



# MESSENGER

Quarterly Newsletter

## Summer 2021



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## Sharing Deer Park's Early History

The City of Deer Park Historical Committee continues to search for items important to our local history, focusing on the people, places, and events of our early history. Over the past few years, local residents have shared pictures, letters, documents, and artifacts, which are displayed in our cabinets throughout the city. Share your items so residents and visitors can learn more about the early history of Deer Park. Items donated or loaned for copying are added to our digital database.



Shell Oil Company donated \$165,000 to be matched by local taxes for the construction of a new City Hall complex. The complex included the Deer Park Fire Station, City Hall, Deer Park Police Station, and the Corporation Court. The complex opened in December 1956.

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## No Trash Collection

City offices will be closed on:

**Monday, July 5 -  
Independence Day**

Curbside collection of rubbish will not be available on this day. Service will resume on your next regular collection day following the holiday. Garbage should not be placed out for pick up earlier than 6 p.m. on the evening before the scheduled collection day. All rubbish must be in a bag and put out at curbside by 8 a.m. on your scheduled pickup day. Garbage should be placed between the curb and the sidewalk, not in the street.

## Staying Informed

Did you know that the City of Deer Park creates dedicated information pages on our website during community-wide emergencies? For example, during February's Winter Storm Uri, city staff created a Winter Storm Advisory page as a repository for updates related to weather forecasts, power outages, water service, road closures, and more. The page was easily accessible at the top of the homepage at [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov). During emergencies or disasters, citizens are encouraged to check a variety of channels for the latest city and regional updates, such as:

City of Deer Park website, [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov)

City of Deer Park Facebook, [facebook.com/deerparktx](https://facebook.com/deerparktx)

Office of Emergency Management Facebook, [facebook.com/deerparktx.oem](https://facebook.com/deerparktx.oem)

DPTV (Comcast channel 16 or AT&T U-Verse channel 99)

These channels are updated regularly throughout emergency incidents, so citizens can follow these outlets consistently to stay up-to-date. The City of Deer Park uses the CodeRED system to deliver critical and time-sensitive communications, such as severe weather warnings, evacuation notices, shelter-in-place notices, and missing child alerts, in addition to community announcements. Citizens

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## City of Deer Park

710 E. San Augustine  
Deer Park, TX 77536  
(281) 479-2394  
[www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov)

 [www.facebook.com/deerparktx](http://www.facebook.com/deerparktx)

 [@deerparktxgov](https://twitter.com/deerparktxgov)

 [deerparktxgov](https://www.instagram.com/deerparktxgov)



[www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov) | 281-479-7201



# General Information

The Mission of the City of Deer Park is to deliver exemplary municipal services that provide the community a high quality of life consistent with our history, culture, and unique character.

## Elected Officials

Jerry Mouton, Jr. ....	Mayor
Sherry Garrison .....	Council Member - Position 1
TJ Haight.....	Council Member - Position 2
Tommy Ginn .....	Council Member - Position 3
Bill Patterson.....	Council Member - Position 4
Ron Martin .....	Council Member - Position 5
Rae A. Sinor.....	Council Member - Position 6

Contact Mayor and City Council Members by e-mail at [cityhall@deerparktx.org](mailto:cityhall@deerparktx.org).

## Department Directors

James J. Stokes .....	City Manager
Gary M. Jackson .....	Assistant City Manager
Shannon Bennett .....	City Secretary
Donna Todd.....	Director, Finance
Bill Philibert.....	Director, Human Resources
Bill Pedersen.....	Director, Public Works
Charlie Sandberg.....	Director, Parks and Recreation
Rebecca Pool .....	Director, Library
Robert Hemminger .....	Director, Emergency Services
Greg Grigg .....	Chief of Police
James Lewis.....	Director, Information Technology

## Other Appointed Officials

Jim Fox .....	City Attorney
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## City Facilities

Animal Shelter .....	281-478-7274.....	4221 Luella
Art Park Players Dinner Theater .....	281-478-7288.....	1302 Center
Avon Recreation Center .....	281-478-7216.....	601 W. 8 <sup>th</sup> Street
Battleground Golf Course .....	281-478-2080.....	1600 Georgia
City Hall.....	281-479-2394.....	710 E. San Augustine
Claude Burgess Recreation Center .....	281-478-2060.....	4200 Kalwick
Community Center.....	281-478-2050.....	610 E. San Augustine
Fire Station #1.....	281-478-2043.....	1302 Center
Fire Station #2.....	281-478-7269.....	711 E. Pasadena Blvd.
Fire Station #3.....	281-478-7281.....	2211 East X
Jimmy Burke Activity Center .....	281-478-2049.....	500 W. 13 <sup>th</sup> Street
Kingsdale Center.....	281-478-7215.....	2218 Kingsdale
Maxwell Adult Center .....	281-478-7276.....	1201 Center
Municipal Court .....	281-478-7238.....	1302 Center
Police Station .....	281-479-1511.....	2911 Center
Public Library .....	281-478-7208.....	3009 Center
Swimming Pool.....	281-478-2055.....	610 E. San Augustine
Transfer Station.....	281-478-7213.....	610 Underwood
Visitors Center .....	832-780-0973.....	203 Ivy Ave., Suite 606



**City Hall**  
 Open Monday through Friday  
 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Notify Me**  
 Subscribe to receive city news and the Messenger newsletter by e-mail at [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov).

- ### June
- 1 City Council Meeting
  - 5 Siren Test - Noon
  - 7 Planning & Zoning Meeting
  - 12 Siren Test - Noon
  - 15 City Council Meeting
  - 19 Siren Test - Noon
  - 22 LEPC Meeting
  - 26 Siren Test - Noon

- ### July
- 3 Siren Test - Noon
  - 5 City Services Closed - Holiday
  - 6 City Council Meeting
  - 10 Siren Test - Noon
  - 12 Planning & Zoning Meeting
  - 17 Siren Test - Noon
  - 20 City Council Meeting
  - 24 Siren Test - Noon
  - 31 Siren Test - Noon

- ### August
- 2 Planning & Zoning Meeting
  - 3 City Council Meeting
  - 7 Siren Test - Noon
  - 14 Siren Test - Noon
  - 17 City Council Meeting
  - 21 Siren Test - Noon
  - 24 LEPC Meeting
  - 28 Siren Test - Noon

Please note that meeting dates are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

# Deer Park Police Department

## *Emergency Kit*

Residents are strongly advised to maintain a 72-hour emergency supply of water, non-perishable food, and medicine for each member of their household, including pets. Reserves should be built in advance of an emergency to ensure supplies are available. Stores may run out of resources in the days leading up to a major weather event.

Sufficient resources may not be immediately available to assist everyone negatively impacted by a disaster. A consistent recommendation from all levels of government is 3 days of supplies, although storing more resources whenever possible is encouraged. Having at least a 72-hour supply will assist your household with bridging the supply gap between the time a disaster occurs and the time additional resources arrive.

For more information, go to [www.ready.gov/kit](http://www.ready.gov/kit).

## *Help First Responders - Reduce False Alarms*

Deer Park EMS, Fire and Police personnel responded to 2,695 false alarm calls between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2020. These unnecessary responses result in an enormous burden in labor and expense, as well as reduces the time available for emergency personnel to respond to real emergencies. In an effort to reduce false alarms, the City of Deer Park has a contract with Central Square Technologies, LLC (the Deer Park False Alarm Reduction Program) to provide false alarm tracking and invoicing services. Additionally, the Police Department enforces the city's Alarm Ordinance.

If you operate an alarm system, you should:

1. Contact the Deer Park False Alarm Reduction Program to obtain an alarm permit.
2. Keep your alarm permit updated.
3. Pay your invoice within 30 days to prevent false alarm surcharge fees.
4. Learn how to properly operate your alarm system and teach everyone else who uses it.
5. Get your alarm system adjusted, repaired, replaced, or upgraded when necessary.
6. Know how to cancel an accidental alarm.

