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Quarterly Newsletter

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No Trash Collection

**Monday, July 4
Independence Day**

Curbside collection of rubbish is not available on this day. Service resumes on the next regular collection day following the holiday. Bagged garbage must be placed curbside no later than 8 a.m. on your scheduled day of collection, and not before 6 p.m. the evening prior to the scheduled collection day. Place garbage between the curb and the sidewalk. Do not place garbage in front of the curb in the street for any reason.

The Transfer Station is open every Saturday, except Saturday, December 24.

Be Prepared This Hurricane Season

Hurricanes, like any other disaster, can happen suddenly, so it's important for your family to know what to do. Being ready means making a plan ahead of time. Keep enough supplies for your household, including medications, cleaning and disinfecting supplies, and pet supplies. You may not have access to these supplies for days or even weeks after a hurricane. Make sure your insurance policies and personal documents are up to date. Make copies and keep them in a secure password-protected digital space. Follow the instructions from local emergency managers, who work closely with state, local, tribal, and territorial agencies and partners. They will provide the latest recommendations based on the threat to your community, as well as appropriate safety measures.

The City of Deer Park uses the CodeRED system to communicate critical and time sensitive messages, such as severe weather warnings, evacuation notices, shelter-in-place notices, missing child alerts, and other community announcements. Citizens are encouraged to sign up for CodeRED updates via home or work phone number, cell phone, text, and e-mail address. To receive notifications, click on Emergency Notifications on our homepage at www.deerparktx.gov or text "DPALERTS" to 99411 to enroll!

Sharing Deer Park's Early History

The Deer Park Historical Committee continues to search for items important to the early history of Deer Park. Over the years, many residents have shared pictures that are currently on display. Contact Sherry Garrison, Chair of the Historical Committee, at sgarrison@deerparktx.org for more information. Thank you for your continued support.

State of the City

The 2022 State of the City Address is now available on the City's website! Learn about the "Building Blocks" of Deer Park and its accomplishments. Go to www.deerparktx.gov/1694/State-of-the-City-2022 to view!

May 7th General Election Results



- ★ Council Position 4
Bill Patterson
- ★ Council Position 5
Ron Martin
- ★ Council Position 6
Georgette Ford

The results of the election on May 7th were unofficial at the time of this printing. Election results will be official after the canvass is conducted by City Council.

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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
Georgette Ford	Council Member - Position 6

Contact Mayor and City Council Members by e-mail at cityhall@deerparktx.org.

Department Directors

James J. Stokes	City Manager
Gary M. Jackson	Assistant City Manager
Deloris McKenzie	City Secretary, Interim
Sara Robinson	Director, Finance
Bill Philibert	Director, Human Resources
Bill Pedersen	Director, Public Works
Charlie Sandberg	Director, Parks and Recreation
Rebecca Pool	Director, Library
Jamie Galloway	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/Theater	281-478-7288	1302 Center
Avon Recreation Center	281-478-7216	601 W. 8 th 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
Earl Dunn Gym	281-478-2056	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 th 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.

June	
4	Siren Test - Noon
6	Planning & Zoning Meeting
7	City Council Meeting
11	Siren Test - Noon
18	Siren Test - Noon
21	City Council Meeting
25	Siren Test - Noon
28	LEPC Meeting

July	
2	Siren Test - Noon
4	City Services Closed - Holiday
5	City Council Meeting
9	Siren Test - Noon
11	Planning & Zoning Meeting
16	Siren Test - Noon
19	City Council Meeting
23	Siren Test - Noon
30	Siren Test - Noon

August	
1	Planning & Zoning Meeting
2	City Council Meeting
6	Siren Test - Noon
13	Siren Test - Noon
16	City Council Meeting
20	Siren Test - Noon
23	LEPC Meeting
27	Siren Test - Noon

**Meeting dates are subject to change.*

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CAER Online

Community Awareness Emergency Response (CAER) Online is a system that contains information about industrial accidents and planned events. Community members are encouraged to visit www.ehcma.org/public-safety/caeronline for updates about flaring, chemical releases, alarm testing, and other activities associated with the refineries. This website is provided by area industry to support Deer Park citizen inquiries.

Apple AirTag

The Apple AirTag is a new tracking device intended to track stuff that is often misplaced. However, recent news reports indicate that criminals are using this device with the intention to burglarize or steal vehicles. Criminals simply track the vehicle, wait for it to be unoccupied, and then burglarize or steal the vehicle. The AirTag looks similar to a large coin battery (1.26 inches in diameter and 8 mm thick), which means it is small enough for you to miss on your vehicle unless you are very observant.

The AirTag was intended to track a loved one who is diagnosed with Alzheimer's, Autism, or another intellectual disability, young children, and dogs who occasionally run away. Unlike the microchip, this device provides real-time tracking. The tracker automatically alerts your iPhone if there is an unfamiliar AirTag found moving with you, which would mean someone has placed an AirTag on your item or vehicle. If you receive the message "unfamiliar AirTag found moving with you," drive straight to the police station to report it. Do not drive home or stop your vehicle anywhere else. Android phones can also get notifications of an AirTag by downloading an app called Tracker Detect.

Prevent Victimization

- Be vigilant when parking your vehicle, especially at home. If possible, park your vehicle in a locked garage instead of the driveway.
- To help prevent key reprogramming by criminals, you can get a data port lock, which blocks unauthorized communication through the OBD (On-Board Diagnostic) port to your vehicle.
- Use a steering wheel lock, which is also a visual deterrent.

Old Cell Phones Aren't Toys

Cell phones that are no longer connected to a service provider can still call 9-1-1. Do not let a small child play with your old phone. Critical resources get tied up processing open line 9-1-1 calls and 9-1-1 hang ups. As a result, these resources spend time verifying whether a call was a real emergency instead of focused on processing an actual emergency. If 9-1-1 is accidentally called, please stay on the line to let the call taker know it was an accident.

Citizen's Police Academy

The Deer Park Police Department (DPPD) is currently recruiting citizens for the 46th class of the Citizen's Police Academy. Classes begin on Thursday, August 18, 2022 and meet every Thursday, 6:30-9:30 p.m., until graduation. Classes generally run for 14 weeks and cover several aspects of police-related work.

Previous classes included hands-on training in SWAT, DWI procedures, self defense, investigations, communications, and many other topics. Students have also had the opportunity to practice dispatch dexterity, conduct mock traffic stops, as well as learn about accident reconstruction and CPR.

Classes are evolving as more citizens take the initiative to interact with the police department by joining the Citizen's Police Academy. Prospective students must be at least 18 years old with a clear criminal history, willing to attend the entire academy, and live, work, or attend school in Deer Park.

Graduates are encouraged to join the Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association. Alumni members continue to interact with the police department in a number of capacities.

The academy is provided free of charge. For more information, contact Sheila Plovanich at (281) 930-2118 or splovanich@deerparktx.org.

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

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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.

Power Outage Tracker

CenterPoint Energy offers online resources for reporting power outages, tracking the status of a power outage, and receiving notifications when power is restored. Citizens not reporting an emergency, but inquiring about the status of a power outage, are encouraged to contact CenterPoint Energy directly. During a power outage, police dispatch is inundated with calls that must be referred to CenterPoint Energy. To access the tracker, go to <https://gis.centerpointenergy.com/outagetracker/>.

