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Quarterly Newsletter

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Holiday Closures

City facilities to be closed on:
Independence Day - July 4



Garbage Collection

Curbside collection of rubbish will not be available on:

Tuesday, July 4

- 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.

Messenger Newsletter Comes to an End

The City of Deer Park has made the difficult decision to stop producing its city-wide quarterly newsletter, the Messenger. After considering the amount of time and cost to produce and distribute, the conclusion was made that this hardcopy newsletter was no longer providing the benefit that it once did in 2001. The upcoming fall 2023 Messenger will be the last issue.

Emerging technology trends have fueled the evolution toward electronic communication alternatives. Digital newsletters, websites, and social media platforms have become popular choices for many organizations when it comes to sharing information. The City of Deer Park is no different. We can easily and quickly convey city news and emergency notifications, as well as provide detailed information on city services and ordinances electronically.

For highlights on city-related news, events, and more, check out our website at www.deerparktx.gov, our social media outlets, and our other digital newsletters, such as the city's monthly *Deer in the Spotlight* newsletter.



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Hurricane Season Begins

Make a Plan

Over the past decade, there have been vast improvements in hurricane evacuation planning. However, this does not mean that there is no need to plan in advance. Roadways will likely be crowded, hotels may be fully booked, and public shelters may not meet your family's expectations. Having a plan includes knowing where to go in case evacuation is necessary. Extended

family or friends that live several counties inland may be a good option for you and your family. However, if you've decided to rely on hotel accommodations, be sure to identify alternate hotels and confirm that the hotels are pet friendly if you will be traveling with pets.

Some residents may chose to ride out the storm at home, knowing that emergency response is limited during a storm's high winds. Be sure to keep supplies on hand, such as precut plywood to protect windows and a first aid kit. Plywood is in high demand and short supply days before a hurricane.

May 6th General Election Results



- ★ Mayor **Jerry Mouton**
- ★ Council Position 1 **Sherry Garrison**
- ★ Council Position 2 **TJ Haight**
- ★ Council Position 3 **Tommy Ginn**

At the time of this printing, election results were unofficial. Election results will be official after the canvass is conducted by City Council on May 16, 2023.

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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
Sara Robinson	Assistant City Manager
Angela M. Smith	City Secretary
Nicole Ganey	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 Recreation 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 of Deer Park
 710 E. San Augustine
 Deer Park, TX 77536
 (281) 479-2394
www.deerparktx.gov
 Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

City Council Meetings

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>.

Meeting Calendar

City Council
 June 6 & 20
 July 11 & 18
 August 1 & 15

Planning & Zoning
 June 5
 July 10
 August 7

LEPC
 June 27
 July - No Meeting
 August 22

Saturdays @ Noon Siren Tests

June 3, 10, 17 & 24
 July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
 August 5, 12, 19 & 26

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Hurricane Season Begins

Stay Informed

Throughout hurricane season, pay close attention to developing conditions that may threaten our area. Local broadcast stations maintain current weather forecast information on their websites, in addition to the National Hurricane Center at www.nhc.noaa.gov and the National Weather Service at www.weather.gov. For more details, including the City of Deer Park's preparations for a threatening storm, go to www.deerparktx.org.

Insurance Checkup

Contact your insurance agent to review your policy and ensure that you are adequately covered to repair or replace your home, including your belongings. Know your deductible and plan ahead. Homeowners insurance and renters insurance does not cover flooding events, so a separate policy will be necessary in that instance.



**THE BATTLEGROUND
AT DEER PARK**

1600 Georgia Ave.
www.battlegroundgolfcourse.com
 Golf Course 281-478-2080
 Republic Grill 281-478-2089

Streetlight Out?

CenterPoint Energy maintains streetlights in our area. To report a street light outage, call (713) 207-2222 or visit www.centerpointenergy.com/outage. You'll be asked to provide the 6-digit stenciled number on the pole to identify the exact location or use the closest address to the street light to find it on the map.



Economic Development

Now Open!



Kung Fu Tea, the country's largest bubble tea brand with over 350 locations across the U.S., is open at 9001 Spencer Highway.



The **DAG Law Firm**, open at 2822 Center Street, is owned by Deer Park graduate and attorney David Aziel Garcia. For more information, go to www.DAGLawFirm.com or call (713) 444-5060.