If you no longer operate an alarm system, are planning to move, or have moved already, contact the Deer Park False Alarm Reduction Program to close your account. Their contact information is as follows:

### **Deer Park False Alarm Reduction Program**

P.O. Box 844908

Dallas, TX 75284-4908

(855) 905-0611 Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm (CST)

<https://www.crywolfservices.com/deerparktx/>  
[deerparktx@alarm-billing.com](mailto:deerparktx@alarm-billing.com)

## *Traffic Stop Safety*

Do you know what to do if you get pulled over by a police officer? Follow these traffic stop safety tips or contact non-emergency dispatch with questions at (281) 479-1511.

## **Road Safety Reminders**



- When turning RIGHT at an intersection, you must turn into the lane closest to the RIGHT-hand curb or edge.
- When turning LEFT at an intersection, you just have to turn into a lane. The lane you turn into doesn't matter, unless the street you're turning into is a posted one-way roadway, then you must turn into the lane closest to the LEFT-hand curb or edge.

## **Tips**

- On a residential street, you can stop anywhere to the right side of the road as long as you are not blocking someone's driveway. Even if you are almost home, stop as soon as possible. Do not keep driving until you reach your house. Stay inside your vehicle unless the officer asks you to get out. Do not exit the vehicle without being asked, otherwise the police officer might think you're trying to evade.
- If you get stopped in your own driveway, please remain in your vehicle, along with all other occupants in the vehicle, until the police officer concludes the traffic stop.
- On a major street, pull into a parking lot to the right. East Blvd., Georgia Ave., Center St., Pasadena Blvd., and Spencer Hwy. are examples of major streets. If you are not near a parking lot, pull off onto a neighboring residential side

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street and stop approximately 50 ft. from the intersection to give the police car enough room to stop behind your vehicle.

- On the highway, the safest thing to do is exit onto the feeder road and stop to the right side of the feeder. If you are unable to exit the highway, you can pull onto the right shoulder. You can turn on your flashers so the police officer knows your intention to stop.
- At night, if you prefer to stop in a well-lit location, make sure your flashers are on to indicate to the officer that you intend to stop and not evade.
- Notice that all the tips above said to pull to the right and not the left. Unless you are directed by a police officer to do otherwise, pull to the right.

## **Motor Vehicle Accidents**

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there were 6,734,000 police-reported motor vehicle crashes in 2018. The majority of the reported crashes resulted in only property damage, while an estimated 28% of the crashes involved injury to the occupants.

When you're involved in a vehicular crash, first check yourself and other occupants for injuries. If you or someone else is injured, call 9-1-1 and request an ambulance. If you are not injured and the accident occurred on a busy street, pull off of the roadway into a parking lot, if at all possible. For an accident that occurred on the highway, either pull onto the shoulder or exit the highway to pull off into a parking lot off of the feeder road. If your vehicle is unable to move, then leave your vehicle on the roadway. You and the other occupants in the vehicle

should stay off the road to avoid being injured.

If the crash resulted in minor damage with no injuries, you can exchange information with the other driver. Be sure to obtain the following details:

- Name of the driver and driver's license number
- Driver's contact information (address, phone number, etc.)
- Identify the location of the crash (know the block number or look for landmarks)
- License plate, make, model, and color of the other vehicle
- Insurance information (insurance company name, policy number and claims phone number)
- If possible, take photos of everything listed above.
- Request a case number if an officer responds to investigate the accident. Provide the case number to your insurance company, as well as the Records Division to obtain a copy of the police officer's accident report.

## **What if you are involved in a hit and run incident?**

Please do not follow the vehicle unless it is safe to do so. Make sure to pull into a safe location and call the police. If at all possible, obtain the license plate number, plus a description of the vehicle and driver.

## **Power Outage?**

Unless a power outage results in an emergency, you should not call 9-1-1 to report or complain about the loss of power. Our dispatch center is overwhelmed with calls regarding power outages. Unfortunately, the dispatchers do not have more information about power restoration than what is given to you by service providers. For questions or concerns regarding restoration of power, contact your service provider directly or refer to the CenterPoint Energy Outage Tracker. Let's keep 9-1-1 lines free for true emergencies and public safety dispatchers focused on handling emergency calls.

<http://gis.centerpointenergy.com/outagetracker/>

## **Theater** *A Division of the Parks & Rec. Dept.*

### **Little Shop of Horrors**

The sci-fi smash musical, *Little Shop of Horrors* has devoured the hearts of theater-goers for over 30 years. The meek floral assistant, Seymour Krelborn, stumbles across a new plant he names "Audrey II," after his coworker crush. This foul-mouthed, R&B singing carnivore promises unending fame and fortune to Seymour as long as he keeps feeding it blood. However, Seymour soon discovers Audrey II's out of this world origin and intent toward global domination!

*Little Shop* is back after 16 years!

Dinner & show tickets are on sale for \$30 each. Performances at the Municipal Court and Theater Building are on July 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 & 25.

To purchase tickets, call (281) 794-2448.



# Parks and Recreation

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY DEER PARK PARKS AND RECREATION

## CONCERTS IN THE PARK

DOW PARK | 610 E. SAN AUGUSTINE  
**THURSDAYS | 7-8:30 P.M.**



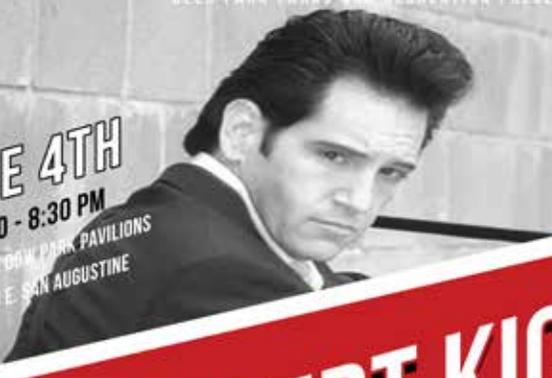
**FREE**

LUX 5 | JUNE 10 | LADIES NIGHT  
 TIME WARP | JUNE 17 | YEAR 2000 "Y2K"  
 REVIVE WORSHIP | JUNE 24 | FAITH NIGHT  
 KIDD SIXX | JULY 15 | SR NIGHT - BACK TO THE 80'S  
 MARK MAY BLUES BAND | JULY 22 | BLUES NIGHT  
 COOL BREEZE | JULY 29 | MOTOWN NIGHT  
 ON THREE BAND | AUGUST 5 | SMOOTH JAZZ NIGHT  
 SHOTGUN ROAD | AUGUST 12 | COUNTRY NIGHT

LOCAL ARTIST, OUTDOOR CONCERTS, THEME NIGHTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (281) 478-2050 | [WWW.DEERPARKTX.GOV/PARKSANDREC](http://WWW.DEERPARKTX.GOV/PARKSANDREC)

DEER PARK PARKS AND RECREATION PRESENTS



**FREE**

**JUNE 4TH**  
 6:30 - 8:30 PM  
 AT THE DOW PARK PAVILIONS  
 610 E. SAN AUGUSTINE

## CONCERT KICKOFF

BENNIE WHEELS - A JOHNNY CASH TRIBUTE BAND

[WWW.DEERPARKTX.GOV/PARKSANDREC](http://WWW.DEERPARKTX.GOV/PARKSANDREC)

### *Movies in the Park*

Join us at Dow Park on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month for a movie treat! This free event begins at dusk. Check <https://timeanddate.com> for approximate times.

- June 5 - Wonder Park (Rated PG)
- August 7 - Shazam! (Rated PG-13)

### *Adult Basketball*

We're bringing back our adult basketball league! It's going to be a 5-on-5 full court league with 20 minute halves and include 6 weeks of games followed by an end of season tournament. Modified TAAF rules apply. The winner receives a discount towards the next league. For more information, send an e-mail to [dculp@deerparktx.org](mailto:dculp@deerparktx.org). Wednesdays, June 9-July 21, 6:30 p.m., DPIISD Gym, \$250 per 5 player team

Summer registration is open online and by phone for all who wish to participate in summer activities!