Help First Responders Reduce False Alarms

Deer Park EMS, Fire, and Police personnel responded to 2,705 false alarm calls between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2021. 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

Pool Safety

According to www.poolsafety.gov, drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death in children, ages 1 to 4. This website provides tips, tool kits, and pledges to help reduce drownings.

Designate a water watcher every single time children in your care are near water or swimming. Never leave children unattended. If a child is missing,

check the pool first. Be sure to keep a charged phone close by at all times.

Make certain that everyone in your family knows how to swim and teach children to stay away from drains. As a parent or guardian, learn CPR. Know how to perform CPR on adults and children. Learn the basics of life saving so that you can assist in a pool emergency. Keep life-saving equipment, such as life rings or reaching poles, available.

Always remove portable pool ladders when not in use. Ensure all permanent pools have a proper fence, gate or barrier, cover, alarm, and safe drain covers. Install a fence of at least 4 feet in height around the pool perimeter. Use self-latching and self-closing gates. Install an alarm on the door leading from the house to the pool to ensure no child goes outside unseen.

Emergency Sirens

The City of Deer Park tests its sirens every Saturday at noon. The sound of the siren is the same for an emergency as it is for the test. The only difference is that the siren during an emergency will sound for a longer time. The siren means citizens should shelter-in-place due to a chemical emergency or seek shelter due to a tornado approaching when a tornado warning is in place.

There is no public address (PA) system on the sirens. The City **will not** attempt to communicate a verbal message via a speaker on the siren. Citizens should go to the City's website, check our social media accounts, local news, and enroll in the City's emergency notification system (CodeRED) for ongoing updates during an emergency.

Go to www.deerparktx.gov/338/Emergency-Notifications for more details on CodeRED.

Public Works

The Public Works Department responds to your concerns regarding pot holes, low hanging limbs in the public right-of-way, water meter leaks, missing manhole covers, sewer backups, drainage issues, and so much more. Contact us by downloading the "MyCivic Services" app to report a concern, reach us online at www.deerparktx.gov/ReportAConcern, send an e-mail to PublicWorks@deerparktx.org, or call (281) 478-7270.

FOG and Finances

Fat, oil, and grease (FOG) come from food preparation and kitchen cleaning. Foods containing FOG include shortening, cooking oil, butter and margarine, salad dressing, heavy whipping cream, and meat fat. Food scraps and oils seem harmless when disposed through the sink, but they have the potential to cause many issues in the sanitary sewer system. Disposal systems located under sinks only make food scraps smaller, but the type and amount of FOGs contained in the food enter into the sanitary system unchanged. As these FOGs travel through the pipes, they cool down and solidify. FOGs stick to the walls of pipes causing buildup and eventually clogging the pipes.



Clogs due to FOG may require a plumbing service call or unpleasant clean up that costs you a lot of money. FOGs in the city's system increase the cost for our Wastewater Department, which may also result in higher customer bills due to costly and frequent maintenance efforts. Don't throw money down the drain, keep your pipes FOG free!

Do this!

- Put food scraps in the trash.
- Wipe dishes with a paper towel before washing and dispose of it in the trash.
- Rinse dishes with cold water before placing them in the dishwasher
- Use a strainer in the sink to catch food scraps to throw in the trash.
- Put discarded oils in a container with a lid and place in the trash.

Don't do this!

- Pour FOGs down the sink drain, toilet, or storm sewer inlets.
- Wipe dishes and surfaces with a rag or cloth towel. FOGs will enter the system when you wash the towel.
- Run water over dishes to wash FOG down the drain.

Pool Maintenance

Pool maintenance is a major responsibility for pool owners. One of the topics addressed in the City's Code of Ordinances is on keeping pools, spas, and hot tubs in clean and sanitary condition. According to the CDC, most drownings happen in swimming pools at home among children, ages 1 to 4. Cloudy pool water can be a contributing factor because it makes it



more difficult to see swimmers who may be struggling or suspended underwater. Before getting into the pool, confirm that the drain at the deep end of the pool is visible. If you can clearly see it, then it is safe to swim. A swimming pool with stagnant water, algae, and debris not only creates a potential for drowning, but also a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Pool owners who do not properly maintain their pools are at risk to be issued a citation. For more information, go to www.deerparktx.gov/1190/Swimming-Pools.

If you no longer want your pool and prefer to fill it, visit with our Building Department and request a demolition permit. For questions, call (281) 478-7270.

High Grass & Weeds

During the summer months, high grass and weeds are one of Code Enforcement's most common complaints.



According to the City's Code of Ordinances,

- The owner of any developed lot(s) within the city shall keep such lots free from weeds, grass, and brush over 12 inches in height, except where such lots contain or are near residential structures in which case such lots shall be kept free from weeds, grass, or brush over 6 inches in height for a distance of at least 100 feet from such structures.
- The owner of any undeveloped lot(s), or tracts of land within the city, shall keep such lots free from weeds, grass and brush over 18 inches in height for a distance of 50 feet from a residential structure or occupied commercial structure, or 25

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feet from the property line of the property upon which such residential structure or occupied commercial structure is located, whichever is greater.

All property owners are to maintain their property and adjacent right-of-way extending beyond the property line to any streets or alleys, regardless of whether or not a curb line has been established. High grass, weeds, and brush are fire hazards, harbor rodents and snakes, and contribute to pests like mosquitoes and chiggers.

Mowing Around Town

We receive an abundance of phone calls concerning the mowing of street and drainage ditch right-of-ways, esplanades, detention ponds, and parks during the summer months. Several groups of people are responsible for different areas in town. Generally, mowing is a group effort involving the Public Works Department and the Parks & Recreation Department. In addition, the city contracts with a lawn company to mow a large portion of the street right-of-ways and esplanades. Some areas in town are mowed and maintained by Homeowner Associations (HOAs). Some of our larger drainage ditches and detention ponds are owned and maintained by Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD).

Due to limited City staff, areas of town are mowed on a regular rotating schedule, weather permitting. Muddy conditions make it extremely difficult for our heavy mowers to access certain detention ponds and ditches. To determine who is responsible for mowing a particular area, call (281) 478-7270. For more information on HCFCD mowing, www.hcfcd.org/Resources/Interactive-Mapping-Tools/Mowing-Schedule-Explained.

Get Your Yard Ready for Hurricane Season

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

Before the Storm

- Cut back all trees and remove damaged trees and limbs.
- 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 that are unsafe to bring inside.

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.

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.



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.

For the latest updates go to CAER Online (www.ehcma.org/caeronline), Facebook (deerparktx.oem), Twitter ([@deerparkoem](https://twitter.com/deerparkoem)), Deer Park's Government Access Channel (DPTV) on Comcast Cable Channel 16 or AT&T U-Verse Channel 99, or local news stations.

To register for the city's emergency notification service, go to www.deerparktx.gov/oem, click on the *Emergency Notifications* icon, and then click on the *CodeRED* logo to sign up!

Parks and Recreation



Fourth Fest



Music, food, cornhole tournament, fireworks, and more!

Monday, July 4
5 to 9:45 p.m.
Jimmy Burke Activity Center

The Band Hennessy
Outdoor stage
7 p.m.

Fireworks
9:15 p.m.



Chick-N-Flick



Movie & Chick-Fil-A Meal
Dow Park Pool
7 to 10 p.m.

\$10 per person
Under 2 yrs. old - free
Under 12 must be accompanied by an adult (18+).