Owners, Damitrius Aguilar and McKenzie Cañas, daughter of former Cattle Drive BBQ owner Jesse Cañas, have opened **Woodhouse BBQ** at 2424 Center Street. Cattle Drive favorites at this second-generation restaurant!



Airborne Auto Glass and Windshield Repair, relocated from La Porte to 4514 Center Street in Deer Park and owned by Deer Park local Chase Waymire, offers windshield replacement, rock chip and crack repair, and other automotive glass replacement. Free mobile service is also available. For more information, call (281) 479-5700.

The Next Chapter Cosmetics, located at 120 E. 8th Street, offers cosmetic injections, lip flip, brow lift, and more. To book an appointment, go to www.jennifermeekins.glossgenius.com or call Jennifer Meekins, Deer Park local and owner, at (832) 675-2099 or send an e-mail to thenextchaptercosmetics@gmail.com.

Deer Park's Valerie Vasquez has opened **Deer Park Snack Bar** at 2506 Center Street. It's a fun, family gathering spot to hang out, play games, and eat great food. Tasty treats, snacks, and light meals, such as hot dogs, popcorn, Mexican corn-on-the-cob, shrimp cocktails, banana splits, ice cream, shakes, and more are available.

Time Out Sports restaurant, soon opens in the former location of Capt. Benny's at 1200 East Blvd.

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

Deer Park Police Department



Alarm Systems

Alarm systems protect life and property, as well as provide a sense of security and peace of mind. Due to improper installation, operation or maintenance, alarm systems can result in false alarms. In an effort to reduce false alarms, the City of Deer Park contracted with Central Square Technologies, LLC (the Deer Park False Alarm Reduction Program) to provide false alarm tracking and invoicing services. Additionally, the DPPD oversees the program and enforces the City's Alarm Ordinance. The purpose of the City's Alarm Ordinance is to lessen the negative impact false alarms have on our community, our first responders, and on alarm system owners and users.

To comply with local ordinance,

1. Register your alarm system at www.crywolfservices.com/deerparktx.
2. Pay initial or annual renewal fee of \$25 for a residence or \$50 for a business.
3. Renew alarm permit annually.

For more information, contact:

Deer Park False Alarm Reduction Program

P.O. Box 844908
Dallas, TX 75284-4908
(855) 905-0611

deerparktx@alarm-billing.com

Deer Park Police Department

W. Keeney, Lieutenant
2911 Center Street
Deer Park, TX 77536
(281) 930-2103

wkeeney@deerparktx.org

SAVE THE DATE
2023 - THIRD ANNUAL
BACK THE BLUE
BBQ COOK-OFF FESTIVAL & 5K Fun Run
Presented by Universal Plant Services
OCTOBER 21, 2023
HONORING all the brave men and women in law enforcement who serve our communities!
Contact: DPPD Liaison Sheila Plovovich/281-930-2118/splovovich@deerparktx.org

Citizen's Police Academy Starts Thursday, August 17

The Deer Park Police Department (DPPD) is currently recruiting citizens for the 48th class of the Citizen's Police Academy. Classes begin on Thursday, August 17, 2023 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. 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 Plovovich at (281) 930-2118 or splovovich@deerparktx.org.

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 refinery-related activities.

Emergency Kits

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

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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.

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.

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

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 always means to shelter-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.

The Shepherd Program

Those diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or autism are more likely to wander. Wandering poses an increased risk to the safety of those with cognitive or communication limitations associated with Alzheimer's disease and autism. The Shepherd Program is designed to collect critical information needed to issue Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alerts at the state and regional level. More information and the program application are available online at www.deerparktx.gov/police or in the lobby of the Deer Park Police Station.