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## Youth Basketball

We're offering options through our modified youth basketball league this year to accommodate state regulations: recreation league and competitive league. The recreation league is co-ed with a 7 to 9 year old division and a 10 to 12 year old division. Limited to 40 players in each division. An athlete cannot play in the competitive league and recreation league at the same time. **Saturday games, June 12-July 17, DPIISD Gym, \$70 for residents or \$75 for non-residents**

## Game Room Socials

If you have a game room card on file for 2019 or 2020, you are allowed to register first for game room socials. Registration opens to everyone 3 days prior to the event. Call (281) 478-2050 to register. Occupancy varies per event. **Wednesdays, 4 to 6 p.m., June 16 - Summer Vibes (ages 6+), July 7 - Video Game Day (ages 9+) & August 4 - Glow Party (ages 6+), Deer Park Community Center Game Room, free**

## Nature Camp

Nature Camp days are filled with fun outdoor activities and games, including a visit to the Deer Park Nature Preserve. A trip to Old Macdonald's Farm is scheduled for July 28. Campers need to bring 2 snacks and a sack lunch for each day of camp. **Monday-Friday, July 26-30, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Claude Burgess Recreation Center, ages 6 to 11, \$110 for residents and \$130 for non-residents**

## Archery Camp

Learn the basics of recurve archery. Archery builds confidence, increases attention spans, and inspires a willingness to try other sports. Participants will learn foundational archery skills and safety from USA Archery level 1 certified instructors. Participants should bring a sack lunch. **Monday-Wednesday, August 9-11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Jimmy Burke Activity Center, ages 6 to 11, \$50 per camper**

## Camp Crabgrass

It's a full week of swimming, archery, and much more. Lunch is included. Campers need to bring 2 snacks and drinks per day. Parent packet must be filled out before the first day of camp. **Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Jimmy Burke Activity Center, ages 6 to 11, \$130 per session for residents or \$150 per session for non-residents**

**Session 1, June 7-11:** IT'Z, Skate World, Mr. Monkey's Emporium, and Mad Scientist of Houston

**Session 2, June 14-18:** Urban Air, Jumping World, The Crocodile Encounter, and Gaming Truck with Water Tag

**Session 3, June 21-25:** Main Event, Bowling, Monty the Magician, and DJ Party with Karaoke

**Session 4, July 12-16:** Mr. Gatti's Pizza, Chuck E. Cheese, Reptile Show, Clown, Face Paint, and Balloon Artist

**Session 5, July 19-23:** Old MacDonald's Farm, Health Museum, HMNS - Discovery Dome, and HMNS - Earth Science on Wheels

## Camp Littles

Days packed with activities to engage your child - story time, crafts, science projects, and games. Camp is led by the same staff as Camp Crabgrass and the ASAP Program, but who also have taken special training for the younger age group. Children must be fully potty trained. Campers are divided into classrooms, 10 participants and 2 counselors per classroom. Each camper must bring snacks, drinks, and lunch every day. Tuesdays, 11 to 11:45 a.m., is swimming in the kiddie pool and Thursdays is playing at the Splash Pad. Please include a towel on these days. Parent packet must be submitted before the first day of camp. **Monday-Thursday, Session 1 (May 31-June 3) & Session 2 (June 28-July 1), 9 a.m.-2 p.m., ages 3 to 6, \$85 per session per child**

## Canvass & Chill

Enjoy a family night out and create beautiful masterpieces.

Painting experience not

required. All materials provided. Step-by-step instructions for 10 painters. Bring an apron or old shirt to protect your clothing. Snacks are allowed. All ages are welcome, but it is recommended that those under 8 have an adult with them to assist. **Fridays, June 11 (elephant), July 9 (beach day) & August 13 (butterfly), 6:30-8:30 p.m., Deer Park Community Center, ages 6 & over, \$20 per painter per session**



## CPR/AED and First Aid

Get certified in CPR/AED and First Aid by The Red Cross. Class size limited. **Friday, Session 1 (June 25) & Session 2 (July 23), 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Deer Park Community Center, \$50 per session**

# Parks & Recreation

## Mini Gourmet

Explore your inner chef and learn the basics of cooking! It's 4 days of fun instructor-led age appropriate cooking recipes. **Monday-Thursday, July 12-15, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. for ages 8 to 10 & 2-4 p.m. for ages 11 to 14, Deer Park Community Center, \$55 per child**

## Daddy-Daughter Dance

Celebrate this year's 22<sup>nd</sup> annual dance with *Mermaid Kisses and Starfish Wishes!* There will be light refreshments and door prizes. Dance the night away and make it a family tradition. Limited to 75 participants. Registration will not be offered at the event. **Saturday, June 19, 7-9 p.m., Jimmy Burke Activity Center, \$30 per couple, plus \$10 per additional daughter**

## Dow Park Pool Schedule

The Dow Park Pool opens for Memorial Day weekend starting at 12 p.m. on May 29. Beginning June 1 through August 15, the pool opens during regular hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The pool is closed on Mondays for service and maintenance. Pool fees are as follows: seniors 55+ and children under one year old are free, \$3 per person for residents, \$5 per person for non-residents, \$50 individual annual pass for residents, \$90 individual annual pass for non-residents, \$100 family (5 person max) annual pass for residents, and \$150 family (5 person max) annual pass for non-residents. Tuesdays from 12 to 3 p.m. are dollar off family days!

DEER PARK PARKS AND RECREATION PRESENTS

**4th FEST**

JULY 4  
DOORS OPEN  
AT 5PM

FIREWORKS  
AT 9:15PM

MUSIC  
FOOD  
FIREWORKS

FREE

FEATURING MUSIC BY  
**OMG**

TAKING THE STAGE FROM 7 - 9:15PM

JIMMY BURKE ACTIVITY CENTER  
500 W. 13TH STREET IN DEER PARK, TEXAS

WWW.DEERPARKTX.GOV/PARKSANDREC

Join us for a night of music, food, and fireworks! OMG will perform outdoors on the stage from 7 to 9 p.m. It's easy to see why OMG is Houston's Most Energetic Live Variety Party Cover Band! They have an amazingly versatile arsenal of songs ranging from rock, top 40, pop, R&B, hip-hop, dance, country, Latino, and long lost favorites. Whether it's a small private party, wedding reception, corporate event, or your favorite club, OMG delivers a high-energy performance that's all about having fun and making memories! Fireworks display begins at 9:15 p.m.

## Pool Rentals: June 1-Aug. 8

Renting the pool guarantees space for a private pool party, not necessarily private pool space. A party may be booked at the big pool and the children's pool concurrently.

### Times Available:

2-hour minimum/4-hour maximum  
Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.  
Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

### Rental Rates:

\$100 refundable deposit required  
Main pool only - residents \$175, non-residents \$300  
Children's pool only - residents \$75, non-residents \$100  
Main pool & children's pool - residents \$225, non-residents \$350

## Swim Lessons

Enroll your child in our Ellis certified swim lessons this summer! Mondays and Fridays are reserved for rainouts. **Tuesday-Thursday, 9-9:45 a.m., 10-10:45 a.m., 11-11:45 a.m., 4-4:45 p.m., 5-5:45 p.m., 6-6:45 p.m., Session 1 (June 1-24) & Session 2 (July 6-29), residents \$125 per swimmer or non-residents \$150 per swimmer**

## Private Swim Lessons

Private swim lessons are available for all ages at any skill level. Each private lesson is 1 hour and 30 minutes in length. One participant per instructor. **Saturdays, June 5, 12, 19 & 26, 9-11:30 a.m., Dow Park Pool, ages 3 & over, \$50 for residents or \$75 for non-residents**

## Toddler Splash

This is an introduction to water safety and basic water skills for both parent and child. It is not a swim lesson. Children explore the water in a supervised and fun environment with the guidance of the instructor and parent. **Fridays, June 11 & July 16, 10-10:45 a.m., Dow Park Pool, ages 3 months to 2 years, \$10 per swimmer**

# Parks & Rec.

## *Dive In Movies*

Watch a movie by the pool! Flotation devices are allowed but they must be clear. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 2 are free. Doors open at 7 p.m. Movie starts at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person and includes a ticket for a free gelato from Gelu Italian Ice. Limited to the first 100 pre-sale tickets and 50 tickets sold at the door. Pool membership does not grant access to Dive In Movies. You must purchase a ticket. **June 18 - Frozen 2 (PG) & July 16 - Goofy Movie (PG)**