Flotation devices must be see-through!

June 17
Encanto (PG)

July 22
Princess and the Frog (G)

Camp Crabgrass

Join us for a full week of fun! Lunch is included. Campers must bring 2 snacks and drinks per day.

For ages 6 to 11
residents \$140/session
non-residents \$165/session
Jimmy Burke Activity Center

Session 1: June 6-10
Big Rivers Waterpark & La Porte Wave Pool

Session 2: June 13-17
Moody Gardens-Palm Beach & Houston Interactive Aquarium and Animal Preserve

Session 3: June 20-24
Space Center Houston & Lago Mar

Session 4: June 27-July 1
Typhoon Texas & Cidercade

Session 5: July 18-22
Splashtown & Showbiz Movie Theater

Session 6: July 25-29
Urban Air - Pearland & Little Beakers Science Lab

Summer Concert Kick-Off
Special Night - Friday, June 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
A Tribute to Led Zeppelin - Von Hindenburg



Summer Concerts

Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dow Park Pavilions

Enjoy outdoor music & concessions!
Bring your lawn chairs or blankets.

June 9 (Ladies Night) - Flash Point
June 16 (Faith Night) - Kingdom United
June 23 (Blues Night) - Mark Mays
June 30 (80's Night) - Kidd Six
July 14 (Variety Night) - Time Warp
July 21 (Motown Night) - Cool Breeze
July 28 (Latin Night) - Yelba

End of Summer Bash
Aug. 4th

Country Night

Eric Woodring & the Recollection



Jazz, Lyrical, Contemporary, Hip Hop & Musical Theater

Dance Camp

\$90 per person
Community Center

Session 1: June 13-17, 1 to 6 p.m., for ages 11 to 18
Session 2: June 20-24, 1 to 6 p.m., for ages 6 to 10

Daddy-Daughter

Dance

Dancing Under the Stars

Saturday, June 18
7 to 9 p.m.

For all ages
\$35 per couple

\$15 per additional daughter
Jimmy Burke Activity Center
Registration not offered at event site.

Parks and Recreation

Little Pro's Youth Sports

Saturdays, Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 18-July 23, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Dow Park, for ages 3 to 10, early registration (until May 20) \$100 per child, registration (May 21 or later) \$120 per child

Parent Meeting: May 20, 6:30 p.m., Community Center

Pre-Season Camp: June 4, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. & June 11, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

First Game: June 18

Picture Day: July 1, Community Center

Parents vs. Coaches: July 8, 6:30 p.m.

Last Game: July 23

End of Season Celebration: July 29

Volleytots

This camp is designed to promote volleyball, fun, and fitness at an early age. Volleytots play with a lighter ball, lower net, and a smaller court. Fun games and drills develop a child's hand-eye coordination, spatial awareness, tracking skills, motor skill development, and a love for physical activity. Monday-Wednesday, Session 1: 06/06 to 06/08 & Session 2: 07/11 to 07/13, 9:45-10:45 a.m., Earl Dunn Gym, for ages 4 to 7, \$45 per person

Summer Track

A great way for children and teenagers to compete and get or stay in shape! The program is led by veteran track coaches, Andy Williams and Tendai Lynch. No class on Monday, July 4. Monday-Friday, June 1-July 29, 8-10:30 a.m., DPHS North Campus, for ages 5 to 18 (Kindergarten through 12th grade), \$50 per person

Sports Sampler

This instructor-led program allows you to try out every sport (soccer, volleyball, basketball, etc.) with a rotating schedule throughout the summer. Mondays & Wednesdays, Session 1: 06/06 to 07/27, Session 2: 07/06 to 07/27, Session 3: 08/01 to 08/31, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Earl Dunn Gym, for ages 5 to 8, \$50 for residents and \$65 for non-residents

Tennis Camp

We're offering a junior tennis program in partnership with Bay Area Racquet Club (BARC). The dynamic BARC coaches create a motivating environment for students to learn, develop, and grow! Classes for all ages and all skill levels, including after school tennis programs, school holiday camps, and summer tennis programs. Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, June 7-July 28, 5-6:30 p.m., Dow Park, for ages 5 to 14, \$79 per person weekly, \$299 per person monthly and \$499 per person for 8 weeks

Softball Tournament

Join our *Beat the Heat* double elimination adult softball tournament! Umpire fees are included in cost. Friday & Saturday, June 10 & 11, 6-11 p.m., Adult Sports Complex - 2600 Pasadena Blvd., for ages 18 & over, \$200 per team

Adult Volleyball Tournament

We're hosting a double elimination adult volleyball tournament! Referee fees are included in cost. Thursday & Friday, July 21 & 22, 6:30-11 p.m., Earl Dunn Gym, for ages 18 & over, \$200 per team

Aqua Aerobics

A water exercise class for those who need bone and joint movement, stretching of the limbs, suffer from arthritis, and who enjoy some good oldies music! Geared for those 55 & over but fun for all ages! For more information, contact Lacy Stole at lacy.stole@gmail.com. Tuesdays & Thursdays, Session 1: 05/31 to 06/30, Session 2: 07/05 to 07/28, Session 3: 08/09 to 09/01, 7:15-8 p.m., Dow Park Pool, for ages 12 & over, \$40 per session

Aqua Zumba

Zumba party at Dow Park Pool! It's a safe, effective, and challenging water-based workout that integrates the Zumba formula and philosophy into traditional aqua fitness. Mondays & Wednesdays, Session 1: 06/06 to 06/29, Session 2: 07/06 to

Dive In Movies

**Movie & Dinner
Dow Park Pool
7 to 10 p.m.**



\$5 per person
Under 2 yrs. old - free
Under 12 must be accompanied by an adult (18+).

Flotation devices must be see-through!

**June 24
Shrek (PG)**

**July 17
Shrek 2 (PG)**



Parks and Recreation

07/27, Session 3: 08/01 to 08/31, 7:30-8:15 p.m., Dow Park Pool, for ages 12 & over, \$55 per session

Group Swimming Lessons

Ellis Certified swim lessons at Dow Park Pool. Mondays and Fridays are reserved for rainouts. For more information, go to www.deerparktx.gov/1800/Group-Swim-Lessons. Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, June 7-30 & July 5-28, Dow Park Pool, for ages 3 to 13, \$125 for residents and \$150 for non-residents

Private Swimming Lessons

Private swimming lessons allow the instructor to personalize sessions and offer flexibility to choose a time that best fits your schedule. Lessons are available for beginners to competitive swimmers. Saturdays, Session 1: 06/04 to 06/25, Session 2: 07/09 to 07/30, Dow Park Pool, for ages 3 to 13, \$80 for residents and \$100 for non-residents

Kayaking for Beginners

Learn the fundamentals of kayaking in a safe environment. Class covers parts of the boat, how to board, and the principles of paddling. Fridays, June 10 & July 29, 6-8 p.m., Dow Park, for ages 11 & over, \$15 per person

Game Room Socials

Register online or call (281) 478-2050. Membership not required. Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m., Community Center, for ages 6 & over, free
June 15 - Summer Blast
July 6 - Super Smash Bro.
August 10 - Mario Kart

Paint Me

It's a plaster painting opportunity for all ages! Limited to 25 painters. All supplies included. Different ceramic pieces to choose from. First-come, first-served basis. Tuesdays, June 7 & July 12 from 5 to 7 p.m., June 14 & July 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. Jimmy Burke Activity Center, for ages 6 & over, \$10 per person