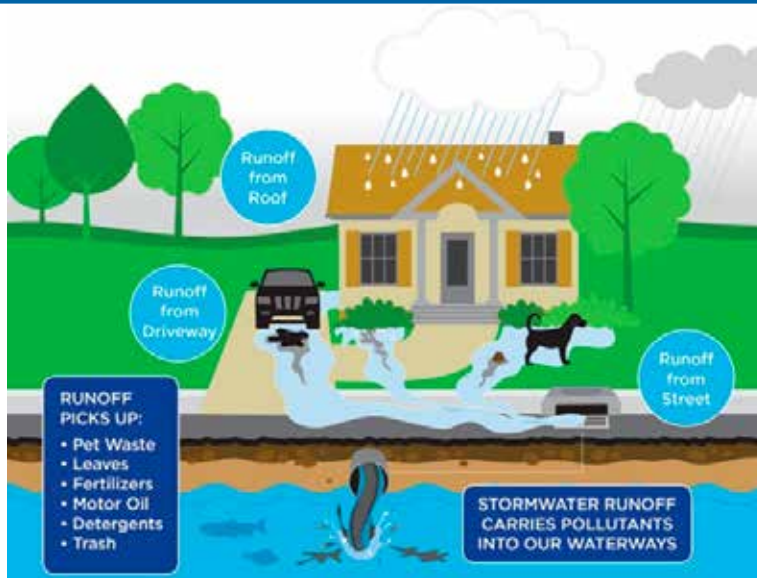


Deer Park Animal Shelter

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.

Public Works

Keep Pollutants Out of Storm Drains



Source: <https://www3.epa.gov/region9/water/npdes/stormwater-feature.html>

Where does the water go when washing your car in the driveway? The dirty water can easily carry soap and motor oil into the storm drain. Rivers, creeks, estuaries, beaches, and other bodies of water are polluted by materials and chemicals washed into the storm drains from yards, streets, gutters, parking lots, industrial sites, and construction sites. Contrary to the water that goes down a sink or toilet in your home, stormwater is untreated and flows directly into the nearest lake, stream, bay, or ocean.

Stormwater systems are designed to quickly route rainwater off the streets during a heavy storm. However, these systems also pick up pollutants along the way and carry them into the storm drains. Pollutants include pesticides, bacteria from pet waste, chemicals, fast food wrappers, cigarette butts, styrofoam cups, sewage overflow, cooking oil, used motor oil, fertilizers, paint, and construction debris.

Illegal dumping of used motor oil contributes to the pollution of our rivers, lakes, and other bodies of water. One oil change has the potential to pollute up to one million gallons of freshwater. The EPA estimates that approximately 193 million gallons of used oil are improperly dumped every year.

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), there are ways people can help prevent storm water pollution.

- Don't dump waste into storm drains.
- Dispose of household chemicals properly.
- Use drip pans to catch oil and clean up spills when working on cars.
- Don't over-water your lawn. If any water flows off your lawn, you're using too much water.
- Drain swimming pools into a sanitary sewer outlet, never into the swale behind your house.
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash or at least on an unpaved surface so the excess water can be absorbed by the ground.



- Recycle used motor oil and cooking oils. City staff picks up used oil in secured, screw top containers along with regular household trash.

Storm Preparation

In our region, hurricane and tropical storm warnings are communicated several days in advance. When a tropical event is eminent, we prepare by clearing loose debris, securing certain items, such as outdoor furniture and yard decor, clearing blockages in drainage inlets and ditches, etc. Unfortunately, that wasn't the case with the flood event last Thanksgiving (2022) and the tornado in January (2023). The city witnessed first hand just how catastrophic unexpected events can be.