## *Sand Volleyball Tournament*

The Sand Volleyball Tournament is run according to the USA Sand Volleyball rules. The winning team receives Visa gift cards. **Wednesday, June 23, 6:30-10:30 p.m., Dow Park Sand Volleyball Courts, ages 18 & over, \$50 per team**

## *6-week Summer Challenge*

The challenge is to reach the goal, determined by participants, through a combination of High Intensity Interval Training, kick-boxing, and boxing. **Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 22-July 29, Earl Dunn Gym, for all ages, \$130 per person**

## **Craft Junkie**

**Mini Paddleboat, June 16, 1-2 p.m., Deer Park Community Center, ages 5 & over, \$5 per child** - Assemble a paddleboat and paint your own design. Once the paint is dry, wind the paddle, and watch it scoot across the water. Craft materials provided. **DIY Bath Bombs, July 20, 1-2 p.m., Deer Park Community Center, ages 9 & over, \$10 per child** - Learn how to make your own bath bombs. We'll walk you through the steps and you even get to take a few home to enjoy!

# Maxwell Center *A Division of the Parks & Rec. Dept.*

## *Mother's and Father's Day*

Celebrate Mother's and Father's Day jointly! Attendees receive a rose and a catered meal prepared by Azalea Creek from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Meals distributed via curbside pick up. Call (281) 478-2050 by 5 p.m. on May 24 to RSVP. **Tuesday, June 1, 4-5:30 p.m., free**

## *Cardio Drumming*

Cardio Drumming is a new low to medium intensity level exercise class where participants are using drumsticks to play on yoga balls to the beat of music for cardio. Join us at the Maxwell Center parking lot at 8:30 a.m. for 30 minutes of upbeat fun. Social distancing protocols will be in place for all participants. No classes July 5-9. **Wednesdays & Fridays, June 2-August 6, 8:30-9 a.m., free**

## *Water Aerobics*

Water aerobics is a low-impact exercise, reducing the stress on your joints and muscles. The water takes the weight off the legs and back, making it more comfortable to obtain the exercise the body needs. Trial class is June 9. No classes July 5-9. **Mondays & Wednesdays, June 14-August 4, 10-11 a.m., Dow Park Pool, \$20 for 7 weeks (14 classes)**

## *Family Feud*

Play Family Feud with your friends and family. Participants sign up to receive a Webex link to join. Participants are divided evenly into teams. The team with the most points wins a prize to be picked up curbside at the Maxwell Adult Center. To register, call (281) 478-7276 by 5 p.m. on June 8. **Thursday, June 10, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., free**

## *Dog Days of Summer*

Kick off the start of summer with a concert and BBQ! The John Barraza Project will be bringing you the best summer tunes while you enjoy a catered meal from Cattle Drive BBQ. Call (281) 478-2050 to make the payment to reserve your meal by June 14 at 5 p.m. **Monday, June 21, 5-6:30 p.m., Dow Park Pavilions, \$5 per person**

## *House Hunters*

Would you enjoy a virtual house scavenger hunt via Webex? You must find items around the house and show them on camera to get points. The person with the most points wins a prize to be picked up curbside at the Maxwell Adult Center. **Thursday, July 15, 2 p.m., free**

## *Senior Pickleball Tournament*

Pickleball tournament for seniors only! The tournament will be mixed doubles. If you do not have a partner, but would like to participate, we can pair you up with someone. **Friday, July 16, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Earl Dunn Gym, \$15 for singles or \$30 for doubles**

## *Senior Citizens Week*

Celebrate National Senior Citizens Week with themed days and giveaways all week along curbside meals! On Friday, every senior receives a T-shirt, while supplies last. **Monday-Friday, August 16-20, 10:30-11:30 a.m., free**

# Deer Park Public Library

## *Tails and Tales Summer Reading 2021*

The 2021 Tails and Tales Summer Reading Program provides children of all ages an opportunity to enjoy reading while maintaining reading skills during the summer months and earning incentive prizes. Children may submit up to 4 book logs. Teens will be asked to complete 4 Missions. This summer, our program is offered virtually and via paper logs for those unable to utilize the online system. Registration begins on June 1. Start logging your books on June 7. Weekly activities include crafts and storytime. These activities will be offered virtually and in-person as we assess on a continual basis to determine the safest method of delivery. Check out our website and social media pages for the latest updates. For more information, go to [www.deerparktx.gov/library](http://www.deerparktx.gov/library).

## *Scholastic Book Fair*, for all ages, June 1-5

The Friends of the DPPL is hosting the Annual Scholastic Book Fair in the library's meeting room during normal business hours, June 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>. We will practice social distancing and other safety precautions, such as sanitizing the book cases, a one-direction walking flow, and hand sanitizer for guests. Proceeds from this book fair make it possible to purchase paperback books to be used as incentive prizes for the Summer Reading Program.

## *T.A.B. Meeting*, for ages 12 to 18, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, 4:15 p.m.

Join the Teen Advisory Board and help plan for teen programs. Discuss reading trends and make suggestions for the Teen Collection. T.A.B. meets either virtually or in-person. If you are interested, contact Robert at [youthlibrarian@deerparktx.org](mailto:youthlibrarian@deerparktx.org) or pick up a form at the library.

## *Take & Make Adult and Family Crafts*

Learn how to use new crafting materials and techniques by following along each month with instructions and supplies provided by the library. Go to [www.deerparktx.gov/library](http://www.deerparktx.gov/library), call (281) 478-7208, or send an e-mail to [library@deerparktx.org](mailto:library@deerparktx.org) to find out what we will be doing this month.

## *Adult Summer Reading Program*

Rediscover the joy of reading and join our summer reading program for adults. The more books you read, the more entries you log - getting you closer to the grand prize drawing. Details for this year's summer reading program will be available in May.

## *Nonfiction Book Club*

DPPL's Nonfiction Book Club meets at 10:30 a.m. on the last Thursday of every month. Discuss an illuminating book you recently read and discover the impact books have made on others. To register or for more information, call (281) 478-7208 or send an e-mail to [library@deerparktx.org](mailto:library@deerparktx.org).

## *Beginning and Intermediate Spanish Classes*

Beginning Spanish Class meets online on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Intermediate Spanish Class meets online at noon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. The library's Rosetta Stone account is used for

vocabulary and grammar practice, as well as to prepare conversationally during class sessions. Go to [www.deerparktx.gov/library](http://www.deerparktx.gov/library) and hover over *E-Library* to get started. For more information or to register, call (281) 478-7208 or send an e-mail to [library@deerparktx.org](mailto:library@deerparktx.org).

## *Computer Class: Programming with Python*

Learn the basics of programming in most any language and begin creating your own programs using Python, a popular general purpose programming language. We will meet online weekly. For more information or to register, call (281) 478-7208 or send an e-mail to [library@deerparktx.org](mailto:library@deerparktx.org).

## *Mysteries & More Book Club*

The Mysteries & More Book Club plans to continue to meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. to discuss books from a variety of genres. The format of the meeting will be announced at [www.deerparktx.gov/library](http://www.deerparktx.gov/library) and social media outlets as meeting dates approach. Future titles will be



STORYTIME starts at 11 a.m. on Thursdays! Whether presented virtually or in-person, it is designed to encourage a love for books and language. It incorporates books, fingerplays, songs, and activities to promote interest in reading and lifelong learning. Caregivers are encouraged to watch with the children and encourage participation.

*\*Storytime will be assessed on a continual basis to determine the safest method of delivery. Check out our social media outlets for the latest updates.*

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selected at upcoming meetings. For more information, visit our website or call (281) 478-7208.