Canvas and Chill

Canvas & Chill is a setting for families to enjoy a night out together while creating a beautiful masterpiece. You are welcome to bring snacks. Receive step-by-step instructions. Limited to 12 painters. No painting experience is required. All materials are provided. It is optional if you would like to bring an apron or old shirt to protect clothing. All ages are welcome, but it is recommended that those under 8 have an adult to assist. Fridays, June 10, July 8 & August 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Community Center, for ages 6 & over, \$20 per person

Mini Gourmet

Explore your inner chef! Learn the basics of cooking in 4 days with this fun instructor-led class using age appropriate cooking recipes. Monday-Thursday, August 1-4, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. for ages 8 to 10, 2-4 p.m. for ages 11 to 14, Community Center, \$60 per person

Geocaching

Explore your surroundings the fun way! Go solo or create a team of up to 3. GPS equipment is limited, but a phone GPS will work. All ages are welcome, but it is recommended that those younger than 12 years old have an adult chaperone. A prize will be awarded to the first place team. Friday, June 24, 5:30-7 p.m., Jimmy Burke Activity Center, for all ages, \$5 per person

Nature Camp

Spend a week with us making arts and crafts, playing outdoor games, and enjoying the playground. On Wednesday, we'll be going to Bayou Wildlife Zoo. You must bring a reusable bottle for water, 2 snacks and a sack lunch for each day of camp. Tennis shoes are highly recommended. Monday-Friday, June 27-July 1, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Jimmy Burke Activity Center, for ages 6 to 12, \$115 for residents and \$135 for non-residents

Junior Angler

Learn basic fishing skills and techniques, as well as regulations that govern the sport. The class includes casting practice, fish identification, and learning about habitats. Registration is required. Sign up online or call (281) 478-2050. Wednesday, July 6, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Jimmy Burke Activity Center, for ages 6 & over, free

Archery Camp

Crash course in the basics of recurve archery. Archery builds confidence, increases attention spans, and inspires a willingness to try other sports. Participants learn archery skills and safety by USA Archery level certified instructors. Participants travel to a certified archery range with Gulf Coast Archery. Please bring a sack lunch for each day of camp.

Parks and Rec.

Monday-Wednesday, August 8-10,
10 a.m.-2 p.m., Jimmy Burke
Activity Center, for ages 6 to 12,
\$55 per person

Dog Obedience

Learn the basics of training your dog in a 6-week class, including beginning engagement skills, on-leash skills, loose leash walking, and boundary training. Dogs simply needing to brush up on their skills are also welcome. For more information, call Angela Spence with AC Squared LLC at (832) 382-3638. Tuesdays, July 26-August 30, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Jimmy Burke Activity Center, for ages 12 & over, \$150 per human/dog pair

For more information on activities and events, check out the *Live and Play* brochure at www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec.

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

Activities and events for ages 55 & over

Yoga with Carey

Stay fit with Carey! Yoga classes are offered at the Maxwell Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$25 per month for 1 day a week or \$40 per month for 2 days a week.



Mother's & Father's Day Dinner

Let's celebrate mothers and fathers at the Maxwell Center on Friday, June 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. with dinner and live entertainment. Registration ends Monday, May 30! Cost is \$10 per person for residents and \$15 per person for non-residents.

Mug Decorating Class

Join us at the Maxwell Center on Monday, June 13 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. for a fun craft. Register by Wednesday, June 8 to make sure we purchase enough supplies. Class is limited to 15 and the cost is \$5 per person.

Dog Days of Summer

Come enjoy summer solstice with fun games and food on Friday, June 17 from 2 to 3 p.m.! We'll have hot dogs, chips, dessert, and beverages. Registration for this event ends Monday, June 13. Cost is \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents.

Clothespin Wreath

Create a 4th of July themed wreath out of clothespins! All supplies will be provided. Cost is \$10 per person. You must register by Tuesday, June 28 to ensure we have enough supplies. Limited to 15 participants. Join the fun on Friday, July 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Senior Citizens Day

Celebrating you - our seniors - on Friday, August 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. for all your contributions to the community and to our center! We will have free shirts, light refreshments, and giveaways. Register for this FREE event by Monday, August 15.



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

Footloose: The Musical

Life in small town Bomont is peaceful, but the townspeople are living in the shadow of a tragedy so dancing is banned. That is until city boy, Ren McCormack, arrives and shakes up the status quo, reminding us all that it isn't a sin to be young. This feel good musical will have you dancing in your seat! Tickets on sale for \$40 each (Dinner and Show) or \$18 each (Show Only). Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday performances are at 2 p.m. July 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22 & 23



*The Art Park Players are hosting a Ladies Nite event on **Thursday, July 21**, with vendors, photo opportunities, appetizers, 80's Costume Contest, and more. Tickets for this special performance are \$40 each.

Call the Box Office at (281) 794-2448 to purchase your tickets! All performances are held at the Municipal Court and Theater Building located at 1302 Center Street.

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Featured Friday Series Returns!

The Featured Friday series began in January 2015 to provide programs of cultural, historical, and local interest to library visitors. It has continued to include an eclectic variety of presenters and topics. Many of the guest speakers are college professors and several of them have connections to the Deer Park community. Past program subjects have included the Battle of Galveston during the Civil War, Coastal Tallgrass Prairie of Deer Park, and the Fall of the Romanovs.

Friends of the Deer Park Public Library

The Friends of the Deer Park Library support programs for children, teens, and adults. They also provide prizes for the summer reading programs. Following the expansion in 2012, Friends purchased and dedicated *The Reading Tree* for children to enjoy. In 2015, Friends installed a built-in display case to commemorate the library's 50th anniversary. Most recently in 2022, Friends commissioned a mural in the Children's Area dedicated to the infinite joy of reading.

Friends would like to thank everyone who purchased items at the Spring Book Sale. They'll host the Scholastic Book Fair from May 31st to June 4th. Purchases at the book fair directly support the summer reading program.

Friends of the DPPL Membership

Patrons who wish to support the library are encouraged to join Friends. Annual membership dues begin at \$5 for individuals, \$10 for families, and \$2 for senior citizens.

Scholastic Book Fair, for all ages, May 31-June 4

The Friends of the DPPL will host a Scholastic Book Fair in the library's meeting room during normal business hours. Browse for books and register for the 2022 Summer Reading Program. Proceeds from this book fair go back into the community through the purchase of paperback books.

Oceans of Possibility Summer Reading 2022

The 2022 Summer Reading Program at the Deer Park Public Library provides children of all ages with 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. Our summer program is offered virtually and via paper logs for those unable to utilize the online system. Registration begins May 31st along with the Scholastic Book Fair. Start logging your books on June 5! A calendar of weekly activities, including crafts and storytime, is available.

Storytime is assessed on a regular basis to determine the safest method of delivery, whether virtually or in-person. Check out our social media outlets for the latest updates.

Thursdays, June 9-July 21

- **Toddler Session**, for ages 2 to 3½ years old, 10:15-10:45 a.m. Designed to encourage a love for books and language, increase attention spans, and develop basic social skills. Parents/caregivers are required to stay and encourage their children to participate.

- **Preschool Session**, for ages 3½ to 6, starts at 11 a.m. Incorporates books, finger-plays, and songs to promote interest in reading and life-long learning. Children listen to stories and participate in group activities.

