bid documents.

MacArthur Park Playground – We have funding to replace the existing playground with an All Abilities playground this fiscal year. Staff kicked off this project with a tour of several inclusive playgrounds around the Metroplex. We are currently working on a public engagement plan regarding how we will gather input from the community around specific design elements. We will have more information soon.

General Updates for the Board

Joint Board Meeting – The Parks and Recreation Board and the Library Board will convene for a joint meeting on Monday, November 11 at 6:30PM at Life Safety Park. Agenda to follow.

Best in DFW – We are thrilled and honored to announce that the Coppell Arts Center has once again been awarded the *Dallas Morning News* People's Choice Best in DFW GOLD for Best Live Theater Venue for the *third* consecutive year! We also won...

GOLD for Best Concert Venue
GOLD for Best Entertainment District
GOLD for Best Arts & Culture Event
GOLD for Best Music Venue
GOLD for Best Art Gallery
GOLD for Best Place to Volunteer
SILVER for Best Family Attraction

Congrats to our entire Arts Center team!

TRAPS Award – Our Community Engagement Team also won a Promotional Award from the Texas Recreation and Parks Society for **“Total Eclipse of the Park”**. The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding promotional efforts of a park and recreation or leisure agency for the past year. Congrats to our outstanding Community Engagement staff!

December Board Meeting – As a special thank you for your dedication and service this year, dinner will be provided for the Board at the December 2nd meeting.