June 8, Thriller

*The Guest List*  
by Lucy Foley



## June

- *Our Woman in Moscow* by Beatriz Williams
- *The Recovery Agent: A Gabriella Rose Novel* by Janet Evanovich
- *The Warsaw Orphan: A WWII Novel* by Kelly Rimmer

## July

- *Dog Eat Dog: An Andy Carpenter Mystery (#23)* by David Rosenfelt
- *An Irish Hostage (Bess Crawford Mysteries #12)* by Charles Todd
- *An Ambush of Widows* by Jeff Abbott
- *False Witness* by Karin Slaughter

## August

- *Another Kind of Eden* by James Lee Burke
- *The Noise: The Last Sound You'll Ever Hear* by James Patterson and J. D. Barker
- *Bloodless (A Pendergast Novel)* by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child

# Public Works

## Deer Park Animal Shelter



Dogs and cats are available for adoption at the Deer Park Animal Shelter after a holding period of 3 business days. There is a \$50 adoption fee, plus you must prepay for the spaying or neutering of the animal and a rabies vaccination. Call (281) 478-7274 for details on our adoptable pets. The Deer Park Animal Shelter, located at 4221 Luella Ave., is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Check out our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/DeerParkTX.AnimalShelter](http://www.facebook.com/DeerParkTX.AnimalShelter).

## Ready for Hurricane Season?

Hurricane season starts June 1. Follow the tips below and be ready.

### Before the Hurricane

- Before the start of the season, trim or remove damaged trees and limbs.
- Secure loose rain gutters and downspouts, as well as clear any clogged areas.
- Make sure drainage ditches and inlets are free of debris.
- Thin your foliage so wind can flow freely through branches.
- Remove miscellaneous debris from your yard and secure items, such as patio furniture and garbage cans. Anchor objects that are unsafe to bring inside, such as gas grills and propane tanks.

### Imminent Hurricane

- Do not cut down trees or do any major yard work.
- Do not begin construction projects that produce debris.
- Once a hurricane watch or warning is issued, do not trim vegetation of any kind. Unfortunately, there is not enough equipment or manpower to collect the additional material. All resources will be used to pick up the debris after the storm.
- Turn your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and open them only when necessary.

### After the Storm

- Keep household garbage, recycling, vegetation, and storm debris sorted separately.
- Put all household garbage in securely tied plastic trash bags and place at your curb on your usual collection day.
- Carry any storm debris to the curb/right-of-way. City employees cannot pick up debris on private property.
- Please be patient. City employees will pick up household garbage and storm debris as quickly as possible. Never mix garbage with storm debris and vegetation.

Other helpful resources for hurricane preparedness include <https://texasready.gov> and [www.readyhoustontx.gov](http://www.readyhoustontx.gov).

## Trash Placement

The City of Deer Park has regulations pertaining to the collection of garbage in residential areas. Rubbish, trash bags and other disposable containers are to be placed by the street curb at the front of your property by 8 a.m. the day of collection and should not be placed at the curb earlier than 6 p.m. the night before the day of collection. So, if your usual trash collection day is Tuesday, your trash can be placed at the curb between 6 p.m. on Monday and 8 a.m. on Tuesday. Failure to comply with the specified time is a violation of City Code and may result in a citation. Setting trash out days in advance is a blight on the neighborhood. In addition, rodents, cats, dogs, and other animals have more of a chance to get into the trash and make a big mess to clean up.

**Resident Reminders!**



## Maintain Your Swimming Pool



Owning a pool, spa or hot tub is a big responsibility. It's important to maintain a clean, sanitary pool. Stagnant water breeds mosquitoes, which is a health hazard. Stagnant pool water is also full of green or black algae, which makes it difficult to see the bottom of the pool resulting in a drowning risk. The entire bottom of the pool must be clearly visible at

all times. To prevent children or animals from entering the unsecured area, the fencing around the pool must be maintained. Failure to maintain the pool or the fencing around the pool is a violation of the City Code of Ordinances and may result in a citation. Contact the Code Enforcement Division as soon as possible if:

- There is a house, whether occupied or vacant, with a pool or spa that has not been properly maintained.
- There are any broken or missing slats from the fence surrounding a pool or spa, regardless of whether the house is vacant or occupied.
- Anyone has a type of outdoor above ground pool or spa that is not enclosed by a secured fence.



## Sharing Deer Park's Early History *Continued from page 1*

Thank you for your continued support. For more information, contact Sherry Garrison, Chair of the Historical Committee at [sgarrison@deerparktx.org](mailto:sgarrison@deerparktx.org).

These are a few of the items that have been shared and added to our collection:



Earl Dunn (seated), pumper at Shell Refinery's main oil pump-house, was elected the first mayor of Deer Park. Standing from left to right, new alderman Burton B. Jones, attorney Carl C. Patrick, and new City Marshal Herman Dalme (Courtesy Shellegram 1949)



Norman Cain holding his cousin Thomas Cain, corner of Center and San Augustine, May 1949 (Courtesy Thomas Cain)

Banquet at San Jacinto Inn 1950's (Courtesy of Margaret Dorris Bardin)



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are encouraged to sign up for CodeRED updates via landline, cell phone, work number, text, and e-mail address. To make sure you receive notifications, sign up via [deerparktx.gov/338/Emergency-Notifications](http://deerparktx.gov/338/Emergency-Notifications) or click on *Emergency Notifications* on our homepage at [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov).

# CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### TYPE B DEDICATED SALES TAX PROJECTS

#### COMPLETED

- Maxwell Adult Center
- Girls Softball Complex
- Dow Park Pavilion
- Deer Park Soccer Complex
- Spencerview Athletic Complex (with the exception of pedestrian bridge)

#### IN PROGRESS

- Plans for the **Spencerview Bridge**, a bridge to connect the Spencerview Athletic Complex (Durant Fields) to the adjoining property donated to the City of Deer Park for the development of additional parking and a park/playground area have been completed. CobbFendley & Associates provided the design, studied the floodplain requirement, and submitted the plans for approval by the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD). The City of Deer Park was asked by the HCFCD to identify access to the bridge so City staff worked on an easement with the adjacent property owner to gain and use access for drainage channel maintenance. A survey was done to identify property lines and complete the process. City staff is meeting with a contractor to discuss the bridge that will cross from Spencerview Athletic Complex into a new undeveloped park. Concurrently, City staff is creating a site plan for the undeveloped park. The site plan is anticipated to be completed this summer.
- **Community Center** – Subsequent to the Type B election, the City engaged a team of professionals (engineers, architects, and an accessibility consultant) to tour the Community Center facility and conduct a Building Observations Survey. Some of the key conclusions/considerations contained in the Building Observations Survey report were: 1) It would be very expensive to make permanent repairs to the structure; 2) The City should consider replacement versus repair of the Community Center, and 3) The cost and consequences of disruption of services should also be considered. The conclusion of the architects/engineers that studied the facility was that permanent repairs would be very expensive, so much so that they believed that the City should seriously consider replacement versus repair of the Community Center. Beginning on July 23, 2018, the City Council, the Deer Park Community Development Corporation and the Parks and Recreation Commission conducted a total of eight joint meetings to discuss the Community Center project. The complexities and challenges associated with renovating and expanding the Community Center and Gym to include an indoor pool were discussed at length. As the project was studied further, it became apparent that the cost of the renovations and structural repairs to the existing facilities, let alone adding an indoor therapy pool, would well exceed \$6 million. Ultimately, the consensus was that the best option was to ask the Deer Park voters if they would like to conduct a new Type B sales tax and use tax election to authorize additional Type B purposes, including the new Community/Recreation Center. The election was scheduled and then cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic concerns. A May 1, 2021 Type B continuation election was called at which voters authorized the Type B sales and use tax to be continued and authorized additional uses of the tax to include the new Community/Recreation Center Complex. The process for the architectural design, as well as the construction procurement activities for these facilities, which includes a new Community Center, a new Recreation Center, and a new outdoor swimming pool bathhouse to replace the existing outdoor swimming pool bathhouse, will soon be underway.
- **Hike and Bike Trails, Phase 1** - On February 5, 2019, City Council approved a contract with Burditt Consultants, LLC for professional services in the development of the comprehensive hike and bike trail system. Burditt Consultants is working on project design and management, as well as other services as required by the scope of work for site feasibility and trail master plan implementation. Anticipated cost for this project is \$500,000. The committee, consisting of members from City Council, the Deer Park Community Development Corporation, Parks and Recreation Commission, and City staff, selected Phase 1 as a 1.04 mile Tributary B to Willowspring Creek. The contract for construction design services with Burditt Consultants, LLC for Phase 1 was approved by the Community Development Corporation on October 28, 2019 and by City Council on November 5, 2019. Midtown Engineers, LLC, an independent traffic engineering firm, worked on the design,

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which included developing crosswalk safety specifications. On December 15, 2020, City Council approved entering into an agreement with CenterPoint Energy regarding trail access in the easement, which affects approximately 145 feet of the trail. The City is currently in the construction bidding phase. Construction is estimated to be complete in March 2022.