Kids Crafts, for ages 4-11, Tuesdays, 2-3:15 p.m.

June 7: Chomping Crocodile
June 14: Crab Hat
June 21: Jiggly Jellyfish
June 28: 4th of July Craft
July 12: Paper Weave Fish
July 19: Pom Pom Turtle
July 26: Shark Corner Bookmark

Monday Family Movies, for all ages, Mondays, June 6-July 25, 10:30 a.m. Join us for a family-friendly movie. We'll provide the snacks. A list of this summer's movies is available at the library.

Thursday Movie Matinée, for all ages, Thursdays, June 9-July 28, 4 p.m. Join us for an afternoon movie. We'll provide the snacks! Movies are rated PG or PG-13. A list of the movies is available at the library.

T.A.B. Meeting, for ages 12-18, 1st Tuesday of the month, 4:15 p.m. Join the Teen Advisory Board and be a part of the library's teen programming. Discuss reading trends and make suggestions for the Teen Collection. Contact us at youthlibrarian@deerparktx.org or pick up a form at the library to join. Programming is assessed on a regular basis to determine the safest method of meeting. Check out our social media outlets for updates.

Teen Art Camp, for ages 12-18, Wednesdays, June 8-July 20, 3-4 p.m. Join us for an in-depth Art Camp for teens at all skill levels. We're going to explore a variety of

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different techniques and subjects over 6 sessions. This program is aimed at helping young artists improve their grasp at rendering environments, capturing the human form, and sketching thumbnails. Registration opens on May 16. Contact us by sending an e-mail to youthlibrarian@deerparktx.org.

Nonfiction Book Club

Interested in joining the Nonfiction Book Club? Meetings are on the 1st Monday of every month at 4 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room.

June 6 - *Ghosts of the Tsunami: Death and Life in Japan's Disaster Zone* by Richard Lloyd Parry



July 11 - To be determined

August 8 - *Six Days in August: The Story of the Stockholm Syndrome* by David King

Mysteries & More Book Club

The Mysteries & More Book Club meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. Future titles will be selected at upcoming meetings.



June 14, Women Detectives

Finlay Donovan Is Killing It by Elle Cosimano

July 12, Thrillers

Falling by T. J. Newman

Beginning Spanish

There's still time to join Spanish class! Beginning Spanish meets on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Please call the library to find out whether the meeting will be in person or virtual. We'll practice using new words and grammar rules from the library's Rosetta Stone program in everyday conversation. Go to www.deerparktx.gov/library, hover over *E-Library*, and click on *Rosetta Stone Library Solution* to get started. To register, call (281) 478-7208 or send an e-mail to library@deerparktx.org.

Computer Classes are Back in Session!

Improve your basic computer skills and Microsoft office proficiency. Computer classes are available at the library on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Registration is required every week.

- **June 9** - Introduction to Computers
- **June 16 & July 21** - Introduction to Microsoft Word
- **June 23 & July 28** - Introduction to Microsoft Excel
- **June 30 & July 14** - Browsing the Internet

In addition, library patrons can find a variety of free classes online by going to www.deerparktx.gov/library, hovering over *E-Library* on the menu at the top and clicking on *Gale Courses* or *LearningExpress Library*. For more information or to get help with Gale Courses or LearningExpress, call (281) 478-7208 or send an e-mail to library@deerparktx.org.

New Books

June

- *Sparring Partners* (Jake Brigrance Book 4) by John Grisham
- *A Face to Die For* (Eve Duncan Book 28) by Iris Johansen
- *The Russian* (Michael Bennett Book 13) by James Patterson & James O. Born

July

- *Conviction* by Denise Mina
- *The 6:20 Man* by David Baldacci
- *Holy Chow: An Andy Carpenter Mystery* (Book 25) by David Rosenfelt
- *The It Girl* by Ruth Ware

August

- *The Family Remains: A Novel* by Lisa Jewell
- *Fox Creek: A Novel* (Cork O'Connor Mystery Series Book 19) by William Kent Krueger
- *Reckoning: An FBI Thriller* (Book 26) by Catherine Coulter



For more information on programs, events, or activities at the Deer Park Public Library, call (281) 478-7208, go to www.deerparktx.gov/library or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DeerParkTX.Library.

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TYPE B DEDICATED SALES TAX PROJECTS

COMPLETED

- Maxwell Adult Center
- Girls Softball Complex
- Girls Softball Complex - Phase 2 Field Lighting
- Dow Park Pavilion
- Deer Park Soccer Complex
- Deer Park Soccer Complex - Phase 2 Field Lighting
- Spencerview Athletic Complex - Except Pedestrian Bridge (See details on pedestrian bridge below.)
- Spencerview Athletic Complex - Phase 2 Field Lighting (See details below.)
- Spencerview Athletic Complex - Security Parking Lot Lighting (See details below.)

IN PROGRESS

- The design for the **Girls Softball Complex Additional Parking** is in development. This construction project is expected to be completed by late spring 2023.
- The design for the **Deer Park Soccer Complex Additional Parking** is 90% complete. This construction project is expected to be completed by winter 2023.
- The design for the **Spencerview Athletic Complex Additional Parking** is in development. The clearing and grubbing of the complex should be done by the end of this summer. The design of the additional Spencerview parking is expected to be completed by fall 2023.
- **Phase 2 Field Lighting for the Deer Park Soccer Complex, Spencerview Athletic Complex, and Girls Softball Complex** has been completed. Each complex acquired new field lighting for 2 additional fields. Total cost for Phase 2 Field Lighting is \$878,649.
- **Security Parking Lot Lighting** has been completed for the **Spencerview Athletic Complex**. Cost for this project is \$89,950.
- **Phase 2 Parking Lot Improvements** are currently being designed for the **Deer Park Soccer Complex and the Girls Softball Complex**. These projects provide additional parking for each facility, including security lighting. Cost for Phase 2 Parking Lot Improvements is estimated to be \$3,250,000.
- Plans for the **Spencerview Bridge**, a planned pedestrian 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 new 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). City staff is in the process of acquiring additional property for an easement to allow access for HCFCD to mow the ditch. In addition, City staff is working with TCEQ to relocate an air monitoring station to Glenwood Park to make more room for the bridge. Details regarding the construction of the bridge, cost, and installation are being prepared. Once all of the above is finalized and approved by HCFCD, City staff will be ready to move forward on the project. For this project, the estimated cost is \$200,000 and the anticipated start date is in January 2023.
- **Community and Recreation Center** – The renovation and expansion of the Community Center to include an indoor pool was one of the original Type B projects in 2015. However, after in-depth consideration, the conclusion was made that permanent repairs to the existing Community Center, including the addition of an indoor therapy pool, would exceed \$6 million. Since July 2018, City staff, City Council, the Deer Park Community Development Corporation (DPCDC), and the Parks and Recreation Commission have seriously contemplated replacement versus repair of the existing structure. On May 1, 2021, Deer Park 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. In June 2021, City staff approved a contract with Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects for the design of the new Community/Recreation Center. The proposed Community/Recreation Center complex consists of 3 new buildings, each located on the north side of Dow Park. The Community Center, to be constructed next to City Hall, is intended to house the activity, program, and meeting rooms, as well as staff offices. The Recreation Center is intended to house the gymnasium, indoor walking track, and indoor pool, which is to be built on the site of the current Community Center and Gymnasium after demolition of the existing buildings. The new outdoor swimming pool bathhouse will replace the existing structure. Anticipated timeline for construction of the new Community/Recreation Center Complex is approximately 44 months. The estimated cost is approximately \$42.6 million. Cost estimates include all professional services, such as architectural, engineering, geotechnical, surveying,

