

## **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**DATE:** June 2023

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### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS:**

**Town Hall Meeting:** Council Member Jose Velasquez held a town hall meeting at Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. The agenda was to address community concern related to drug use in the neighborhood park after the recent community segment in KXAN news. 25 people attended the event. [Drug concerns growing at popular east Austin Park \(kxan.com\)](https://www.kxan.com/news/2023/06/13/drug-concerns-growing-at-popular-east-austin-park/)

### **PLANNING UPDATES:**

**Austin Nature and Science Center Vision Plan:** The second draft of the Austin Nature and Science Center site plan was received from DTJ Design in May and is currently under review by staff to provide feedback and requests for revisions. **District 8**

**Zilker Metropolitan Park Vision Plan:** The draft vision plan was presented to and received recommendations from the Bicycle Advisory Council and the Pedestrian Advisory Council jointly on March 6<sup>th</sup>, Urban Transportation Committee on April 4<sup>th</sup>, Environmental Commission on April 5<sup>th</sup>, Design Commission on April 13<sup>th</sup>, and Parks and Recreation Board on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The timeline for bringing the draft plan before Council is being reevaluated while the Parks and Recreation Department (Department) continues to review recent feedback. **Districts 5 and 8** <https://www.austintexas.gov/ZilkerVision>

**Project Connect Update:** Austin Transit Partnership (ATP) announced in May the organization's official Austin Light Rail staff recommendation – from 38th Street down south to Oltorf Street and southeast to Yellow Jacket Lane, crossing Lady Bird Lake at Trinity Street – to serve as the first phase of the Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan under Project Connect. The option was also recommended by the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee. On June 1<sup>st</sup> the Austin City Council voted to approve the modification of the Light Rail Vision for Project Connect and to adopt the recommended Light Rail Implementation Sequence Plan. The Capital Metro Board approved ATP's recommendation for the initial Project Connect rail line on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. On June 6<sup>th</sup>, the ATP Board of Directors voted unanimously to adopt the staff recommendation. The Department will resume coordination with ATP this month on the environmental process for the Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan, noting that the adopted plan will significantly impact parkland on Waller Beach and the Waller Creek Boathouse.

All Districts <https://www.projectconnect.com/>

**Texas Legislature Parkland Dedication Bills SB 558 and HB 1526:** Two State bills have been proposed as part of the 88<sup>th</sup> legislative session that would dictate the City of Austin's parkland dedication requirements. The bills greatly reduce the amount of parkland that could be required from new developments. Department staff worked with the City of Austin Intergovernmental Relations Office (IGRO) to communicate the City's concerns regarding these two bills. HB 1526 was signed by the Governor and came into effect June 10<sup>th</sup>. Department Planning staff have begun an implementation

plan, which will involve amendments to City Code to come into compliance with the new state law. The City must fully comply with the new law beginning January 1, 2024. The Parks and Recreation Department and consultants have a draft report of the community engagement efforts beginning in January 2023. The report is anticipated for publication soon. **All Districts**

## DEVELOPMENT UPDATES:

**Waterloo Greenway – Palm Park:** Palm Park, a historically important park with strong connections to East Austin communities, will be revitalized as a central gathering place and entrance to the Waterloo Greenway and Waller Creek. Informed by significant community conversations, the redesigned park will center amenities around intergenerational family experiences, play features, and reconnection to universally accessible trails along Waller Creek. Design and engagement work began in 2016 but was put on hold while plans for the neighboring historic [Palm School building](#) were being determined. Though the future use of the building remains uncertain, the Waller Creek Local Government Corporation Board approved moving forward with this phase in April. Renewed community engagement efforts will continue this summer and fall with a series of outreach events and digital engagement opportunities. Schematic Design and Design Development phases will follow. **Districts 1 and 9**



*Historic shelter house in Palm Park*

**Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center Phase 2 Improvements:** The Joint Venture Miró Rivera Architects + Tatiana Bilbao ESTUDIO (JV MRA+TBE) have completed the Construction Documents for the first package of construction work, which is site and infrastructure improvements. Negotiation and execution of a contract with the Construction Manager-at-Risk, Roger's O'Brien Construction, is in progress. The second package of construction documents for the building expansion, renovation, and landscaping is underway with 90% drawings and bidding expected at the end of June. The Development Services Department (DSD) is reviewing revised site development plans by JV MRA+TBE to clear the remaining comments for the site permit. It is anticipated that the site permit will be issued upon the approval of this final review. The renovation drawings related to the mechanical utility yard in the facility parking lot have been submitted for a building permit. This permit review process will run

independently from the other regulatory plan reviews and will aid in expediting construction to keep the project on schedule. Site construction is anticipated to begin in July 2023, followed by construction of building expansion, renovations, and landscaping. Project completion is anticipated in mid-2025. An update on the project progress and status will be provided to the Hispanic Latino Quality of Life Advisory Commission and the ESB-MACC Advisory Board meetings on June 27<sup>th</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup>, respectively. Funding is available through the voter-approved 2018 General Obligation Bonds and Parkland Dedication Fees. More information at: <https://www.austintexas.gov/MaccPhase2>. **District 9**

## MAINTENANCE UPDATES:

### Aquatic Maintenance:

- Barton Springs Pool – One overhead light on the south side of the swimming pool will have a bulb replacement. **District 5**
- Balcones Pool – New backflow installed in pool system. **District 7**
- Bartholomew Pool – Lap pool motor repaired. **District 4**
- Civitan Pool – filter has been repaired. **District 3**
- Deep Eddy Pool – The 12-inch non-working mechanical drain valve is being replaced with a new air actuated 12-inch butterfly valve. Replacing the valve will help facilitate the draining and filling process at the pool. **District 10**
- Dove Springs Pool: **District 2**
  - Baby pool – New filter installed.
  - Lap pool – Return line break in stainless steel repaired.
- Liz Carpenter Splash Pad – Split T in piping working on scheduling a repair with a contractor. **District 9**
- Rosewood Splash Pad: **District 1**
  - New motor installed.
  - New feature solenoids installed.
- Northwest Pool - New diving board installed. **District 7**

**HVAC Chillers:** The HVAC chillers project at Turner -Roberts Recreation Center main building is still underway after going down last month. The site is currently using temporary chillers to provide HVAC to the building. **District 1**

**Security System Upgrade:** Delores Duffie Recreation Center is currently working with the vendor, Johnson Controls, to upgrade their security system after a recent string of burglaries at the site. The site will also be working with the same vendor to install internal and external security cameras in an effort to improve security measures at the site later this month. **District 1**

