



MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board
FROM: Jessica Carpenter, Director of Community Experiences
DATE: Friday, April 4, 2025
SUBJECT: April Director's Report

Events Update

April 25 – The Coppell Arts Center Presents: Ragamala Dance Company's Children of Dharma in the Main Hall at the Coppell Arts Center. Tickets are available at www.coppellartscenter.org.

April 26 – Earthfest at the Biodiversity Education Center from 11AM-1PM. Come celebrate Coppell's commitment to the environment with an entertaining and educational experience for all ages! Earthfest highlights environmental, sustainable, and nature-themed projects and initiatives within the community. Enjoy a Saturday in nature as you chat with local Coppell ISD and community groups, browse vendor booths, meet and learn about a variety of exciting animals with Creature Teacher, and explore Coppell Nature Park! If you're hungry, visit G's Brunch Truck for a mid-day bite. Before you flutter off, don't forget to stop for a photo op with a butterfly stilt walker!

April 30 – MacArthur Park Playground Community Input Meeting from 6:30-8PM at Mockingbird Elementary. Be part of the process as we plan and design our brand new inclusive playground!

May 2 – Old Town Anniversary: Party on the Lawn from 7-9PM. Celebrate Old Town with a concert featuring Limelight, food, and family fun!

May 4 – The Coppell Community Orchestra Presents: May the Fourth Be With You in the Main Hall at the Coppell Arts Center. Tickets are available at www.coppellartscenter.org.

Project Update

Magnolia Park Trail – Construction is progressing, and we are still on schedule for a late summer completion.

Dog Park Renovation – Construction is scheduled to be awarded at City Council at the April 8th meeting.

Veterans Memorial Project – Construction has been awarded and pre-construction meetings have been held with the project contractors. Mobilization will begin the week of April 14th.

MacArthur Park Playground – This project is scheduled to be awarded at City Council at the April 8th meeting.

General Updates for the Board

The CORE's 25th Anniversary – The CORE is celebrating 25 years! Join the celebration on Sunday, May 25th, 2025, from 1-3PM. Enjoy light refreshments, an ice cream truck, Group Exercise demos, a Free Throw challenge, and swimming!

CAPRA Accreditation Process – The visitation portion of our 2025 reaccreditation process went extremely well. We had excellent feedback from the visit team. We will be notified of the formal decision on our reaccreditation at the national conference in September.

Volunteer Appreciation Event – We want to celebrate YOU! You should have received an invitation for the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic taking place on April 17th from 6:00 – 7:30PM in Old Town. RSVPs are due by Monday, April 7th.

Veterans Memorial Groundbreaking Ceremony – The Parks and Recreation Board is formally invited to the groundbreaking ceremony for the Veterans Memorial on Friday, April 11th at 10AM. Join us as we kick off this long awaited project!