



MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board
FROM: Jessica Carpenter, Director of Community Experiences
DATE: Thursday, April 27, 2023
SUBJECT: May Director's Report

Events Update

May 5 – Old Town Anniversary Celebration: Party on the Lawn from 7-PM on the Square at Old Town. Celebrate Old Town with a concert in the square featuring [SMITH the band](#)! SMITH performs a variety of classic pop, rock, and country hits that are sure to have you singing and dancing around the Old Town lawn! Food truck fare will feature [F&F Express](#) and [Street Bites Texas](#). The kiddos can enjoy the Old Town Playground and splash around in the Main Street Interactive Fountain. Compete against family and friends in lawn games including Giant Jenga, Cornhole, and Connect 4. If you need a quick pick-me-up snack, stop by the Coppell Community Experiences tent for some complimentary popcorn!

May 7 – The Coppell Community Orchestra Presents: Muse – A concert inspired by Art & Artists in the Main Hall at the Coppell Arts Center. Tickets are available at www.coppellartscenter.org.

May 11– Four Day Weekend at 7:30PM in the Main Hall at the Coppell Arts Center. Tickets are available at www.coppellartscenter.org.

May 13 & 14 – The Coppell Community Chorale Presents: Sweet Dreams in the Main Hall at the Coppell Arts Center. Tickets are available at www.coppellartscenter.org.

May 20 – The Coppell Children's Chorus Presents: Encore! at 11AM in the Grove at the Coppell Arts Center. This is a free event, no tickets required.

May 20 & 21 – Spring Gala Presented by the Ballet Academy of Texas in the Main Hall at the Coppell Arts Center. Tickets are available at www.coppellartscenter.org.

May 20 – Summer Reading Kick-off on Saturday, May 20. Drop by and help us kick off this year's summer reading challenge! Join us in Town Center Plaza for games, treats, a giant inflatable slide, and more. Pick up your reading log to begin earning for great prizes this summer. We'll be in the area of Town Center Plaza closest to the Library and the YMCA, where the Storybook Walk is (behind Town Center Elementary's playground). Event will be moved to the Library meeting room if inclement weather occurs. Can't make it? No worries. All ages can pick up a reading log in the Library beginning May 20th.

May 28 – The Korean Traditional Dance Association Presents: Myeongmu in the Main Hall at the Coppell Arts Center. Tickets are available at www.coppellartscenter.org.

Project Update

The Duck Pond Park – This project has been approved by City Council (April 11) and CRDC (April 17). A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled in the coming weeks with anticipation that the contractor, JB & Co., LLC, will begin work in mid-May. Once the project begins, it is estimated that it will take 7-8 months to complete.

Thweatt Park – Staff held a pre-construction meeting with the contractor, McMahon Construction, on April 12. Construction is estimated to begin in mid-June. From now until then, crews will begin to prepare the site for the work and a site survey will be conducted in the coming weeks. As a safety precaution for residents and park users, the park will need to be closed down for the duration of the project. Updates regarding park closure dates will be posted to City social media outlets as they become available. The estimated completion date for this project is mid-fall.

Magnolia Park Trail – Design continues to rest at 90%, as we await the Archeological Survey results required by the US Army Corps of Engineers. It is estimated that the survey results process will be completed by late June at which time the City can proceed with finalizing the design and moving forward with a formal bid process.

Moore Road Boardwalk – The work for the Moore Road Park Boardwalk continues. The contractor, Rebcon, has begun drilling the holes for the piers. The completion date for this project is early fall.

Dog Park Renovation – This project is currently in design.

Veterans Memorial – An update on this project was presented to City Council at the April 25 meeting. Council provided additional feedback and new direction for this project. Next steps are to reconvene the Focus Group to provide an update on a new process and timeline for the memorial. Park Board will receive an update as soon as one is available.

General Updates for the Board

Summer Hiring – We are still looking for Summer Camp Counselors! We are seeking motivated, reliable, and energetic individuals to join us for a fun summer. We provide all training – no experience required. Please help us spread the word!

Summer Registration – Community Experiences has a summer planned full of fun and activities! Registration is open now! To view our summer brochure go to:
<https://www.calameo.com/read/003114634e8fd352a2467>.

Park Board Tour – The weather is warming up and the Project Priority List discussion is approaching so that means it's time for a Park Board tour. Be on the lookout for an email with a poll so that we can select a date during the month of May to take the Board on a tour of our parks and projects.