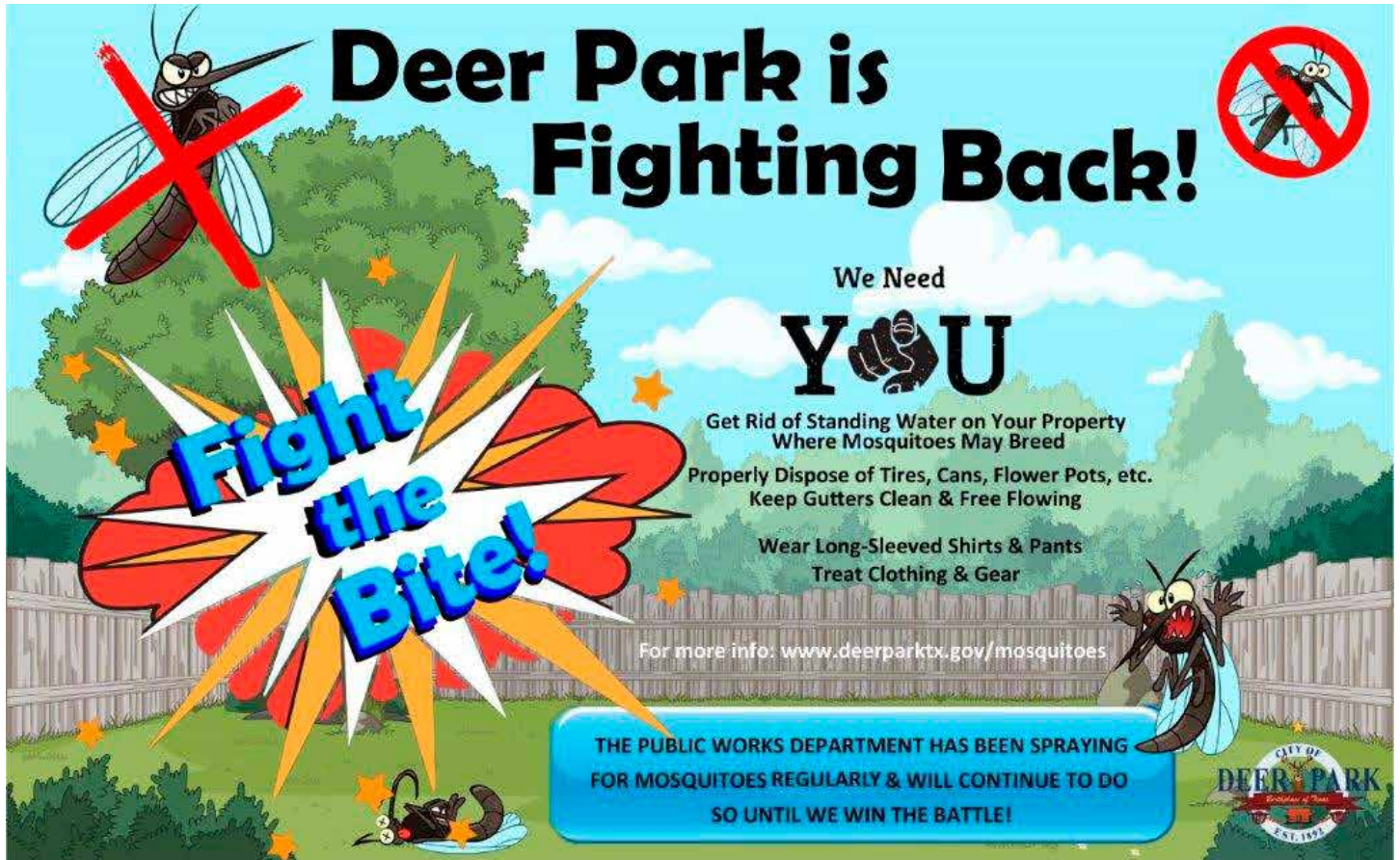
Always being prepared is the best defense against unexpected events. Make sure your roof is ready and inspect it on an annual basis. A visual inspection helps identify worn-out, missing or damaged shingles, as well as overhanging branches. When it's time for a new roof, ask your contractor to seal the joints between the sheathing panels that make the deck to prevent wind-driven water from getting in.

Examine all the openings in your house, from the garage door to your patio sliders and windows. Secure loose connections and seal gaps that could allow water to come in. If you plan to replace your windows, look for impact-rated windows to keep damage to a minimum and consider adding removable storm shutters.

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Flooding can happen anywhere and at any time of the year. According to the official site of the National Flood Insurance Program, FloodSmart.gov, just 6 inches of flood water in a home can result in more than \$40,000 in damage. Therefore, obtaining flood insurance from the federal government is an option worth considering. Keep in mind that there is typically a 30-day waiting period from the date of purchase until your flood insurance policy

goes into effect. While the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 caused rates to increase, especially for secondary homes in high risk areas, the cost of flood insurance is still far less than the cost of repairing the damage from a flood-related loss.

A colorful illustration for a mosquito control campaign. It features a large mosquito with a red 'X' over it, a smaller mosquito in a red prohibition sign, and a large red and yellow starburst graphic with the text 'Fight the Bite!' in blue. The background shows a green lawn, a wooden fence, and trees under a blue sky with clouds. A blue button at the bottom contains text about mosquito spraying.

Deer Park is Fighting Back!

We Need **YOU**

- Get Rid of Standing Water on Your Property Where Mosquitoes May Breed
- Properly Dispose of Tires, Cans, Flower Pots, etc.
- Keep Gutters Clean & Free Flowing
- Wear Long-Sleeved Shirts & Pants
- Treat Clothing & Gear

For more info: www.deerparktx.gov/mosquitoes

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN SPRAYING FOR MOSQUITOES REGULARLY & WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO UNTIL WE WIN THE BATTLE!