## OTHER PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS

- The Parks and Recreation Department is in the process of replacing 6 of the 8 pedestrian bridges in Dow Park with new 8' x 23' galvanized steel bridges. In Phase I, 2 of the **New Dow Park Bridges** were completed and installed in spring 2021. According to plan, another 2 bridges went into production in May for Phase II. Those bridges are expected to be completed in July 2021. In Phase III, 2 more bridges are anticipated to go into production for the months of July through September. This will leave 2 remaining bridges that need to be replaced, which are planned to be requested in the FY 2021-2022 budget. The estimated cost for every 2 bridges is \$79,155, which includes materials, freight, and installation.
- The **Dow Park Concession and Storage Building** was in poor condition due to normal wear and tear. It was demolished by JTB Services, Inc. in September 2019. Carnes Engineering designed the new 30' x 40' structure. The project was funded out of the General Fund. The project was awarded to W&R Construction Company, LLC on October 20, 2020 in the amount of \$181,500. Construction began on December 22, 2020. A final walk through revealed some ADA compliance and infrastructure issues that were completed in April 2021.
- One of the exterior columns in the **Front Entry at the Court and Theater Building** was damaged. After further evaluation, a structural engineer determined that deterioration damaged the structural integrity of the columns so the decision was made to remove the columns completely. The City hired Frost Construction at a cost of \$51,000 to remove the columns. The drainage issue is being addressed by diverting water away from the facility. The scope of the project was revised to include installation of new glass doors. Installation of the new glass entry doors is anticipated to be complete in early summer. The doors were purchased from ABCO Door for \$16,977.
- The City of Deer Park received a grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the future **Northeast Hike and Bike Trail**. RVi Planning was selected as the landscape architecture firm to develop the design and layout of the trail. According to the preliminary conceptual design, the trail will begin at Park Green Park and extend south to Runningbrook Park, offering several trail and path connections along the way. Construction plans have been completed by RVi Planning. The Request for Proposal is expected to be released in summer 2021. The project is being funded with \$200,000 from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grant, in addition to \$170,000 from the General Fund.
- The Parks and Recreation Department has determined that the **Fence around Dow Park Pool** needs to be replaced. This project will include the removal of the existing fence, the installation of a new 10' security fence and gates, as well as other improvements to the perimeter of the large pool and baby pool areas. The project is anticipated to be completed in early summer by Foster Fence LTD for an estimated \$150,000.
- The **Renovation of The Battleground Golf Course Bunkers** has been completed. The project included the demolition of existing bunkers, as well as clean-up, minor repairs, and the installation of drainage pipe, bunker liner and other materials. Sod was also added around the bunkers. Construction by Fusion Golf LTD started in February 2021 and completed this April at a cost of \$168,804.60.

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## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### COMPLETED

#### **Additional Repair - Pasadena Blvd. & Downing Circle**

Started: October 2020  
Completed: March 2021  
Cost: \$1,124,887.46

Additional damage was discovered during the emergency repair of the water-line and storm pipe at Downing Circle and Pasadena Blvd. in September 2020. A different type of repair than the original emergency was needed to permanently fix the additional damage uncovered, including ground water penetration and quick sand. Repairs for this project involved pipe-bursting a 24" sanitary line and a 36" storm line, as well as approximately 6,000 linear feet of 6" sanitary pipe in the Erin Glen Subdivision and the rehabilitation of the manholes. Services were purchased from Vaught Services, LLC (A Vortex Company) in the amount of \$1,124,887.46 through the TIPS Cooperative Purchasing Program. The project was funded with CIP Water and Sewer funds (\$970,887.46) and drainage bonds (\$154,000). The repair at Pasadena Blvd. and Downing Circle, as well as the repairs in the Erin Glen Subdivision and the rehabilitation of the manholes, have been completed.

#### **2020 Sidewalk Improvement Project**

Started: December 2020  
Completed: March 2021  
Cost: \$245,588

The 2020 Sidewalk Improvement Project involves installing new sidewalk and wheelchair ramps in various areas around town that currently do not have any, as well as replacing a few in poor condition. New sidewalk on East Blvd. from H-E-B to Heritage Elementary School, from Green Valley Drive alongside the park, a portion from the intersection at East X St., a portion from the intersection of E. 13<sup>th</sup>, as well as on Pasadena Blvd. from Texas Ave. to McDermott Street, and on Pasadena Blvd. alongside the Deer Park Adult Softball Field. Multiple sidewalk repairs were made, including on E. San Augustine near the Deer Park Post Office. In addition to repairs, handicap ramps were installed on Georgia Ave. from San Augustine to Pasadena Blvd., as well as in front of Bonnette Junior High, Deer Park Elementary, on E. San Augustine and Peyton Place, Juanita Lane, Lawrence Lane, Fay Court, and Center Street. The project was awarded to Teamwork Construction Services, Inc. on July 21, 2020 in the amount of \$245,588. Previously, \$300,000 was budgeted in the Capital Improvement Fund for this project so additional areas were considered to use the remaining allotted amount. Teamwork Construction started in December 2020 and completed the project in March 2021.



### IN PROGRESS

#### **Coy Street Elevated Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation**

Started: November 2020  
Anticipated Completion:  
May/June 2021  
Cost: \$419,000

This project is for the rehabilitation of the interior and exterior of the 500,000 gallon elevated water storage tank. It is being funded out of the Series 2019 Certificates of Obligation. Dunham Engineering was hired to prepare the engineering design work for the rehabilitation of the tank and perform the inspections on the tank at a cost of \$85,000. On August 4, 2020, DSP Industrial was awarded the project at a cost of \$419,000. Construction started in November 2020. Initially, the project was expected to be completed by this March. However, due to weather complications and other minor issues, progress slowed down. The project is now expected to be completed in May/June 2021.

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## **SWTP Solids Handling Improvements**

Started: September 2020  
Anticipated Completion: January 2022  
Cost: \$4,453,685

The Ardurra Group was hired to prepare the design, specifications, and engineering plans for solids handling improvements at the Surface Water Treatment Plant (SWTP). The improvements involve the construction of several new facilities at the SWTP, including a sludge thickener behind the existing holding basin. Changes to the holding basin will allow the sludge to be thickened and caught prior to going into the lagoons. Thus, enabling the plant to reuse some of the water it loses through backwashing and desludging the clarifiers. The project will be funded with \$4.5 million out of the Water and Sewer Certificates of Obligation. The project was awarded to CSA Construction in the amount of \$4,453,685. Construction started in September 2020 and is on schedule to be completed in 480 days - January 2022.

## **2021 Waterline Rehab**

Started: March 2021  
Anticipated Completion: Early Summer 2021  
Cost: \$599,880.09

The project consists of rehabilitating waterlines using the pre-chlorinated pipe bursting method, which includes 2,000 linear feet of 8" pipe replacement on Center St., and W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., 2,000 linear feet on Kitty Lane, and 1,100 linear feet of new waterline connecting Jefferson St. to Center St. The improvements enable the system to achieve better water quality for our residents. Services for this project were purchased from SKE, Inc. through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$599,880.09. Construction began in March 2021 and is anticipated to be completed early this summer.