**AC Chiller at Conley Guerrero Senior Activity Center:** The AC Chiller at Conley Guerrero Senior Activity Center project is still in process. Portable units were installed in the main building, but they are struggling to beat the heat, so a new portable chiller is being rented for the facility. **District 1**

**Renovation of Martin Fields – Mendez Recreation Center:** The Community Recreation Division continues to move forward with the renovation of Martin Fields. Most recently the field space received the installation of a remote irrigation system. The next scope of the project will include the renovation

and extensions of ball field fencing to include extending the first base and third base line, replacing the backstop and replacement of the fencing along each of the two dugouts. **District 3**

**Gymnasium Closure at Oswaldo A.B. Cantu/Pan American Recreation Center:** Pan Am Recreation Center gymnasium has recently been closed for maintenance due to leaking and moisture under the hardwood gym floor. Current plans are to identify the leak and to remove the perimeter hardwood flooring to allow for ventilation of the moisture beneath the floorboards. Programming and gym operations will resume once the identified space is fully ventilated and dried. **District 3**

**ADA Parking Compliance Project at South Austin Recreation Center (SARC):** The ADA parking compliance project started and ended in May. The construction project altered the entrances and first 14 spaces of the SARC parking lot to ensure slope and access met ADA standards. **District 3 and 5**



*ADA Parking at South Austin Recreation Center*

**Ball Field Netting:** The project to extend the ballfield netting at Parque Zaragoza ballfield has met another delay. The vendor recently reported that an engineer inspection has been conducted and the footings that support the poles cannot support additional extensions or weight from the addition of extra netting. Unfortunately, this has led to another delay in the project to extend the outfield netting. Considering this delay, the Department has discontinued all adult baseball programs for the field and has opted to only offer youth baseball for the designated field space, based on acceptable netting height standards for youth baseball play. They will continue to halt all adult baseball programs, both public and private until they are able to extend the netting to a safer height while only offering youth baseball programs. **District 3**



*Photo of the Current 4' Deep Footing that is Supporting the Netting Poles  
The Footing will need to be Doubled to 8' to Accommodate the Increase in Height*



**Front Entrance Water Fountain at Lamar Senior Activity Center:** Stone and water features have been added. Currently waiting on plumbers to add pump for it to be fully functional. **District 9**

**Multi-Purpose Floor at Lamar Senior Activity Center:** Staff have been working with maintenance staff to repair the roof and dry out the wood flooring after a roof leak. Maintenance staff have been working with the flooring contractor to schedule the sanding and leveling of the floor due to warping. **District 9**

**Algae Control:** The Golf Enterprise fund installed a bubbler fountain at the Morris Williams Golf Course. In previous summers, the irrigation system at Morris Williams Golf Course has been hindered by the growth of algae blooms in the irrigation lake. This bubbler will allow for the water to be oxygenated and limit the amount of algae buildup in the system. **District 1**

**Grey Rock Golf Course Resurfacing:** The Grey Rock Golf Course resurfacing project is underway and going according to schedule. All of the front 9 greens have been prepared and are ready to be replanted using a Bermuda Tif-Eagle grass. All teeing grounds on the front 9 have been prepared and replanted using a Bermuda Latitude 38 variety of grass. The project should be completely planted by August 1<sup>st</sup> with a target re-opening date of October 15<sup>th</sup>. **District 8**

**Butler Landfill Zilker Metro Park Maintenance Project:** The original maintenance work to the Butler Landfill was completed in January and included regrading to prevent ponding, new gates to control vehicular access, a pedestrian gate near Lou Neff Road, an irrigation system to support three re-vegetated acres, and a new pump that will utilize lake water for irrigation. An initial winter cover crop hydroseed mix, per code, was applied on the 3-acre revegetation area, with a permanent mix applied in April. At the request of the Department, an additional permanent hydroseed mix was applied to the Butler Landfill on June 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the lack of growth exhibited from the first application. The Department and partner C3 will continue to monitor the growth of the hydroseed mix to ensure that complete coverage is attained. The revegetated area will remain closed until 90% of the area exhibits established vegetation, which typically takes 60-to-90 days depending on weather conditions. The permanent hydroseed mix consists of Buffalo Grass, Blue Grama and Curly Mesquite. These native grass species will provide a dense green cover that will protect the landfill cap. Future uses for the lot will be determined according to the Zilker Park Vision Plan. The maintenance project was funded by C3 Presents. **District 8**



*Current conditions at the Butler Landfill as of June 16, 2023*

## PROGRAM UPDATES:

### **District 1:**

**Central Texas Juneteenth Parade and Festival:** Annual Juneteenth Celebration in Rosewood Park following a morning parade down Rosewood Avenue is scheduled for 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m. on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Attendance expected is 2,500-3,000.

[Central Texas Juneteenth Celebration](#)

**Roving Leaders:** Davis White Northeast Park hosted around 160 teens on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> Roving Leaders staff and students hosted the Summer of Fun Teen Challenge Day from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The event brought teens together from across the department to participate in a day of fun including volleyball and basketball tournaments, mini games, lunch, music and a paint party. Creating an opportunity and space for teens to build community, fostering healthy relationships and a sense of belonging, all while having fun doing so.

**Intergenerational Day at Conley Guerrero Senior Activity Center:** The Conley Guerrero Senior Activity Center is hosting an intergenerational camp day in partnership with the Austin Police Department – Summer Youth Leadership Program on Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup> from 9-11 a.m. The program will include yard games, stretching and strength and a park cleanup. The site is planning for 85 youth and 50 seniors.

**Juneteenth Celebration at Conley Guerrero Senior Activity Center:** The center is hosting a program to celebrate Juneteenth on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Program includes bingo, music, door prizes, guest speakers. This event is sponsored by Conley-Guerrero Guild. The center is expecting 75 participants.

**Juneteenth 4K – Delores Duffie Recreation Center:** Delores Duffie Recreation Center will offer its first ever installment of their Juneteenth Youth 1K Walk/Run on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 8-10 a.m. The event will be held in collaboration with the Rosewood Neighborhood Park Juneteenth event. The activities will be free to the public and will also include the attendance of the Delores Duffie Recreation Center's own Buffalo Soldier. The program will highlight the Buffalo Soldiers Ninth and Tenth Cavalry and the Twenty-Fourth and Twenty-Fifth Infantry Regiments who served on the western frontier. Their posts ranged from Texas to the Dakota territories supporting the westward expansion of the United States.