CITY OF DEER PARK
EST. 1892

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 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. Contact Sherry Garrison, Chair of the Historical Committee at sgarrison@deerparktx.org for more information. Thank you for your continued support.



Civic Center on 6th Street

Emergency Assistance

The State of Texas offers the option to register with the STEAR program, a free registry that provides local emergency management planners and responders with information related to your needs during an emergency. To register, go to <https://stear.tdem.texas.gov> or call 2-1-1. For more details, go to <https://tdem.texas.gov/stear>.

Parks and Recreation

Summer Concert Kick-Off
Friday, June 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Thunderpants (80's cover band)

Summer Concerts

Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., Dow Park Pavilions

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

June 8 (Ladies Night) - La Cour
June 15 (Faith Night) - To Be Announced
June 22 (Teen Night) - Sedated
June 29 (Senior Night) - Los Vertigos
July 13 (Latin Night) - Yelba
July 20 (Blues Night) - Mark Mays
July 27 (Variety Night) - Flash Point
Aug. 3 (Country Night) - Melissa Brook Band



Deer Park Parks and Recreation
LET'S CELEBRATE AT FREE
FOURTH FEST
 JIMMY BURKE ACTIVITY CENTER
 500 W. 13TH STREET IN DEER PARK
 TUESDAY, JULY 4 | DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM
 281-478-2050
 BAND PERFORMS FROM 7-9, FIREWORKS AT 9:15 PM
*Fireworks, food, music, attractions,
 and a cornhole tournament*

Movie in the Park

**1st
 Saturday
 of the
 Month**

Grab your snacks & lawn chairs and join us for a free family-friendly movie at dusk in Dow Park!

June 3, *Minions: The Rise of Gru* (PG)
 July 1, *National Treasure* (G)
 August 5, *The Goonies* (PG)

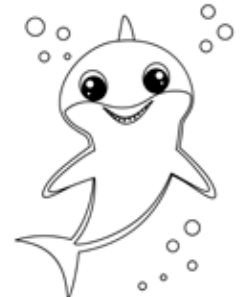
Block Party

Saturdays
12-3 p.m.
June 24
July 15
Aug. 19
Free Event **Music** **Games** **& More**



National Freezer Pop Day

Saturday, July 8, 12 p.m.
Dow Park Pool
 Pool admission fee applies.
 Free popsicles, while supplies last!



Shark Week at Dow Park Pool

Tues.-Fri., July 11-14
2-4 p.m., Dow Park Pool
 Pool admission fee applies.
 Jawesome week of activities, water games, and treats!

The Last Hurrah

Thursday, July 13
4:30-8:30 p.m.
Deer Park Community Center
 It's the last week the Community Center and gym will be open! Join us as we look through old brochures and pictures, write on the wall, and party with music, games, and popcorn.

Parks and Recreation

Recreation

- **Mini Gourmet at Deer Park Community Center** - Learn cooking basics and feel at ease in the kitchen in just 4 days! Fun, instructor-led age-appropriate cooking recipes. **Monday-Thursday, June 5-8, for ages 8-10 (10 a.m.-12 p.m.), for ages 11-14 (2-4 p.m.), \$60 per person**
- **Intro to Dog Obedience at Jimmy Burke Activity Center** - A 6-week course focusing on beginning engagement skills, on-leash skills (sit, down, recall, etc.), loose-leash walking, and boundary training. Big or small, we train them all and anything is pawsible! For more information, contact the certified instructor, Angela Spence, at aspence@ac2training.com or (832) 382-3638, or go to <https://linktr.ee/ac2training.com>. **Tuesdays, June 6-July 18 (no class on July 4), 6:30-7:30 p.m., for ages 12 and older, \$150 per dog/owner pair**
- **Canvas & Chill at Deer Park Community Center** - An enjoyable painting activity for the whole family. No experience required. All materials provided. Children under 8 years old should be accompanied by an adult. Class in August is at the Claude Burgess Center. **Friday, June 9, July 7 & Aug. 11, 6-8 p.m., for ages 6 and older, \$20 per person**
- **Family Game Night at Earl Dunn Gym** - It's a fun and enjoyable time for everyone, from minute-to-win-it games to Monopoly matches! **Friday, June 16, 6 p.m., for ages 5 and older, \$5 per person**
- **Geocaching at Dow Park** - Locate caches using the Battleship theme. Buddy up into teams of up to 3 or go for it solo! **Friday, June 23, 7 p.m., for ages 10 and older, \$5 per person**
- **Family Game Night at Dow Park Pool** - It's a fun and enjoyable time for everyone, from noodle races to diving for rings! **Friday, July 28, 7 p.m., for ages 5 and older, \$5 per person**

This is an introductory camp, not training for certification. Not a learn-to-swim program.

