



MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board
FROM: Jessica Carpenter, Director of Community Experiences
DATE: Tuesday, July 28, 2026
SUBJECT: August Director's Report

Events Update

A big thank you to the Board for your support of this year's successful Celebrate Coppell events! Over 22,400 people attended this year!

August 15 – The Coppell Community Chorale Presents: Center Stage in the Wheelice Wilson, Jr. Theatre at the Coppell Arts Center. Tickets are available at www.coppellartscenter.org.

September 5 - Maker's Market at the Coppell Arts Center from 9AM-2PM. Attend a Maker's Market hosted by the Coppell Arts Center during our Make & Take craft event. Explore and enjoy handcrafted goods, DIY crafts, local art, and more. This event is free to attend and the perfect way to celebrate local artists with the whole family. Support local, shop small, and find your new favorite maker!

September 11 & 12 – The Coppell Arts Center Presents: Behind the Lines: A 9/11 Story in the Main Hall at the Coppell Arts Center. Tickets are available at www.coppellartscenter.org.

Project Update

Trails Master Plan – We had a very successful community input meeting in June and heard from many community members about their desires for the trails system. Our consultant is still analyzing the data, and we hope to have an update for you in September.

General Updates for the Board

Board and Commissions Applications – It's that time of year again! Applications for City Boards and Commissions opens on Monday, August 3rd and closes on Friday, September 4th. If you're passionate about making a difference and giving back to your community, we encourage you to apply and help shape Coppell's future.

New Permanent Resident at Pooch's Bark Park - There's another exciting addition at to Pooch's Bark Park! As part of the park's exciting transformation, a custom dog sculpture now welcomes visitors at the entrance to the park. The art piece, crafted by Dale Rogers Studio, is a 10-foot tall Corten steel playful pooch!

The Coppel Arts Center Celebrates 5 Years - Join us in September as we celebrate five incredible years of excellence at the Coppel Arts Center. Since opening its doors in 2021, the Arts Center has become a vibrant gathering place for performances, programs, and unforgettable experiences. To mark this milestone, we've planned a season of special events, including a Maker's Market featuring talented local artisans, Behind the Lines: a 9/11 Story, the always-popular Dog Days Fashion Show, and an incredible headlining concert by country music favorite Lonestar. Celebrate five years of inspiring arts, culture, and community with us this fall!

September Board Meeting Date – Just a reminder that, due to the Labor Day holiday, the Board will meet on Monday, September 14th.