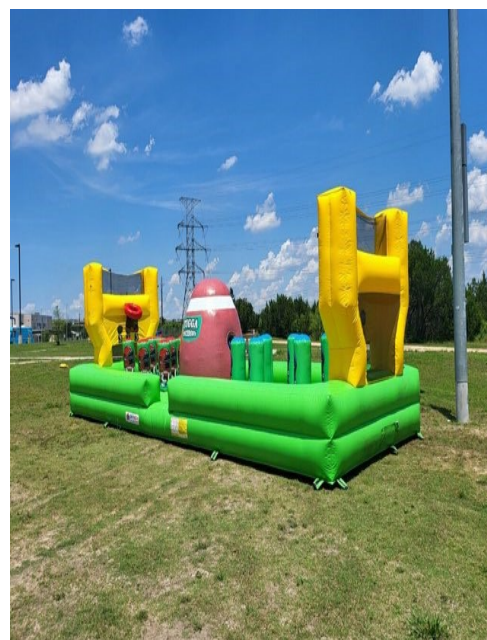
**Interlocal Cooperation Agreement:** Turner-Roberts Recreation Center recently began their Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (ILA) for trades and training programs at Turner-Roberts provided by Austin Community College (ACC). The program offered and coordinated by ACC will allow for continues education Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) training programs to be offered at the recreation center beginning weeknights in the month of June. The program is completely free and does require specific qualifications. The ILA will also allow ACC to offer continuing education for English as a second language classes to be offered at the site.

**Juneteenth Celebration at Turner-Roberts Recreation Center:** The Austin Urban League partnered with the Austin Spurs on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> for the annual Juneteenth celebration held at Turner-Roberts Recreation center from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The event was free to the public. The event was well attended by the community.

**Teen Summer Fest at Turner-Roberts Recreation Center:** The Turner-Roberts Recreation Center recently hosted its first installment of Teen Summer fest on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. -3 p.m. The facility program included a day of food, fun and games for teen participants from all of the recreation programs throughout the Community Recreation Division. Also in attendance were teens from summer playgrounds and the Camacho Activity Center. Over 100 teens were in attendance for the event. The event marks the Community Recreation Division's first attempt to provide the annual event each summer by the Turner- Roberts Recreation center staff and supporting locations.



*Staff Holding a Dance Off Activity with Teen Fest Participants*



*A Teen Fest Participant has Fun on One of the Many Provided Inflatable Activities for Teen Fest*





*A Recreation Center Staff Member is "Dunked" in The Dunk Booth by a Teen Fest Participant*

**High School Basketball:** Givens Recreation Center will begin its high school basketball season on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> and end on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. The weekly program will be held each Thursday throughout the month of June to July.

**Free HIV and Other Testing at Givens Recreation Center:** Givens Recreation Center will be connecting with Community Care on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> to provide free HIV and other testing, free to the public in recognition of National HIV Testing Day. The event will be held outside at pavilion in Givens Neighborhood Park from 4-7 p.m.

**Quarterly Youth Premiership Program:** Givens Recreation Center will provide its quarterly Youth Premiership Program inside the Givens gymnasium on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 1-3:30 p.m. The event is free to the public. The program allows and encourages young entrepreneurs a space to learn and practice their entrepreneurship skills. Youth businesses and groups are afforded a space to be able to sell their products to any event attendees. The event was well attended by the community.

**Central Austin Flag Football League:** The Givens flag football season recently closed out their Central Austin Flag Football League (C.A.F.F.L) with their last game and award ceremony. The program marked its second season since returning to the site. The program included four divisions with participants ranging from 5-12 years of age. Over 100 participants registered for the program held weeknights at Givens neighborhood park.





*12U and 8U C.A.F.F.L Participants Receiving Their Awards*



*Youth Participant Shows Off Their End of Season Ring*

**The Carver Museum’s “Stay Black and Live” Juneteenth Celebration:** This year’s Juneteenth Event was the largest one ever, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> with a lecture series sponsored by the City of Austin’s Equity Office, a family festival on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> and a community music festival on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center. This year’s theme was Austin Family Reunion and centered local collaborations and partnerships with organizations and individuals making an impact on racism and quality of life. With community kickbacks, dance parties, cook outs and live music to dynamic conversations with thought leaders, educators and public scholars, this year’s festival was truly memorable with 2,000 in attendance. Learn more: [Juneteenth Weeklong Celebration of Freedom](#).



*The GAPX Band was the headliner for the Carver's Juneteenth event on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the George Washington Carver Museum & Cultural Center.*



### **Have You Eaten Yet? Intergenerational Communication in Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI)**

**Families:** A three-part program focusing on intergenerational communication and mental health in AAPI families was held at the Asian American Resource Center on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> in collaboration with Asian Texans for Justice as part of both Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and Mental Health Awareness Month programming. The event began with a panel discussion featuring two parent-child pairs and moderated by Vyaser Ganesan, a college counselor, writer, and local celebrity. The discussion included topics such as differences in communication styles, dealing with mental health disorders, and coming to understandings despite breakdowns in communication. Following the panel, attendees split into breakout sessions that were facilitated by licensed mental health professionals. The event concluded with lunch and a resource fair including organizations such as Austin Asian Community Health Initiative (AACHI), Asian Family Support Services of Austin (AFSSA), and Austin Public Health. 106 participants at the event.



*Sambavi Venkatesan (LPC) Facilitating a Breakout Session for Second-Generation AAPI Attendees*

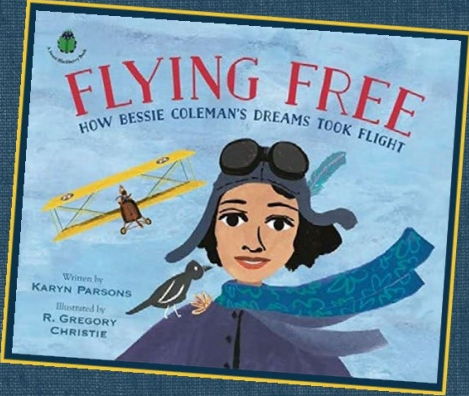
**Brush Square Museums Texas History Trunk Storytime:** On Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> Austin Parks and Recreation Department's Brush Square Museums hosted its first Texas History Trunk in-person story time at the Susanna Dickinson Museum. We read the story "Flying Free: How Bessie Coleman's Dreams Took Flight" by Karyn Parsons. Best of all, participants built, decorated, and took home their very own balsa wood airplane. 30 people were in attendance. Website: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/texas-history-trunks-storytime-flying-free-tickets-644024975037?fbclid=IwAR3p9H\\_Kr69K\\_q\\_uyx-kGXjzwuWfD6RinKlZRJlMVmwy62zNCsJcWpDlxAI](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/texas-history-trunks-storytime-flying-free-tickets-644024975037?fbclid=IwAR3p9H_Kr69K_q_uyx-kGXjzwuWfD6RinKlZRJlMVmwy62zNCsJcWpDlxAI)







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**FREE** balsa wood  
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**10am-12pm**  
**411 E. 5th St.**  
**Austin, TX**

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1857 - 1910

*Graphic Showing Illustration of Bessie Coleman as a Pilot with a Yellow Airplane in the Sky Behind Her*

### District 2:

**Tiny Tots Graduation:** The George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center held its Tiny Tot's graduation on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 10-11 a.m. 13 participants, ages 3-4, graduated from the program and received their Tiny Tot's diploma and an educational enrichment gift.