Junior Lifeguard Camp

Monday-Thursday, June 19-22, 1-3 p.m.

For ages 12-14, \$150 residents, \$175 non-residents, Dow Park

Snacks, bottled water, crafts, and a camp T-shirt included.

Prince & Princess Dance Camp

**Monday-Friday, June 12-16 & June 19-23
10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

For ages 3-5, \$35 tuition, Deer Park Community Center

Ballet
&
Jazz

Jazz, Lyrical, Hip Hop & Musical Theater

Dance Camp

Monday-Friday
\$90 per person
Deer Park Community Center

Session 1: June 12-16, 1 to 6 p.m., for ages 10 to 18
Session 2: June 19-23, 1 to 6 p.m., for ages 5 to 10

Camp Crabgrass

A week of fun - swimming (Wed./Fri. 12-3 p.m.), field trips (Tues./Thurs.), crafts, and more for ages 6 through 11! Lunch provided. Campers must bring 2 snacks and drinks per day.

Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
\$150 residents per session
\$175 non-residents per session
Jimmy Burke Activity Center

Session 1: June 5-9

Big Rivers Waterpark &
Splashtown

Session 2: June 12-16

Main Event &
Houston Space Center

Session 3: June 19-23

Cidercade &
Urban Air

Session 4: June 26-30

Crocodile Encounter &
Moody Gardens

Session 5: July 17-21

Bayou Wildlife Zoo &
Houston Interactive Aquarium

Session 6: July 24-28

Typhoon Texas &
Schlitterbahn

Daddy-Daughter Dance



**Saturday, June 17
7 to 9 p.m.**

For all ages
\$40 per couple
\$17 per additional daughter
Jimmy Burke Activity Center
Registration closes at 5 p.m. on June 16
or when sold out, whichever comes first.

Parks and Recreation

Sports & Fitness

- **Ladies Low Impact Aerobics at Claude Burgess Center** - A full body workout to develop core strength, flexibility, body toning, balance, and a connection between mind and body. Bring your own mats and equipment. **Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 8:30-9:30 a.m., for ages 13 and older, \$20 per month**
- **Fencing: Cadet at Avon Center** - A basic class in fencing fundamentals, learning and perfecting footwork and blade work techniques. Final class each month is a competition using the same electronic scoring systems used in local tournaments. The class is good for beginners, as well as those perfecting techniques. No prior experience required. Basic fencing equipment is provided. **Tuesdays, June-August, 6-7 p.m., for ages 8 and older, \$45 per month**
- **Fencing: Competitive at Avon Center** - An open fencing class with electronic scoring for fencers who have prior experience and training. Learn by competing with other fencers. Scoring systems and some equipment is provided, but competitive fencers are expected to supply all or most of the personal gear themselves. This is a competitive group for serious fencers, ages 13 and older, who want to compete in local tournaments. **Tuesdays, June-August, 7-8 p.m., \$45 per month**
- **HIGH Fitness at Claude Burgess Recreation Center** - Let's take old-school aerobics to the next level by combining it with modern fitness techniques. You'll be amazed with real results, both physically and mentally. All fitness levels welcome. **Saturdays, Session 1: June 3-24, Session II: July 1-29, Session III: August 5-26, 8-9 a.m., for ages 13 and older, free**
- **Summer Sports Sampler at Earl Dunn Gym** - Each week, focus is on a different sport or activity to get children active outside. Each sport is presented using fun drills and activities, making it an experience for all ages. It's an instructor-led program so children can try out every sport using a rotating schedule. **Mondays & Wednesdays, June 5-28, 5:30-6:30 p.m., for ages 6-8, \$110 residents or \$120 non-residents**
- **Yoga/Pilates & Barre with Norma at Claude Burgess Center** - A full body workout to improve strength, balance, flexibility, and tone. Fitness equipment provided. Movements inspired by ballet and blended with yoga/Pilates. Bring your own mats. **Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 6-August 31, 8:30 a.m. yoga/Pilates, 9:30 a.m. Barre, for ages 13 and older, \$60 per month (4 classes per week), \$45 per month (2 classes per week), \$30 per month (1 class per week)**
- **Benji Ball at Adult Sports Complex, 2600 Pasadena Blvd.** - An inclusive and adaptable version of backyard baseball. **Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, June 6-August 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m., for ages 3-13, \$25 per person**
- **Adult Softball League at Adult Sports Complex, 2600 Pasadena Blvd.** - A 6-week schedule with doubleheader games, plus an end of season tournament to determine the overall winner. For more information, send an e-mail to dedwards@deerparktx.org. **June 6-August 10, 6:30-11:30 p.m., ages 18 and older, Co-ed Recreational League (Tuesdays, \$375 per team), Recreational League (Wednesdays, \$375 per team or Thursdays, \$350 per team)**
- **Adult Flag Football at Adult Sports Complex, 2600 Pasadena Blvd.** - The 8v8 flag football recreational league is back! For more information, send an e-mail to dedwards@deerparktx.org. **Fridays, June 9-August 11, 6:30 p.m., for ages 18 and older, \$350 per team**
- **Little Pro's Youth Sports Soccer at Adult Softball Complex, 2600 Pasadena Blvd.** - Little Pro's provides camps, clinics, and youth sports leagues for boys and girls in all sports. Programs are designed as introductory, intermediate, and elite levels of sports for families focused on safety, convenience, and fun learning experiences. **Saturdays, June 10-July 29, 8:30-11:30 a.m., for ages 3-10, \$100 person**
- **Lil' Firecracker Dash at Dow Park** - Celebrate the Fourth of July weekend with a 100-meter dash, 200-meter, dash, or 1-mile run. Pre-race warm up dance party. Medals for all who cross the finish lines. **Saturday, July 1, 6-7 p.m., for up to age 12, \$25 resident or \$35 non-resident**
- **Kayaking for Beginners at Dow Park** - Learn the fundamentals of kayaking, including the parts of the kayak, how to board, and the principles of paddling. **Wednesday, June 21 & Friday, August 4, 6-8 p.m., for ages 11 and older, \$15 per person**



