



MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board
FROM: Jessica Carpenter, Director of Community Experiences
DATE: Thursday, February 27, 2025
SUBJECT: March Director's Report

Events Update

March 7 – Sunset Socials: Movie in the Park from 7-9PM at Andrew Brown East. Join us for a showing of *Finding Nemo* along with yummy bites from Pizza ISD, F&F Express, and DonutNV.

March 21 – Sunset Socials: Music in Old Town featuring Reputation: A Tribute to Taylor Swift from 7-9PM. Calling all Swifties! Get ready to sing and dance to your favorite hits while enjoying treats from Lupe Tortilla, Pizza ISD, Waffle O'licious, and Kona Ice.

March 28-April 13 – Theatre Coppell Presents: Almost, Maine in the Wheelice Wilson, Jr. Theatre at the Coppell Arts Center. Tickets are available at www.coppellartscenter.org.

March 28 & 29 – The Coppell Arts Center Presents: Disenchanted! A New Musical Comedy in the Main Hall at the Coppell Arts Center. Tickets are available at www.coppellartscenter.org.

March 30 – Coppell Community Chorale Presents: Coppell Chamber Singers: We are the Music Makers in the Main Hall at the Coppell Arts Center. Tickets are available at www.coppellartscenter.org.

April 5 – Kaleidoscope in Old Town from 3-7PM. It's a festival of color, culture, and music! Kaleidoscope: A Celebration of Art & Cultures is back for another year of fun in **Old Town Coppell!** The Square will be transformed into a colorful celebration for all ages to enjoy, highlighting the diversity and unique aspects of the Coppell community through a display of art, culture, music, and more. Attendees can shop the vendor marketplace inside the Old Town pavilion, browse the entertainment on the lawn, and enjoy performances showcasing different cultures in The Grove outside of the Coppell Arts Center. A variety of cuisine featuring tastes from around the world will be available for purchase from an array of food trucks.

April 6 – The Coppell Community Chorale Presents: Road Trip in the Main Hall at the Coppell Arts Center. Tickets are available at www.coppellartscenter.org.

Project Update

Magnolia Park Trail – Construction is progressing, the contractor is continuing installation of the lower gabion baskets along the proposed toe of slope. This lower row of rock gabions will protect and anchor the embankment that will support the new trail. We are still anticipating construction completion in late summer 2025.

Dog Park Renovation – Due to errors and miscalculations from bidders, staff have readvertised for bids. Bids will be opened in the next week and construction is scheduled to be awarded at City Council at the March 25th meeting.

Veterans Memorial Project – We have received bids for the site portion of the construction phase. We anticipate bringing this project to Council for award at the first meeting in March.

MacArthur Park Playground – We have received proposals for the inclusive playground engagement and build process. Staff are reviewing proposals and working with the Park Board Subcommittee on next steps.

General Updates for the Board

The CORE Celebrates 25 Years – This summer commemorates 25 years of The CORE (initially opened in 2000 as the Coppell Aquatic and Recreation Center). Stay tuned for more details regarding fun events and surprises as we celebrate the department's flagship facility!

CAPRA Accreditation Process – We will receive our official CAPRA visitation the last week in March. This visit process includes a thorough review of our self-assessment, evidence of compliance, staff interviews and a virtual tour. We will have an unofficial determination at the end of visitation, and then we will be officially notified that we have achieved reaccreditation at the National Recreation and Park Association Conference in September.