*Tiny Tots Participants Pose for Group Graduation Photos with Dove Springs Staff*



*Tiny Tots Participant all Smiles as She Receives Her Diploma*

**Youth Spring Soccer:** The George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center wrapped up its last day of youth spring soccer games on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. 150 participants were enrolled in spring soccer at the George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center and 338 participants were enrolled in the South District this season. Participants received medals, popcorn, and popsicles to put a bow on the conclusion of another fun season.



*Youth Soccer Participants Engage in Friendly Competition*



*6U Soccer Participants Pose with Their Medals at the Last Game of the Season*



**Youth Teen Summer Camp:** The George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center began the start of its youth and teen summer camp program on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. 57 youth and seven teen participants are enrolled in this program totaling 64 campers. Summer camp programming will run over the course of 10 weeks concluding on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.



*Campers Engage in Fun Water Activities to Fight off the Texas Heat*

**Austin High School Junior Golf Camp:** Austin High School utilized the Jimmy Clay/Roy Kizer Practice Facility to host 30 junior golfers ages 14 and under on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>-Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. This program introduced several kids to the game of golf as well as strengthened the skills of those who are already golfers. Austin High hopes to build lifelong skills into the fabric of these kids in an effort for them to compete at the top level of high school golf when they become of age.

**GOLFNOW Commercial:** Golfnow.com, which is the premier tee time online booking engine for the golf industry, selected the Jimmy Clay/Roy Kizer Golf Complex as a suitable site to film a commercial for their National promotion campaigns. The facility was chosen based on the beauty of the offering of grasses, lakes and trees. The two-day filming session was conducted while the golf course was closed for general maintenance and there was no disruption to the citizens. Golfnow.com will launch this commercial during the USOPEN Golf Championships on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>-Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. This will be a national broadcast and several million viewers will be tuning in.



**District 3:**

**Montopolis Recreation and Community Center Summer Camp Programs:** The Montopolis Recreation and Community Center began its annual summer camp programs with 84 children registered. The camp is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and ending on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> for ages 5-15. The camp begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m.



*Campers drawing monsters for The Monster Project*

**Summer Movie Under the Stars:** Mendez Recreation Center will host its annual summer Movie Under the Stars series beginning Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. The annual summer series, held outside in Metz Neighborhood Park will feature a themed movie every other Friday night throughout the month of August beginning at 6:30 p.m. with the movie showcase starting at sunset. The free event will include giveaways, prizes, games, food, and refreshment as well as the support of local community agencies and vendors such as Sendero Healthcare that will also be in attendance. **District 3**

Rodolfo "Rudy" Mendez Recreation Center  
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# SUMMER 2023 MOVIES UNDER THE STARS AT METZ PARK



## SUMMER 2023 LINE-UP

**JUNE 9 | MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU**

**JUNE 23 | POKEMON THE FIRST MOVIE**

**JULY 7 | THOR: LOVE & THUNDER**

**JULY 21 THE LION KING**

**AUG 4 | LUCA**

Join us for another season  
of FREE outdoor movies at  
Metz Park!

Movie begins at dusk  
(As soon as it gets dark).

Feel free to bring lawn chairs,  
blankets, snacks and pups!

No glass please.

One free popcorn and drink per  
person at each showing.

Please call ahead if inclement  
weather occurs.

For more information, please call  
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*Mendez Recreation Movie Under the Stars Flyer*



**Exhibit “Empire’s Echo” Exhibit:** The Old Bakery & Emporium held an art reception on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> for the opening of Empire’s Echo Exhibit. The exhibition features the work of two local Austin artists, Anne Bobroff-Hajal and Craig Campbell. Visitors were invited to dialogue with the artists concerning the history of Russia, whose “great and terrible projects” over centuries can also help us understand current events in the Ukraine today. 25 participants attended the event.



*Visitors discussing the work of Ann Bobroff-Hajal*

#### **District 4:**

**Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center Youth Soccer League:** A very successful Spring Soccer season came to a close on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> for Virginia L. Brown and the rest of the North District Recreation Centers. 60 players participated on the Virginia L. Brown teams with ages ranging from 3-12 years old. Participants enjoyed receiving medals, popsicles, and nutritious snacks to close the season out with a bang.



*Virginia L. Brown 12U Team Playing Soccer at the Gus Garcia Recreation Center Field*



**Movies in the Park:** Gus Garcia Recreation Center partnered with Austin Parks Foundation to host a free viewing of “Free Guy” on the Gus Garcia Soccer Fields on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The event brought in an estimated 150 participants from the community.

#### **District 5:**

**Age of Central Texas – Free Estate Planning Workshop:** South Austin Senior Activity Center is partnering with Age of Central Texas and Clayton and Ramirez Law Firm to offer free will and estate planning for low-income senior adults. An info session was held on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> in which representatives from Clayton and Ramirez Law Firm presented the program to over 20 SASAC participants. After which, those interested were able to register for the program. The Estate Planning Seminar will take place on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, and will serve 25 registered participants with 12 lawyers donating their time to the event.

#### **District 6:**

**Summer Camp Program:** Summer Camp started at the Pickfair Activity Center on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, and will conclude on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. The camp has 20 participants registered for the 10-week period with ages ranging from 5-11. Participants will enjoy a variety of activities including arts and crafts, sports, swimming, outdoor fun, and field trips.



*Pickfair Summer Camp Participants Having Fun with Bubbles*

### **District 7:**

**Summer Camp Program:** Summer Camp started at the Northwest Recreation Center on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and will conclude on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. The camp has 70 participants registered for the 10-week period with ages ranging from 5-14. Participants will enjoy a variety of activities including arts and crafts, sports, swimming, outdoor fun, and field trips. This year, participants are extra excited to join and explore the brand-new playground at the center.