Parks and Recreation

Water Activities for a Cool Summer

- **Private Swim Lessons at Dow Park Pool** - Instructor personalizes sessions to fit individual needs, as well as scheduling times that best fit student's schedule. Lessons benefit all skill levels from beginner to competitive swimmer. Check out the Live and Play, Summer 2023 issue for specific dates and times. **Saturdays, \$80 residents or \$100 non-residents**
- **Sensory Swim Days at Dow Park Pool** - Students, up to 18 years old, with autism spectrum disorders and family members can enjoy the pool before it's open to the public. Reservations not required. Regular pool admission fee applies. A parent or adult guardian must accompany the disabled child. Up to 3 family members may accompany each disabled child. **Sundays, June 4 & 18, July 9 & 23, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**
- **Aqua Zumba at Dow Park Pool** - A safe, effective, and challenging water-based workout that integrates the Zumba formula and philosophy into traditional aqua fitness. **Mondays & Wednesdays, June 5-28, July 10-31, August 7-30, 7:15-8:15 p.m., for ages 12 and older, \$55 June, \$50 July & \$55 August**
- **Aqua Aerobics, Swimming to the Oldies at Dow Park Pool** - Designed for ages 55 and older who suffer from arthritis and need to stretch their limbs and exercise bone and joint movement. Wear water shoes and bring a noodle to class on Tuesdays. For more information, send an e-mail to lacy.stole@gmail.com. **Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 6-29, July 11-August 3, 7:15-8:15 p.m., for ages 12 and older, \$40 per person**
- **Next Level Swim Camp at Dow Park Pool** - Designed for swimmers with previous experience in basic freestyle and breaststroke swimming. Focus is on stroke development and endurance. Participants must be able to swim without assistance and expect to swim laps. **Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, June 6-15 (8-8:45 a.m.), June 20-29 (7:15-8 p.m.), for ages 7-15, \$70 resident or \$80 non-resident**
- **Group Swimming Lessons at Dow Park Pool** - Ellis certified swim lessons for your child. Classes meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Monday and Friday are reserved for rainouts. Check out the Live and Play, Summer 2023 issue for specific dates, times, and fees.



For more information, check out our *Live and Play* brochure at www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec.