## **2021 Concrete Maintenance Contract**

Cost: \$398,616.24

The project consists of repairing or replacing concrete pavement, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters. This is a work order based program, which will be used for emergency and maintenance issues. Services for this project were purchased from SKE, Inc. through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount \$398,616.24, which is budgeted in the Streets fund for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

## **Hurricane Harvey, Storm Drainage Projects**

Started: June 2018  
Anticipated Completion: Undetermined  
Engineering Services Cost: \$504,290

CobbFendley was hired to perform engineering services to develop ways to alleviate flooding associated with the 2017 Hurricane Harvey rain event. In June 2018, the initial agreement focused engineering design services on Heritage Addition and Deer Meadows Subdivisions. Deer Park Manor and Delo-Elaine Subdivisions were added in February 2019. In June 2019, the agreement was amended to also include an analysis of historical repetitive flooded areas in the city. CobbFendley reported the findings of their study to City Council on November 19, 2019. The proposed locations are in different phases of the study.

- Heritage Addition, Deer Park Manor and Delo-Elaine Subdivisions:
  - » Heritage Addition - The construction plans were completed. The project was awarded to Mar-Con Services, LLC in the amount of \$1.989 million. Construction began in August 2020. The project is on schedule and estimated to be completed by June 2021. The City of Deer Park entered into an interlocal agreement with Harris County Flood Control District to fund this project. The City of Deer Park was awarded \$2,047,461 by Harris County for a partnership project for storm sewer improvements and a detention basin within the city in Armand Bayou Watershed - Precinct 2. New storm sewer and inlets, as well as a new roadway on Lincoln

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Street are almost finished, with only a few minor touch ups remaining. The detention pond on Lambuth Street is currently being dug out.



- » Deer Park Manor and Delo-Elaine - Construction plans include new storm sewer and outfall on Kitty Street, channel and outfall on Luella Ave., and new detention pond on Pasadena Blvd. Construction cost is estimated to be \$1.3 million. City staff solicited for bids on March 25, 2021. The project was awarded to the lowest bidder, Mar-Con Services, with a base unit bid of \$1,618,446.73. Construction is anticipated to begin by June and completed in 180 days. The City of Deer Park entered into an Interlocal Agreement with Harris County Flood Control District to fund this project. The City of Deer Park was awarded \$1,005,985 by Harris County to provide storm sewer improvements and a detention basin within the city in Armand Bayou Watershed – Precinct 2.
- College Park - Construction plans are not in development yet. Options being considered estimate cost to be \$5.3 million to \$5.9 million for pavement and drainage items, not including land acquisition, engineering, design, inspection or testing costs. Budget amendment approved for ½ the cost of their partnership agreement with Harris County for construction and engineering design. An application was submitted for partial agreement.
- Deer Park Gardens: The project is anticipated to be divided into approximately 8 phases, with Phase I being Norwood and E. 8<sup>th</sup> Streets. The design is complete and construction plans include new storm sewer and inlets on Norwood, and a new storm sewer on E. 8<sup>th</sup> St. Engineering and construction cost estimates for this phase are \$500,000. Additional survey work and analysis from CobbFendley is expected by June to complete construction plans. City staff plans to solicit for bids in June 2021. Construction is anticipated to begin in July and completed in September 2021. Budget amendment was approved for ½ the cost of their partnership agreement with Harris County for Phase 1 and construction.
- Boggy Bayou Watershed: CobbFendley presented results for their engineering analysis to City Council on November 3, 2020. Recommendations made as a result of the engineering analysis are being further investigated for feasibility, efficiency, and potential funding capabilities.

# Council Actions

Regular City Council meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Special meetings and workshops are held as needed. To view full agendas and meeting minutes or to listen to the audio recordings, go to <https://cityofdeerpark.legistar.com/calendar.aspx>.

## *February 2021*

- Authorized staff to seek bids for the Hike and Bike Trail project.
- Accepted the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2020.
- Accepted the Deer Park Community Development Corporation's quarterly report for the period of October 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020.
- Approved the submittal of a Harris County Precinct 2 Partnership Project application for the College Park Drainage Improvements project.
- Approved a contract with True North Emergency Management, LLC for disaster debris monitoring for 3 years.
- Authorized the purchase from SKE, Inc. through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program to perform the 2021 Waterline Rehabilitation Project at a cost of \$599,880.09.
- Authorized the purchase from SKE, Inc. through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program for the emergency repair on the trunk line and manhole collapse at the Wastewater Treatment Plant at a cost of \$108,030.
- Approved an ordinance calling a General Election on May 1, 2021 to elect a Mayor and 3 Council members.
- Approved an ordinance calling a Bond Election to be held within the City of Deer Park, Texas on May 1, 2021.
- Approved an ordinance calling a Special Election in the City of Deer Park, Texas on May 1, 2021 to submit a proposition for the adoption of the Type B additional sales and use tax within the City at the rate of one-half of one percent.
- Approved an ordinance approving election officials for the Bond Election to be held on May 1, 2021.
- Approved an ordinance adding Appendix B Fees Section 19 for Wireless Network Providers to the Code of Ordinances.
- Approved an ordinance establishing a new Article IV Wireless Network Provider to regulate wireless network providers in the city right-of-way.
- Approved an ordinance amending Schedule B of the Code of Ordinances related to various Parks and Recreation fees.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget for the City Secretary's office by \$2,800, due to additional costs associated with publishing public notices.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget for the repairs necessitated by the drainage ditch collapse north of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Authorized staff to seek bids for the Northeast Hike and Bike Trail project.
- Accepted the completion of the Patrick's Bayou Slope Paving Failure project. Final cost was \$439,550.68.
- Approved a LED street light installation agreement with CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC.

- Approved an agreement with MasterWord Services Inc. for translation services related to municipal elections.
- Approved an ordinance amending Section 22-30 through 22-39 of the Code of Ordinances relating to solicitors.
- Approved a referral from P&Z Commission and an ordinance calling a Joint Public Hearing to rezone 3.32 acres, TR 593A La Porte Outlots and TR 608C, from General Commercial (GC) to Industrial Parks (M1).
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Water and Sewer Fund Budget to remodel and upgrade the old crew building/warehouse to consolidate operations.
- Approved an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3648 granting a pipeline franchise to NuStar Logistics for a 12-inch propane pipeline.

## *March 2021*

- Authorized staff to seek proposals for debris removal services.
- Authorized the purchase of 22 sets of firefighting bunker gear from Delta Safety through H-GAC Contract #EE09-19 in the amount of \$50,611.
- Authorized staff to submit a Public Assistance grant application to FEMA for reimbursement of eligible expenses during the winter storm disaster.
- Approved an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget in the amount of \$87,200 to purchase a camera system for vehicles and equipment in the Fire Department, EMS, and Fire Marshal's office.
- Approved an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year

# Council Actions

2019-2020 budget in the amount of \$2,100 to cover all election costs associated with the City's General Election.