*Northwest Recreation Center Playground*

### **District 8:**

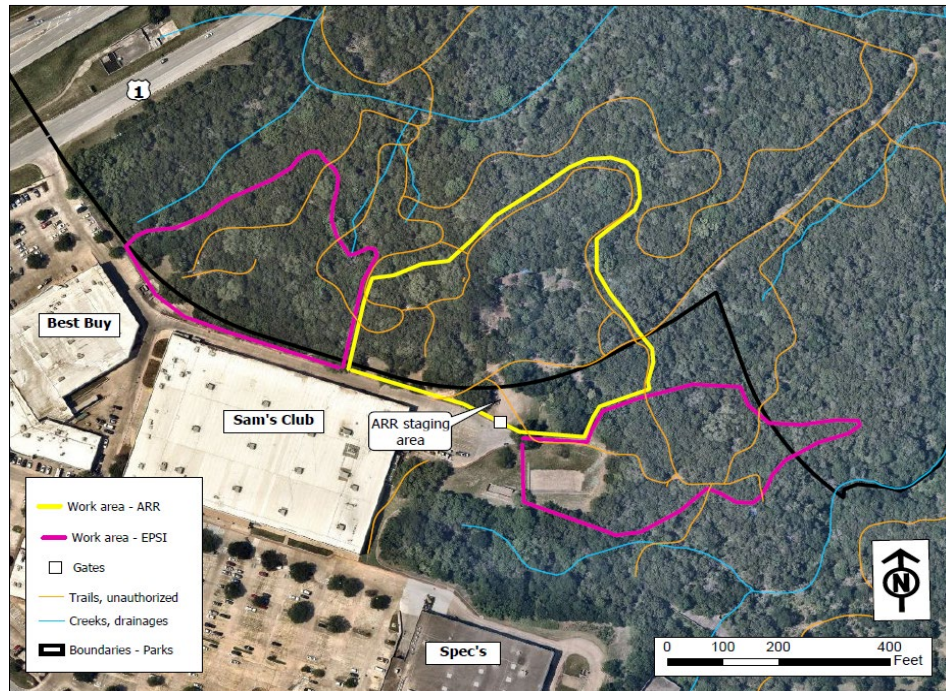
**Zilker Botanical Garden Woodland Faerie Trail:** The annual Woodland Faerie Trail exhibit at the Zilker Botanical Garden opened Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> and will continue through Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. The exhibit features faerie homes created and installed by members of the community and a faerie-themed story walks adds to the self-guided adventure. Visit [www.zilker garden.org](http://www.zilker garden.org) for a listing of activities.

**Zilker Botanical Garden Woodland Faerie Trail by Moonlight:** The Zilker Botanical Garden had its Woodland Faerie Trail by Moonlight on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, but due to severe weather, it was rescheduled for Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> from 7-10 p.m. Ticketholders from the previous date are given the option to attend for no additional charge.

**Land Management Homeless Encampment Closures:** The Austin Parks and Recreation Department (Department), the Austin Public Health Department (APH), the Austin Police Department (APD), and other departments within the Homeless Encampment Management team (HEM) have identified the Gaines Creek area of Barton Creek Greenbelt (along the South Towne Square shopping center) as the next Housing-focused Encampment Link (HEAL) Initiative site. The Department and APH have been in communication with Best Buy and Sam's Club stores located in the shopping center about the City's plan to address the encampments and collaborating clean-up efforts. In addition, the Department has coordinated with the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve staff to ensure limited impact to endangered species (Golden-cheeked Warbler Bird) habitat and ensure compliance with federal endangered species regulations. APH and the Homeless Outreach Street Team (HOST) have identified 85 individuals in the encampment who have been prioritized for bridge shelter. HOST transported individuals from the encampment to bridge shelters between Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Clean-up



operations commenced Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. All parties involved in the clean-up operations included the Department, APD, Austin Resource Recovery, and the Department's contractor, Enterprise Professional Services, Inc. (EPSI).



*A Map of the Work Zones Established for the Homeless Encampment Clean-Up Operation at Gaines Creek*

### **District 9:**

**Robotics Club – Hancock Recreation Center:** 28 youth were introduced to Hancock's Smart Blocks Robotics Club Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>-Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 4-5:30 p.m. The program is Hancock's STEM (Science Technology, Engineering, and Math) Club that is a great introduction to strategic thinking where participants learn robotics basics, gross motor skills and design and engineering to solve problems with Cubelets, just like computer scientists.



*Participants Working with Cubelets*



**Elisabet Ney Museum Family Days:** On Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., The Ney held a family-friendly art program giving the opportunity for children of all ages to experiment with a variety of art practices. To celebrate a current exhibition, *De Tierra* by artist Alejandra Almuelle, each session focuses on a different sculpting process. Participants created vibrantly painted cardboard 3D self-portraits and abstract geometric sculptures. The Ney's education staff provided instruction and materials during the event in addition to the guest artist. 55 people were in attendance at the event.



*Children Making Crafts Under Staff Supervision at Family Day at Elisabet Ney Museum*

**Dougherty Arts Center's 4th Annual Art-O-Rama:** On Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> the Dougherty Arts Center held its surreal-themed 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Art-O-Rama community engagement event. Attendees interacted with and participated in immersive art installations, including a light installation created by local artist Jamal Hussain, created especially for this event. There were several hands-on art activities for attendees, including a large community collage wall in the DAC gallery. There were live performances by local artists Mystica Fiora, Polly Mermaid, Will Schutze, Jaime Ospina, and Devin Alfather. Whimsical treats and swag were available to attendees. 600 people were in attendance. Additional information about the event can be found at the Dougherty Art Center's Art-O-Rama webpage:

<https://www.austintexas.gov/page/art-o-rama>

**Dougherty Arts Center's Summer Art Escape:** Dougherty Arts Center's youth summer camp program Summer Arts Escape began its 10-week session on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. This summer's theme is Curiosities! Throughout each camp day, instructors lead students through fun, age-appropriate, TEKS-based activities covering a variety of visual and performing arts mediums. Students range from 5 to 10 years of age. Estimated attendance is 48 students per session. Additional information about the program can be found at the Dougherty Summer Camp webpage: <https://www.austintexas.gov/page/dougherty-summer-camp>



*Summer Art Escape Student Displays Their Artwork at the Dougherty Arts Center's Summer Camp*

**Caminos Graduation:** On Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center (ESB MACC) collaborated with Austin Central Library to host their Caminos Teen Leadership Program graduation ceremony. A total of 10 students graduated in the Caminos class of 2023. They gathered with their families to enjoy inspirational speeches by their mentors who have guided these young artists over the past 10 months. The young graduates all took home a special Caminos “yearbook” which included quotes, drawings, and photo montages chronicling the past 10 months of their Caminos internship. After accepting their certificates and commemorative sunflowers, they wrote inspirational notes for each other, enjoyed Caminos-themed treats, and took group photos. Austin Central Library agreed to display an exhibit of Caminos artworks from the class of 2023 in their Teen library room through Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. 50 people were in attendance.