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as well as construction and the furniture and equipment for the facilities. City staff initiated a two-step process for selecting a Construction Manager-at-Risk (CMAR) for the project. Step 1 involved the issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for companies to serve as the CMAR. After receipt, review, and scoring of the Statements of Qualifications (SOQs), a short list of the top scoring 5 firms was developed. In December 2021, City Council authorized Step 2 of the selection process, the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to the top 5 respondents. Proposals were received on January 19 and went through a process to be scored and ranked. On April 5, 2022 at a joint meeting of City Council, DPCDC, and Parks and Recreation Commission, Durotech, Inc. gave a presentation regarding its proposal for the CMAR for the new Community and Recreation Center. At the City Council meeting that same Tuesday, April 5th, City Council awarded the project to Durotech. Durotech and Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects are developing the design and construction plans for the project with the input of City Staff.

- **Hike and Bike Trails, Phase 1** - On February 5, 2019, the Deer Park Community Development Corporation recommended and City Council approved a contract with Burditt Consultants, LLC for professional services in the development of the comprehensive hike and bike trail system. This is one of the original Type B projects. 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. 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, 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 project was awarded on November 2, 2021 to Moran Construction in the amount of \$393,287.50. Construction began in January 2022 and is on schedule to be completed by early summer.

OTHER PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS

- In Phase I, II, and III of the **New Dow Park Bridges** project, the Parks and Recreation Department replaced 6 of the 8 pedestrian bridges in Dow Park with new 8' x 23' galvanized steel bridges, completing Phase I in spring 2021, Phase II in summer 2021, and Phase III in fall 2021. Phase IV, the remaining 2 bridges that need to be replaced, are included in the FY 2021-2022 budget. Total cost for Phase IV is \$126,467, which includes materials, freight, and installation. These bridges are currently in manufacturing and anticipated to be installed this summer.
- 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. The 2.6 mile recreational trail begins at Park Green Park and extends south to Runningbrook Park, offering several trail and path connections along the way. Construction plans have been completed by RVi Planning. The project was awarded on December 21, 2021 to Moran Construction in the amount of \$405,874.53. Construction began this spring and is expected to be completed in early summer. The project is being funded with a \$200,000 grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, in addition to \$205,875 from the General Fund.
- Repairs were needed on **Bulkheads at The Battleground Golf Course** at holes # 9, 13 and 14. The project involved obtaining bids that included the addition of vinyl bulkheads to help prevent erosion and the loss of greens adjacent to water areas. The project was awarded to Texas Bulkhead Construction, LLC in the amount of \$8,550. Construction to repair hole #14 began in April 2022 and is expected to be completed in 60 days.
- The **Battleground Golf Course Club House Roof Replacement** project was awarded to a subsidiary of Tremco Inc., Weatherproofing Technologies Incorporated. The project involves removing the existing clay tile roof, waterproofing, and replacing the clay tiles. Anticipated completion is late summer or early fall, depending on weather conditions.
- After a routine inspection, the Parks and Recreation staff determined that **Replacement of the Perimeter Fence at the Dow Park Tennis Courts** was necessary. The project involves removal of the existing chain link fence, as well as installation of a new 10' chain link fence and new windscreens. The purchase and installation of the new fence is expected to be completed by Foster Fence LTD in mid-summer for \$68,422 through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program.
- A recent **Nature Preserve Boardwalk Expansion** project added 300 linear feet to the trail at the Deer Park Nature Preserve. Furthermore, the existing trail was repaired with 62 cubic yards of decomposed granite. This project was completed in April 2022.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

COMPLETED

2021 Street Striping

Started: October 2021 Completed: April 2022 Cost: \$66,841.74

The project consists of applying traffic paint and reflective pavement markings at various locations around the city. The streets selected to be striped are: Center St. (Railroad Ave. to 13th St.), 13th St. (city limit to Georgia Ave.), San Augustine St. (city limit to Georgia Ave. and Center St. to East Blvd.), P St. (Deer Park High School South Campus to East Blvd.), Glenwood Ave. (Wisdom Dr. to city limit), and Durant St. (Coy Dr. to city limit). Road bumps will be remarked on 3rd St., 4th St., Ivy Ave., 12th St., Wisdom Dr., Bayou Bend Dr., Bayou Vista Dr., Spa Dr., Coy Dr., Stephanie Dr., Valeda Dr., Temperance Lane, Oscar Dr., Lambuth Lane, Arbor Dr., as well as intersections off East Blvd. at 13th St., X St., San Augustine St., P St., Pasadena Blvd., and the street light at the Walmart Supercenter. Crosswalks will also be included. The project was awarded on September 7, 2021 to One Way Striping & Signs, LLC in the amount of \$66,841.74 and is being funded out of the General Fund. Work began in October 2021 and was completed in April 2022.

IN PROGRESS

East Meadows Detention Pond

Started: January 2021 Anticipated Completion: May/June 2022 Cost: \$57,155

This project involves the clearing of overgrowth at the East Meadows Detention Pond to maintain positive drainage performance. The project was awarded to JBM Landscape & Irrigation, LLC in the amount of \$57,155 and is being funded by the FY 2021-2022 Storm Water Fund Budget. The final walkthrough is likely to be done by June, weather permitting.

SWTP Solids Handling Improvements

Started: September 2020 Completed: May/June 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. Construction has ended, with final trouble shooting and corrections being made. The final walkthrough is likely to be done by June, weather permitting.



Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation - Deer Meadows Section 2

Started: November 2021 Anticipated Completion: May/June 2022 Cost: \$565,676

The project will consist of pipe-bursting approximately 5,500 linear feet of 8-inch sanitary pipe on Oklahoma Ave., New Orleans St., Tulsa St., and Atlanta St., as well as rehabilitation of 15 manholes. This section of the Deer Meadows Subdivision has had several pipe collapses. The rehabilitation will help reduce residential sewer problems and prevent inflow and infiltration reaching the sewer plant. The project is being funded with water and sewer funds. The project was awarded to Vaught Services, LLC in the amount of \$565,676. Construction began in November 2021. Anticipated completion is by the start of summer.



Deer Park Terrace Street Reconstruction

Started: February 2022 Anticipated Completion: February 2023 Cost: \$518,028.40

Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. has submitted a proposal for the Deer Park Terrace Street Reconstruction Project, which includes Linda St., Robin St., Irene St., Maxie St., and W. 3rd St. The scope of the project entails engineering design

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services for pavement reconstruction and public utility replacement. The existing storm sewer will be analyzed and designed according to Harris County Flood Control District standards. Submittal plans are anticipated to be completed in early 2023. Duration of construction is expected to be 330 days. The project is being funded with a 2021 General Obligation (GO) Street Improvement Bond.