- Approved an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget in the amount of \$5,200 for the Finance Department to cover additional disaster response personnel expenditures incurred as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and Hurricane Laura.
- Approved an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget in the amount of \$180,450 for the Sanitation Department to cover additional residential waste disposal cost.
- Approved an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget in the amount of \$102,000 for the Emergency Medical Services Department to cover additional overtime costs due to disaster responses related to the Covid-19 pandemic and Hurricane Laura.
- Approved an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget for the Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2019 in the amount of \$4,763,000 to fully fund the Debt Service Fund for the past fiscal year.
- Approved an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget for health/life insurance expenses at the warehouse in the amount of \$3,700.
- Authorized the purchase of 42 desktop computers and 21 laptop computers from Dell through the Texas Department of Information Resources in the amount of \$51,118.
- Approved a referral to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a Specific Use Permit to operate crematory/mortuary services at 4610 Center Street.
- Authorized the purchase and installation of new security fencing around the Dow Park pool from Foster Fence LTD through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$149,759.
- Approved an agreement with DPISD to provide a polling location for a general election of Board and Trustees on May 1, 2021.
- Approved an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget for increased election costs in the amount of \$50,000.
- Approved an ordinance for a 10 ft. waterline easement from Faithbridge Church.
- Approved an ordinance abandoning a utility easement at the Economic Alliance building.
- Approved an ordinance for a 10 ft. waterline easement from Deer Park ISD.
- Approved an ordinance appointing a board member to the Deer Park Crime Control and Prevention District.
- Approved an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 4214, 4216, and 4217 replacing election personnel for multiple elections on May 1, 2021.
- Approved an ordinance calling a Joint Public Hearing to rezone Lot 10 Block 8 Spencer View Terrace (7438 Evie Lane) from Single Family 1 (SF1) to Community Service (CS).  
Park by T.F. Harper, LLC. Final cost was \$79,154.83.
- Accepted the completion of the emergency sewer failure on the Downing Circle/Pasadena Blvd. project with SKE Construction, LLC. Final cost was \$100,070.81.
- Authorized the purchase and installation of 2 additional pedestrian bridges in Dow Park to T.F. Harper, LLC in the amount of \$91,463.
- Approved payment to Superior-Centralsquare Agency for licensing fees regarding software maintenance in the amount of \$50,936.95.
- Authorized the renewal of the contract with Richmond Printing for the printing of the city's Messenger newsletter in the amount of \$5,029.49 per quarter.
- Approved an agreement with the architectural firm PGAL to design the Deer Park Emergency Operation Center addition to be funded via the Deer Park Crime Control & Prevention District in the amount of \$384,525.00, plus up to an additional \$5,000 in reimbursable expenses.
- Approved a resolution supporting Harris County 9-1-1.
- Awarded the bid for construction of the Hike and Bike Trail from X Street to P Street to General Petro Chem Industrial in the amount of \$283,962.41, plus an alternate bid of \$44,160.
- Awarded the bid for the Delo-Elaine and Deer Park Manor Subdivision Drainage Improvements project to Mar-Con Services in the amount of \$1,618,446.73.
- Accepted the Quarterly Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 first quarter ending December 31, 2020.

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- Approved the revision to policies and procedures for Boards and Commissions.
- Accepted the completion of 2 new walking bridges installed in Dow

## Council Actions

- Accepted the completion of the 2020 Sidewalk Improvement Project to Teamwork Construction. Final cost was \$294,638.49.
- Accepted the completion of the concession stand facility at Dow Park to W&R Construction. Final cost was \$199,200.
- Accepted the completion of the Park Meadows Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project to Vaught Services. Final cost was \$1,968,096.25.
- Authorized staff to advertise and accept bids for a one-year supply of garbage bags.
- Authorized staff to advertise and accept bids for a one-year supply of gasoline and diesel fuel to be used for all City of Deer Park vehicles and equipment.
- Authorized the purchase and installation of gas and diesel fuel pumps at the maintenance facility to JF Petro Group in the amount of \$109,499.73.
- Approved an agreement with Houston Community Newspaper for advertising public notices.
- Approved a resolution opposing S.B. 1661 requiring City elections to be held in November on even numbered years.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget for costs associated with the College Park Subdivision and Deer Park Gardens Subdivision, Phase I Drainage Improvements project.
- Approved an agreement for professional services with CobbFendley for drainage improvements for College Park Subdivision.

## Economic Development

- **MaiasianBox** is an authentic Vietnamese grill now open at 8015 Spencer Highway (former location of Pita Pit). This fast-casual restaurant specializes in fresh made-to-order boxes and sandwiches. The owners have combined generations of family recipes. Check out their menu at [www.maiasianbox.com](http://www.maiasianbox.com).
- **Studio 6** is now open at 825 Center Street. Classified as an “apartment motel,” Studio 6 provides an extended stay experience to match your needs and budget. Rooms feature comfortable and clean sleeping areas, a fully equipped kitchen, including microwave, stovetop and refrigerator, as well as an expanded work area and free WIFI. Studio 6 is child and pet friendly. In addition, the front desk staff is available 24/7 for your convenience.
- **Barber Joe’s Chop Shop** has relocated from Pasadena to 2816 Center St., across the street from the police station. The owner is Joe Kane, a master barber with 20 years of experience cutting hair. Services include precision cuts, beard trims, children's haircuts, hot towel straight razor shaves, and barbering at its finest. The adjoining full-service hair salon, **Do or Dye**, is owned by Joe’s wife, Olivia. Go to [www.barberjoeschopshop.com](http://www.barberjoeschopshop.com) for more information. To schedule an appointment, call (832) 212-3135. Walk-ins are welcome. To contact Do or Dye Salon, call or text (281) 739-1642.
- **Sodalis Senior Living** is open at 4320 East Blvd. in Deer Park with a 94-bed facility that specializes in home-like memory care and assisted living for seniors. Visit [www.sodalissenior.com](http://www.sodalissenior.com) or call (830) 624-1044 for information.
- **Houston Methodist Emergency Care** is open at 3701 Center Street, next to Planet Fitness. As an extension of Houston Methodist Clear Lake Hospital, they accept insurance in the same manner. Whether it is treating minor emergencies or life-threatening ones, Houston Methodist Emergency Care is open 24/7/365 and provides a full spectrum of medical services to all patients who need emergency assistance.
- **Vega’s Mexican Restaurant** has closed at 3709 Center Street.
- The Waterford at Deer Park has changed its name to **Morada Deer Park**.

For questions, contact Debbie Westbeld, Economic Development Administrator, at (281) 478-2042 or [dwestbeld@deerparktx.org](mailto:dwestbeld@deerparktx.org). For business news, go to [www.deerparktx.gov/ed](http://www.deerparktx.gov/ed).



The Deer Park Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is a non-profit, cooperative partnership of community residents, emergency responders, and chemical industry leaders. The committee works together to protect the health and safety of plant workers, community residents, and our environment. For more information, go to [www.deerparklepc.org](http://www.deerparklepc.org). A schedule of the monthly LEPC meetings, which are open to the public, is also available.

To register for the city's emergency notification service, go to [www.deerparktx.gov/oem](http://www.deerparktx.gov/oem), click on the *Emergency Notifications* icon, and then click on the *CodeRED* icon.



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## General & Special Election Results For May 1, 2021

### *Mayor & Council Positions 1, 2 & 3*

Mayor	<b>Jerry Mouton, Jr.</b>
Council Position 1	<b>Sherry Garrison</b>
Council Position 2	<b>TJ Haight</b>
Council Position 3	<b>Tommy Ginn</b>



The results of the election on May 1<sup>st</sup> were unofficial at the time of this printing. Election results will be official after the canvass is conducted by City Council on May 4, 2021.

### *General Obligation Bonds*

**Proposition A** - The issuance of \$19,500,000 general obligation bonds for the design, construction, acquisition, and equipment of drainage improvements and the acquisition of land, easements, and rights-of-way in connection therewith, and the levying of a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds. **Passed**

**Proposition B** - The issuance of \$16,900,000 general obligation bonds for the design, construction, acquisition, and equipment of fire department facilities, including a new Fire Station #1, Fire Station #2, and Training Room, and the levying of a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds. **Passed**

**Proposition C** - The issuance of \$7,200,000 general obligation bonds for the purpose of providing funds for the design, construction, acquisition, and equipment of streets and sidewalks, including related storm drainage and paving improvements, and the acquisition of easements and rights-of-way in connection therewith, and the levying of a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds. **Passed**

**Proposition D** - The issuance of \$22,300,000 general obligation bonds for the purpose of providing funds for the design, construction, acquisition, and equipment of a new Jimmy Burke Activity Center, which will include a Visitor Center and Museum, and the levying of a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds. **Passed**

### *Type B Economic Development Sales and Use Tax*

**Proposition E** - The adoption of a sales and use tax for the promotion and development of the additional Type B economic development purpose of land, buildings, equipment, facilities, and improvements (including the maintenance and operating costs thereof) found by the Board of Directors of the Deer Park Community Development Corporation to be required or suitable for use for the following: amateur sports, children's sports, athletic, entertainment and public park purposes and events, including ball parks, parks and park facilities, and open space improvements (including (i) a Community/Recreation Center Complex with indoor pool, gymnasium, and indoor track and (ii) an outdoor pool and/or pool related facilities); related concession and automobile parking facilities; related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities; and other related improvements that enhance any of the above, at the rate of one-half of one percent. **Passed**