*Caminos Teen Interns Graduate from Their 10-Month Program at the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center*

**Austin Symphony 4<sup>th</sup> of July:** Annual citywide fireworks presentation and symphony performance at Auditorium Shores is scheduled for Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> 4-11:59 p.m. Attendance expected is 75,000.

[HEB Austin Symphony Fourth of July Concert and Fireworks](#)

**Pride at the Dougherty Arts Center:** Celebrate LGBTQIA+ Pride Month with the Parks and Recreation Department at the Dougherty Arts Center (DAC) this June. Join friends and allies for a film screening of Codependent Lesbian Space Alien Seeks Same, learn How to Primp Your Pet for Pride, and participate in a Pets and Pride Parade! Learn more at [AustinTexas.gov/DAC](http://AustinTexas.gov/DAC).

**MidSummer Festival at Old Bakery and Emporium:** The City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department presents the Second Annual MidSummer Festival on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 p.m. The festival will take place indoors and outside the Old Bakery and Emporium. MidSummer will feature live music, wood carving, Swedish treats, flower crown making, a traditional Swedish maypole, and an Austin Swedish tradition of Dala horse piñatas. Learn more: [Old Bakery and Emporium Events & Programming](#).

### **Multiple Districts:**

**Pools Not Opening this Season:** Givens and Gillis Pools are unable to open this season.

- Givens – Pool was leaking a lot of water due to age and could not be filled to appropriate levels. Currently being renovated thanks to the 2018 Bond package. Reopening date is still to be determined. **District 1**
- Gillis – Pool was vandalized and both recirculation and electrical systems must be rebuilt. Lead and asbestos abatement scheduled to occur in June. **District 3**

**Austin Civilian Conservation Corps (ACCC) Museum Apprentices:** The internship program, sponsored by the Austin Civilian Conservation Corps (ACCC) began their eight-week job training program, headquartered at the Oakwood Chapel with projects at the Chapel, Brush Square Museums, the Asian American Resource Center and the Historic Preservation Division. On Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> the Museum Apprentices along with other PARD staff distributed PARD branded water bottles to participants and attendees of the Juneteenth Parade in east Austin representing the Parks and Recreation Department. ACCC interns also designed and decorated the parade float. 11 participants attended the event. **Districts 1, 3 and 9**



*Picture of the Label on the Water Bottles to be Distributed at the Juneteenth Parade*



**Austin Civilian Conservation Corps (ACCC):** A total of 3,000 children throughout seven recreation centers benefited from programming conducted by ACCC's Environment Education team at the conclusion of May. The children who benefited from these programs ranged in age from 5-10 years old. Some of the programs provided were archery, rock climbing, slacklining, and biking. Throughout the summer the Environmental Education has placed two of its team members at Camacho Activity Center and the Austin Nature Science Center to assist with summer programming. **Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 9**



*ACCC Environmental Education Team – Archery Program*

**Juneteenth:** Pools that are regularly closed on Mondays will be open holiday hours, 12-7 p.m. and include: Big Stacy, Civitan, Mabel Davis, Balcones, Dick Nichols, Kennemer, Murchison, and Rosewood Pools. All other sites will be open normal operating hours. **Districts 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9 and 10**

**Historic Preservation and Tourism Program Updates:** The Historic Preservation and Tourism Program (HPTP) supports the preservation, restoration, and promotion of historic Austin parks through capital investment and inclusive marketing of historic sites and events to tourists. The HPTP frequently partners with institutions of higher learning on research and academic projects. For the Spring 2023 semester, HPTP is working with the UT School of Architecture on two different projects. Professor Robert Stepnoski's Reality Capture for Architecture class documented the Elisabet Ney Museum using a variety of techniques, methodology, and equipment. An example of the work is a [Virtual Reality Walk Through](#) of the Elisabet Ney Museum. Also underway is a National Register of Historic Places nomination for Rosewood Park through the City of Austin and the University of Texas Interlocal Agreement. Dr. Tara Dudley and Ciara Hackman, a graduate student, are researching the history of Rosewood Park, which was one of the earliest public spaces for Austin's African American population. Additionally, the Department and Austin Parks Foundation are partnering on the restoration of the [Henry Green Madison Log Cabin](#) at Rosewood Park. The Henry G. Madison Cabin was built in approximately 1863 by pioneering Austin civic leader Henry Green Madison (1843-1912), who is notable for being Austin's first African American City Council member. The cabin was relocated to historic Rosewood Park in the early 1970s and is a city and state landmark. The Department hosted a table at the Central Texas Juneteenth

Celebration at Rosewood Park to share information about the many preservation efforts taking place in the park. **Districts 1 and 9**



Screenshot of the [Virtual Reality Walk Through](#) of the Elisabet Ney museum

**Coffee with a Cop:** Dittmar Recreation Center offered its first Coffee with a Cop on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 10-11 a.m. About 20 community members attended the event and there was a special presentation from the local APD liaison. Dittmar Recreation Center is looking forward to offering this program once a month. **Districts 2 and 5**

**State High School Golf Championships:** Jimmy Clay and Lions Golf Courses were the host site of the 3A and 2A UIL State High School Golf Championships. The tournament was conducted Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>-Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> recognizing the top competitors in the State of Texas in their respective classification. 288 Golfers competed over the tournament period. The Golf Division has a long and storied history of hosting the State High School Tournament crowning future professional golfers Stacy Lewis and Jordan Speith. GOLF ATX sites are selected based on professional expertise and the quality of facilities. **Districts 2 and 10**

**Out of School Time Dance Clinic & Recital:** Out of School Time Dance Clinic & Recital was held at the at South Austin recreation Center Wednesdays from April 19<sup>th</sup> to April 24<sup>th</sup>. The five-week program taught participants ballet basics and a choreographed dance. A recital was held on the final week. This is by far the cutest program in town! The program had 15 participants. **Districts 3 and 5**



*Participants Dancing in the Recital*

**Vacant Homeless Encampment Clean-Up:** The Department has been utilizing Enterprise Professional Services, inc. (EPSI) to address various vacant encampments within parks in Austin. EPSI has been contracted by the Department to clean-up trash and debris at Zilker Metro Park, Gustavo “Gus” L. Garcia District Park, Mary Moore Searight Metro Park, and the area west of the Dougherty Arts Center known as “Ground Zero.” **Districts 4, 5, 8 and 9**