SWTP Clearwell, Transfer Pump, Ground Storage Tank and Disinfection

Started: May 2022 Anticipated Completion: 480 days Cost: \$61,852,900

The Ardurra Group was hired to prepare the design, specifications, and engineering plans for the Clearwell Improvements at the Surface Water Treatment Plant (SWTP). The improvements involve the construction of building baffles inside the 2 on-site Ground Storage Tanks (GSTs) and to add pumping capacity with the addition of a pump to the existing clearwell or to increase the size of the pumps in the clearwell. This project has three objectives. First, it increases the amount of contact time between the water and the chemical disinfectant through the addition of baffles in the 2 ground storage tanks located at the water treatment plant. Secondly, the project increases the firm capacity of the clearwell transfer pumps. The firm capacity is the capacity of water that can be pumped with the largest piece of equipment out of service. Finally, the project converts the current gas chlorine system to an on-site generation of hypochlorite. Funding sources for this project include \$250,000 in Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Water Treatment Plant budget, \$5,800,106 in Bond Funds 512 and 513, with a proposed budget amendment of \$140,000.

Hurricane Harvey, Storm Drainage Projects

Started: June 2018 Anticipated Completion: Undetermined Engineering Services Cost: \$1,298,842

CobbFendley was hired to perform engineering services to develop ways to alleviate flooding associated with the 2017 Hurricane Harvey. In June 2018, the initial agreement focused engineering design services on Heritage Addition (Completed August 2021) 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.

- Deer Park Manor and Delo-Elaine: The project was awarded to Mar-Con Services, LLC in the amount of \$1.653 million. Construction began in August 2021 and is expected to be completed in summer 2022. The City of Deer Park entered into an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Precinct 2/ Harris County Flood Control District to jointly fund this project. The City of Deer Park was awarded \$1,005,985 through the ILA for storm sewer improvements, including a detention pond on Pasadena Blvd., storm sewer inlets, as well as a new roadway and outfalls on both Kitty Street and Luella Ave.
- College Park: An Interlocal Agreement between the City of Deer Park and the Harris County Flood Control District was executed on January 4, 2022. Harris County Precinct 2 and the Harris County Flood Control District has taken over as lead of the project and continues with the study and construction plan development. The estimated cost for this project is \$6.6 million for pavement and drainage items, including land acquisition, engineering, design, inspection, and testing costs. A budget amendment was approved for 49% of the project cost with Precinct 2/HCFCD through the ILA.
- Deer Park Gardens: The project is a multi-phased (approximately 8 phases) drainage improvement plan within the Deer Park Gardens study area. The Norwood drainage improvement project is the first phase. It involves the construction of additional drainage piping, inlets, and a junction box at Norwood Dr. and E. 8th Street. The project aims to reduce structural flood risk, particularly at the mid-blocks on Norwood Street and Martha Street between E. 8th Street and Marlene Street. An Interlocal Agreement was approved with the Harris County Flood Control District and executed on January 4, 2022. On April 5, 2022, the contract for the first phase was awarded to Specialty Construction TX, LLC in the amount of \$360,196.13. Construction is anticipated to start this summer and completed by the end of 2022.



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- **Boggy Bayou Watershed:** An engineering drainage study began in June 2020 with results presented to Deer Park City Council on November 3, 2020. The study was awarded to CobbFendley in the amount of \$84,560, and jointly funded through an ILA with Precinct 2/HCFCD. Deer Park was awarded \$42,280 through the ILA. The drainage study included areas in the Boggy Bayou watershed and proposed improvements to the main channel (G105-00-00), channel tributaries, interconnected storm sewer, and the possible construction of storm water detention. The drainage study area project boundaries were the Houston Ship Channel, Center Street, Pasadena Boulevard/Red Bluff Road, and the Sam Houston Tollway/Beltway 8 (north, east, south and west boundaries, respectively). The drainage study identified over 30 different individual options that could be pursued to potentially mitigate flooding, with a conglomeration of several individual options combined into 4 potential alternatives. The solution involves a regional cooperative effort between the Harris County Flood Control District, City of Deer Park, City of Pasadena, Harris County Precinct 2, Harris County Toll Road Authority, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Port of Houston, and Texas Department of Transportation, as well as private facility operators, such as the chemical industry, pipeline operators, electric transmission operators, private landholders and other restricted easement owners and entities. This project will require significant resources in terms of engineering design, overall construction time, contractor capabilities, materials procurement, legal contracts, interlocal agreements, facility relocations, title deed/ownership/easement research, sequencing, cooperation, safety, and cost. Recommendations made as a result of the engineering analysis are being further investigated for feasibility.

Council Actions

Regular City Council meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd 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 2022

- Awarded the bid for the Yellow Flashing Turn Signal project to Southwest Signal Supply in the amount of \$58,000.
- Accepted the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2021.
- Accepted the Deer Park Community Development Corporation's Quarterly report for the period of October 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021.
- Approved a final payment to Mar-Con Services in the amount of \$14,404.03 for additional geo-textile and concrete work.
- Authorized staff to seek bids for a one-year supply of calcium

The Battleground

Monthly Burger Night

Looking for a made-to-order burger and an extensive toppings station?

New toppings every month! **Thursdays,**

June 16, July 21, and August 18
from 5 to 7 p.m.



Bass Fishing Tournament

Come fish in our ponds during the Bi-Annual Bass Fishing Tournament on **Sunday, June 5 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Cost is \$25 per adult and \$20 per child. Entry fee includes lunch. There will be adult and child divisions.

Back-to-School Blow Out

Say goodbye to a great summer with golf, merchandise, food, and beverage specials all week long! **August 8-13 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

Monthly Sunday Brunch

Bring your family and friends out for a traditional brunch buffet and specialty brunch menu items. **Sunday, June 26, July 24, and August 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Spark Golf League

Ready to play Spark Golf? Spark is a 9-hole, social golf league organized to be casual and fun, with a touch of friendly competition. Joining the league is free. All summer long, every **Thursday, June 2-August 25 at 5:30 p.m.** For more information, go to www.sparkgolf.com.



Council Actions

- hypochlorite briquettes for the Dow Park swimming pool.
- Authorized the purchase of a F-250 crew cab truck and Deerskin chassis mount animal control box for the Humane Department from Silsbee Ford in the amount of \$71,821.
- Approved an agreement with Vermont Systems for RecTrac Software Services in the amount of \$42,500.
- Approved an ordinance calling a General Election on May 7, 2022 to elect 3 Council Members.
- Approved an agreement with Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. for professional services for the Deer Park Terrace Street Reconstruction project in the amount of \$518,028.40.
- Authorized the release of funds to Harris County Flood Control for the College Park Drainage project.
- Approved an ordinance amending Section 66 of the Code of Ordinances to lower the speed limit along East Blvd. from 50 mph to 45 mph to allow for protected and permissive left turning movements.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Water & Sewer Fund Budget for renovations to the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$140,000.
- Awarded the bid for the Surface Water Treatment Plant Clearwell Transfer Pump, Ground Storage Tank and Disinfection Improvements project to CSA Construction in the amount of \$6,185,290.
- Awarded the proposal for grant administration services associated with Hurricane Harvey to Traylor and Associates in the amount of \$130,000.
- Accepted the Quarterly Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 first quarter ending December 31, 2021.
- Approved the purchase of 67 desktop computers and 6 laptop computers from Dell through the Texas Department of Information Resources in the amount of \$64,766.36.
- Authorized staff to advertise and receive bids for the Deer Park Gardens Drainage project.
- Approved the reappointment of Troy Cothran as the City of Deer Park's representative on the Board of Directors for the South East Texas Housing Finance Corporation.
- Approved an agreement with DPISD to provide a polling location for a general election of Board of Trustees on May 7, 2022.
- Approved a clinical affiliation agreement with Galveston College Emergency Medical Services Program for student educational purposes.
- Amended an agreement for architectural and design services for the Fire Drill Field Training Center with Martinez Architects in the amount of \$10,000.
- Amended an agreement for architectural and design services for Fire Station #2 with Martinez Architects to include drainage and floodplain requirements.
- Approved an agreement with Brown Reynolds Watford Architects for the design of Fire Station #1 in the amount of \$436,800.
- Approved an ordinance amending Chapter 34 Emergency Services of Deer Park Code of Ordinances to clarify responsibilities.
- Approved a pipeline right-of-way and easement agreement with Intercontinental Terminals Company granting a 10 foot wide easement.