**Unified Volleyball National Competition:** McBeth Recreation Center sent one Special Olympics Unified Volleyball Team to the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center in Dallas, Texas for the 2023 USA Volleyball Open National Championship Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. The team consisted of seven special Olympics athletes and six unified volleyball partners participating in a six-team bracket playing against unified teams from Michigan, Texas, Florida, Ohio and Arizona. McBeth Recreation Center’s Unified Volleyball team achieved a remarkable feat by securing second place in the tournament and bringing home their first 2023 USA Volleyball Open National Championship trophy. Their hard work, dedication, and unwavering spirit paid off, and they made their mark on the national stage. **Districts 5 and 8**



*McBeth Recreation Center Unified Volleyball Team*



**Zilker Park Weekend Shuttle:** The Zilker Park Weekend kicked off Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> and will operate through Labor Day Weekend, September 4<sup>th</sup>. The shuttle runs from One Texas Center Parking Garage (South 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Barton Springs Road) from 10 AM to 5 PM on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Parking at One Texas Center is free with validation for all shuttle riders. The shuttle has served 334 people as of June 12. **Districts 5 and 8**

<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/zilker-metropolitan-park>

#### **All Districts:**

**Pools Open this Season:** Mabel Davis, Springwoods Mud Pool, Bartholomew, Big Stacy, Barton Springs, Deep Eddy, Northwest, Garrison, Walnut Creek, Balcones, Rosewood, Dick Nichols, Dove Springs, Dittmar, Govalle, Martin, Montopolis, Murchison, Ramsey, Reed, Shipe, Westenfield, Brentwood, Canyon Vista, Patterson, Dottie Jordan Pools are currently open. Civitan, Metz, Kennemer, Parque Zaragoza, Stacy Wading and West Austin Pools opened on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Week of 4<sup>th</sup> of July:** All public pools will be open holiday hours on July 4<sup>th</sup> 12-7 p.m. There will be no regular closures days that week. All pools will be open daily that week.

**Park Rangers:** From Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, Park Rangers offered information, assistance, programs, and conservation services within parks maintained by the Department. Park Rangers handled daily operations including 3,749 contacts regarding laws, safety, service, and education. 209 contacts were logged for dogs off leashes during this time frame, totaling 2,006 contacts of park visitors with dogs off leashes since October 1<sup>st</sup>. Park Rangers conducted 18 programs totaling 39 hours with 1,102 participants. Programs focused on Leave No Trace recreational practices and responsible recreation. Park Rangers have had 4,851 contacts for the reporting period Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> through Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, and 21,390 contacts for the entire fiscal year. **All Districts**

#### **Homeless Response:**

- Number of 311 calls related to homelessness on parkland: 380
- Number of fires reported from the Austin Fire Department: 18
- Number of The Other One's Foundations' site visits for trash abatement: 14
- Volume of trash collected by The Other One's Foundation: 39,300 pounds

#### **Park Ranger Hotspots and Directed Patrols:**

- Park Rangers have been conducting regular visits to the Barton Springs spillway (known as "Barking Springs") to address increased number of park visitors and violations. **District 8**
- Surveillance cameras are being placed across parks as a pilot in areas with high crime, particular vehicle burglaries. Parks include:
  - Barton Creek Greenbelt (360 Trail Access) **District 5**
  - Barton Creek Greenbelt (Gaines Creek and Twin Falls Access Points) **District 8**
  - Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest District Park **District 7**
  - Circle C R Metro Park on Slaughter Creek **District 8**
  - Covert Park at Mount Bonnell **District 10**
  - Edward Rendon Sr. Park at Festival Beach **District 3**
  - Mayfield Park and Nature Preserve **District 10**
  - Red Bud Isle **District 8**

- Rainey Street/Lady Bird Lake **District 9**
- St. Edward's Park/Greenbelt **District 6**
- Take, Lock, and Hide education indications are being placed at Red Bud Isle, Mt. Bonnell, St. Edwards Park, and the Barton Creek Greenbelt to address complaints of vehicle burglary in parks. **Districts 6, 8, and 10**
- Park Rangers have partnered with overtime Austin Police Department officers to conduct visits at Barton Springs Spillway, Walsh Boat Landing, and Edward Rendon Sr. Metro Park at Festival Beach to address complaints and incidents. **Districts 3, 8, and 10**
- The Waller Beach at Town Lake Metro Park on Rainey Street and Edward Rendon Sr. Metro Park at Festival Beach Park Ranger patrols from 6 p.m.-12 p.m. are set to expire in late June 2023. **Districts 3 and 9**

**May Homeless Camp Count:** From Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> through Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> Park Rangers were dispatched to 86 parks to conduct thorough searches of all park properties that had 311 requests regarding encampments or were previously known to have camps.

- Overview
  - Of 86 parks searched, 52 had at least one camp in it.
  - There were 450 camps with an estimated population of 567 individuals. Number of camps and the population has increased approximately 40% since November 2022 (321 camps with a population of 405 individuals).
    - 159 were marked as Level 1, which is vacated trash piles that are ready for cleanup.
    - 48 camps were marked as Level 2, which are smaller camps, cleaner camps.
    - 83 camps were marked as Level 3, which have some negative environmental impact, are near amenities, have low levels of sharps and biohazards present, and/or low levels of trash.
    - 157 camps were marked Level 4, which have higher environmental impacts, high levels of sharps and biohazards present, and/or high levels of trash.
    - 3 camps were marked as Level 5, which need emergency attention and are currently being addressed.
    - 71 were not on parkland and are part of other encampments that are on parkland.
- Hotspots
  - Hotspots that have the largest populations and consolidations of camps are Gaines Creek Greenbelt, Williamson Creek East (South of Stassney Lane), Williamson Creek Central (Tom Donovan Nature Trail meadow behind Fiesta Market), Barwood Park, Barton Creek Wilderness Park, Shoal Creek Greenbelt (east of Lamar Boulevard), Stephenson Nature Preserve, Mary Moore/Slaughter Greenbelt, Onion Creek Metro Park. **Districts 5, 2, 3, 4, 8, and 9**
  - Locations that have seen significant growth:
    - West Bouldin Creek Greenbelt has significantly grown since the closure of Ground Zero.
    - There is significant growth along Shoal Creek on the eastside of Lamar Boulevard with an unknown source.
    - Stephenson Nature Preserve has seen significant growth and negative impacts of driving on parkland. Some sources could be closures on neighboring properties and pressure from closures around Brodie Lane and Highway 290.

- Barton Creek Wilderness Park along South Capital of Texas Highway 360 had remained relatively empty of active camps for the past several years, however, there is a significant uptick in active camping.
- Mary Moore Metro Park has seen growth since the last count.
- North Acres Greenbelt has grown since last count.
- Republic Square has a lot of camps now recorded around it and an operation to clean it and around it was implemented shortly after the survey was complete.
- Heritage Oaks Neighborhood Park has seen some growth.

The Department is working with City partners to address growth, but with limited housing options and efforts to clear more visible roads and bridges, and growth in natural areas has occurred and will continue to occur.

**Pollinator Week:** Join the City of Austin, Parks and Recreation Department, and the Austin Public Library for Pollinator Week this June 19-25. The week-long Bee City Austin celebration will include a variety of events that will take place throughout the City of Austin and virtually. Learn more at [AustinTexas.gov/blog/Pollinator-Week](https://austintexas.gov/blog/pollinator-week).

## ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:

**Lifeguard Recruitment, Hiring & Training:** The Aquatic Division continues with hiring and recruiting efforts on all fronts for temporary employees. As of Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, there has been 1,700 applicants. All applicants have been contacted with next steps for hiring and are in various states. Additionally, there are currently a total of 851 lifeguards on our ready to work list. **All Districts**

**Austin Nature Based Programs Summer Camp:** In preparation for the 2023 summer camp program, the Austin Nature and Science Center kicked off training for 20 staff members. Camacho Activity Center completed hiring summer staff for summer programming and activities. Staff completed over 100 hours of on-the-field training, which included rock climbing, swift-water rescue, kayaking, archery, mountain biking, group management and risk management. **District 1, 3 and 8**

**Zilker Train:** The Parks and Recreation Board received an update on January 5, 2021, regarding the execution of the Construction, Operations, and Maintenance Agreement for a Miniature Train Operation at Zilker Metropolitan Park with the Austin Parks Foundation (Foundation). During ongoing testing, the Foundation found additional parts and retrofitting were needed. Additionally, the difficulty in obtaining parts timely has further delayed their timeline. The Foundation provided a website with details on opening and activities related to the train at <https://www.zilkertrain.org/>.

In October 2022, the Foundation released a communication that they anticipated not having an operational train until fall of 2023, at the earliest. Since October 2022, the Foundation has reported to have:

- Engaged with Square One Consultants to help with the project management in finding a new train provider;
- Spoken with train operators in Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Arkansas, Mississippi, Montana and California in search of a provider that could meet our needs; and



- Met with five train manufacturers and received proposals from two of them to build a new train as the previous train built by Railway Factory is not reliable and no reputable manufacturer will work on a train that they have not built.

On January 30<sup>th</sup>, the Foundation reported to have called and emailed all train donors/sponsors to provide them with an update, following the KUT story. On February 10<sup>th</sup>, the Foundation met with PARD to provide an update on the status of the project. The Foundation still anticipates that the earliest the train will return is the fall of 2023.

**Recreation Management System:** The Department, with the assistance of the Communications and Technology Management Department (CTM), published a Request for Information (RFI) to survey current technology solutions in the Recreation Management Industry. PARD/CTM received three responses and conducted vendor question and answer sessions and vendor system demonstrations, along with meetings with current user organizations, between September and October 2021. Based on the information gathered, the Department will work with CTM to establish a scope of work (SOW) and conduct a formal solicitation for a future Recreation Management System. As CTM is the principal information technology department that focuses on the delivery and operations of vital IT infrastructure network and telecommunications services for the City, they will facilitate the competitive solicitation process. This includes establishing a CTM project manager and creating a timeline for the solicitation process. In October 2022, the Department began working with a CTM project manager to establish timeline and deliverables for the solicitation scope of work. The solicitation was published on June 5<sup>th</sup>, and is scheduled to close on July 11<sup>th</sup>. The Department will continue to utilize RecTrac services throughout the solicitation process until a recommended vendor is established.

**Watercraft Concession at 2418 Stratford Drive:** A Scope of Work (SOW) was developed and presented at the September Parks Board Contracts and Concessions Committee meeting. The solicitation was published on November 9, 2022, and closed January 3, 2023, with four proposals submitted. On March 13<sup>th</sup>, a recommendation for award to Texas Canoes and Kayaks was posted. The recommendation for the award to the selected vendor was under protest. On May 5<sup>th</sup>, Central Procurement cancelled the solicitation on behalf of the City and will re-solicit. The contract with the current vendor, Rowing Dock, was extended through October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Management and Operation of the Pharr Tennis Center:** This agreement is for the management and operations of the renovated Burnett “Blondie” Pharr Tennis Center (Pharr). The soon to be renovated facility is anticipated to be completed in August 2023. The Contracts and Concessions Committee was briefed at the October 21, 2022, meeting on the solicitation. The solicitation is scheduled to be published in June 2023. A contract with the successful proposer is anticipated to be executed by the August 2023 renovation completion.

**Interlocal Agreement between City of Austin and Austin Community College:** This agreement is an interlocal agreement that allows the Austin Community College (ACC) to utilize specified areas of the Turner Roberts Recreation Center to offer consulting and training classes to the public at no charge to participants nor the City. Turner Roberts Recreation Center began hosting classes on May 30<sup>th</sup>, and the interlocal agreement was fully executed on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Zilker Café:** The agreement with the previous vendor has been terminated. A new solicitation was developed to operate and maintain the food and beverage concession on the north side of Barton Springs Pool in Zilker Park. The scope of work for the solicitation was presented to the Contracts and

Concession Committee on May 19<sup>th</sup> and published on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Central Procurement held a pre-proposal meeting on June 8, 2023, and proposals for this solicitation are due by July 11<sup>th</sup>. A contract with the successful proposer is anticipated to be executed by November 2023.

**Swim ATX:** This agreement is an interlocal agreement with the Austin Independent School District (AISD) for SwimATX, a year-long swim lesson program that includes the 36-hour lifeguard certification course, which will be provided to the students of select AISD high schools. The interlocal agreement was presented to the Contracts and Concessions Committee on May 19<sup>th</sup> and will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Board on June 26<sup>th</sup>. The interlocal agreement is anticipated to be presented to Council for approval on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

**FY 2024 Budget Development:** The Department has submitted its FY 2024 Financial Forecast, and preparation of the Proposed Budget is underway. Below are the City of Austin Budget Calendar key dates:

CALENDAR	
March 10	Revenue/Expenditure Forecast due from Depts.
<i>April 14</i>	<i>Council Briefing: Forecast Presentation</i>
May 5	5-year CIP Plan due from Depts.
May 5	Proposed Budget due from Depts.
July 14	Proposed Budget Presentation to Council
July 26 – August 10	Council Budget Work Sessions
August 16 - 18	Tax Rate Hearing and Budget Readings