March 2022

- Awarded the bid for the Fire Station #1 clearing and grubbing project to LGG Construction in the amount of \$57,500.
- Rejected the bid for the clearing and grubbing of Glenwood Park.
- Approved the revision to the Boards and Commissions Policy.
- Approved an agreement with the State of Texas as a party in Office of the Attorney General's resolution of opioid related claims against Teva.
- Authorized the purchase of a remote camera system in the amount of \$108,573.76 to be used in storm and sanitary sewer drainage pipes.
- Approved an Interlocal Agreement and Business Associate Addendum with Harris County Public Health for data sharing.
- Approved an ordinance appointing an alternate to the Board of Adjustments.
- Approved an ordinance to rezone lot TR101 Deer Park Outlot (150 Dixie Dr.) from Single Family 1 to Single Family 2.
- Approved an ordinance revising the part-time employee pay range charts of the City of Deer Park.
- Accepted the completion and release of retainage for the East Claire Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project. Total cost was \$1,124,700.25.
- Authorized staff to advertise and receive bids on construction of the new Emergency Operations and Dispatch Center.
- Approved a change order for security/hurricane window film for the Police Station conference room in the amount of \$1,300.
- Approved an amendment

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to an agreement with Tremco Inc. for the Battleground Golf Course roof repairs and awarding the contract to a subsidiary of Tremco, Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$429,196.

- Approved an agreement with College of the Mainland Emergency Medical Services Program for student educational purposes.
- Approved an agreement with First In Safety and Training, LLC (F.I.R.S.T.) for student educational purposes.
- Authorized the reimbursement of unused funds for Heritage Addition Drainage project to Harris County.
- Approved an amendment to Ordinance No. 4296 calling for a general election on May 7, 2022 to elect 3 Council Members.
- Approved an ordinance for a specific use permit to operate a church at 4309 Red Bluff Road.
- Approved an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund Budget for repairs to piping at the Dow Park pool in the amount of \$20,000.

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- Awarded the proposal for the Construction Manager-at-Risk (CMAR) for the new Community and Recreation Center project to Durotech Builders.
- Authorized staff to advertise and accept bids for a one-year supply of garbage bags.
- Accepted the completion of the purchase and installation of field lighting for the Deer Park Girls Softball Complex and release of final payment to Musco Sports Lighting. Final cost was \$327,681.
- Accepted the completion of the purchase and installation of field lighting for the Spencerview Athletic Complex and release of final payment to Musco Sports Lighting. Final cost was \$249,946.
- Accepted the completion of the purchase and installation of parking lot lighting for the Spencerview Athletic Complex and release of final payment to Musco Sports Lighting. Final cost was \$89,950.
- Authorized staff to seek bids for a one-year supply of gasoline and diesel fuel.
- Authorized Deer Park High School to allow signage on Center Street from May 21-25, 2022 for the DPHS Class of 2022 photos.
- Authorized the purchase and installation of 10' fencing for the Dow Park tennis courts from Foster Fence LTD via the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$68,422.
- Authorized the first of a ten year annual payment in accordance with a Master of Goods Service Agreement with Global Traffic Technologies for emergency preemption subscription services in the amount of \$100,200.
- Approved an ordinance amending the temporary pay scale for swim instructors.
- Awarded the bid for the clearing and grubbing for Glenwood Park to Soil Worx, LLC in the amount of \$55,550.
- Awarded the bid for the Deer Park Gardens Drainage Improvement project to Specialty Construction in the amount of \$360,196.13.
- Authorized the purchase of services from Lone Star Blower for the emergency remanufacturing of a blower at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in

the amount of \$81,688.

- Authorized the replacement of a control panel for the belt press at the Wastewater Treatment Plant from Andritz Separation, Inc. in the amount of \$54,998.
- Approved an agreement with KIT Professional, Inc. to conduct a chemical corrosion control study of the water system in the amount of \$79,500.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Crime Control and Prevention District budget for an agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for PremierOne Records Management System (RMS) and Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) software in the amount of \$599,715.
- Approved an agreement to pay 4 payments of \$149,928.75 to Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the RMS and CAD software for the Police Department.
- Approved an ordinance appointing a member to the Parks & Recreation Commission.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Crime Control and Prevention District budget for 2022-2023 rolling stock purchases due to current supply chain disruptions.
- Approved an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 4301 calling a General Election on May 7, 2022 to elect 3 Council Members.
- Approved an ordinance granting a pipeline franchise to Intercontinental Terminals Company for a 12-inch methanol pipeline.



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Economic Development

- **Luby's** has closed its doors. The property was sold to Deer Park Independent School District, which plans to use the facility for their print shop. DPISD already owned the surrounding 11 acres.
- **Frosting Dreams & All the Things** bakery, located at 910 W. Pasadena Blvd., has recently expanded its space and menu. By teaming up with Deer Park's Fair Dinkum Coffee Company, owner Ashley Gil has added bacon-jalapeno-cheddar biscuits, cinnamon rolls, keto rolls, danishes and breads to the breakfast menu. Customers can still delight in perfect cake balls, cookies, and brownies, as well as gluten-free, keto and vegan items.
- **Deer Park Sushi** celebrates their 5-year anniversary at 3811 Center St. Their menu is huge, the prices are low, and the atmosphere is cozy and fun. Stop by and see why customers give them great reviews! Check out their menu on Facebook. For to-go orders, call (281) 884-8460.
- **Dutch Brothers Coffee** has opened at 3609 Center St. This popular, 29-year old coffee company was founded in Oregon and has expanded to include more than 300 coffee stands nationwide.
- **DeLane's Ad Specialties** is a family-owned business that helps "put your promotion in motion." The business was founded in La Porte by DeLane Jones in 1991. In 2001, the business moved to Deer Park. The business was sold to Deer Park natives, Myron and Tammy Bockholt, in 2008. DeLane's can assist with incentive and award programs, corporate or sports apparel, as well as gift baskets and unique promotional items. They can put company logos on everything from flip flops, fortune cookies, boxer shorts, poker chips to expensive watches, lead crystal, and more! They can even provide items for events, such as weddings and family reunions. Learn more at www.delanes.com or call (281) 478-6700.



- **Beyond Beauté** is celebrating their 35-year anniversary serving Deer Park at 2805 Center Street.



- **Deer Park Signs** has recently purchased the former Grisham & Associates Realty building at 4650 Center Street and moved from their former location at 912 W. Pasadena. They have leased portions of the building to 3 other Deer Park businesses: **Stephen Terry Pest Control**, **Upscale Roofing**, and **Meadows Counseling Center**.
- **Lone Star Tacos** and **Credeur's Cajun Cookin'** have closed their doors.

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