Teen Camp

Wed.-Thurs., July 5-7
7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
For ages 12-15
\$115 residents
\$125 non-residents
Jimmy Burke Activity Center
Lunch provided. Participants must bring 2 snacks and 2 drinks per day.
July 5 - ITZ
July 6 - Dow Park Swimming Pool
July 7 - AR's Entertainment

Dive In Movies

June 9 - Shark Tales (PG)

June 30 - Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG)

July 14 - Jaws (PG-13)

7 p.m. at Dow Park Pool

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

Flotation devices must be see-through!

Bring your own food. Dinner will not be served. Vending machines available.



Archery Camp

Wed.-Fri., July 5-7
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
For ages 6-12
\$55 per person

Jimmy Burke Activity Center
Archery helps build strength, hand-eye coordination, confidence, patience, focus.



Nature Camp

Mon.-Fri., July 10-14
7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
For ages 6-12
\$115 residents
\$135 non-residents

Deer Park Community Center
Fishing, archery, tent building & more! Bring a reusable water bottle, 2 snacks, and a sack lunch each day.

Activities & Events for Seniors

Activity/Event	Day	Date	Time	Fee	Location
Kick Off Summer Social	Fri.	June 2	2-4 p.m.	\$5 residents, \$8 non-residents	Jimmy Burke Activity Center
Birthday Celebration	Fri.	June 9	12:30-1:30 p.m.	Free	Maxwell Center
King's Bingo (Galveston County)	Mon.	June 12	11:30 a.m.	\$3 for transportation, 1 session \$7 per person, 2 sessions \$14 per person (12 cards per session)	Departs from Jimmy Burke Activity Center
Stepping Stone Painting Class	Wed.	June 28	2:30-4:30 p.m.	\$8 residents, \$10 non-residents	Maxwell Center
Wicked Musical	Fri.	June 30	7:15 p.m.	\$68 residents, \$70 non-residents	Departs from Maxwell Center
Mini Patriotic Wreath Pin	Mon.	July 3	2:30-4:30 p.m.	\$10 per person	Maxwell Center
Houston Astros v. Seattle Mariners <i>(Register by June 28)</i>	Thurs.	July 6	5 p.m.	\$50 per person	Departs from Maxwell Center
Agrilife Single Added Sugars Educational Course	Mon.	July 10	10-11 a.m.	Free	Maxwell Center
Winery Tour Day Trip - Clear Creek Vineyards	Fri.	July 21	2:15 p.m.	\$45 residents, \$50 non-residents	Departs from Jimmy Burke Activity Center
Butter Board Class	Wed.	July 26	2:30-4:30 p.m.	\$25 per person	Maxwell Center
Houston Interactive Zoo Day Trip - Aquarium & Animal Preserve	Fri.	July 28	11 a.m.	\$12 per person	Departs from Jimmy Burke Activity Center
Space Center Grandparents Day	Fri.	Aug. 4	9:45 a.m.	\$20 per person	Departs from Jimmy Burke Activity Center
Agrilife Single Healthy Snacks Educational Course	Mon.	Aug. 14	10-11 a.m.	Free	Maxwell Center
Painted Rock Cactus Garden	Thurs.	Aug. 17	2:30-4:30 p.m.	\$10 per person	Maxwell Center
National Senior Citizen's Day <i>(Register by Aug. 12)</i>	Fri.	Aug. 18	1-4 p.m.	Free	Jimmy Burke Activity Center
Adult and Pediatric CPR/AED Certification Class	Tues.	Aug. 29	12-5 p.m.	\$35 per person	Maxwell Center

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

Only for 55+

Monthly Fun

Plant Swap, 1st Thursday, June 1, July 6 & Aug. 3, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., free, **Maxwell Adult Center** Seed and plant exchanges allow gardeners in the community to come together and share seeds, cuttings, and transplants from their gardens.

Hobby Swap & Shop, 1st Wednesday, June 7, July 5 & Aug. 2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., free, **Maxwell Adult Center** Bring your old hobby supplies from home to trade for something new - puzzles, books, art supplies, and more! Drop off your items the day before the event. Remaining items after the event will be donated.

Volunteer Days, 2nd Thursdays, June 8, July 13 & Aug. 10, 10 a.m., **Maxwell Adult Center** Volunteer with organizations, such as the Houston Food Bank, City of Pasadena Recreational Center for those with cognitive or physical disabilities, etc.

Thrifty Tuesdays, 2nd Tuesday, June 13 (Family Thrift Center), July 11 (Goodwill La Porte) & Aug. 8 (Nearly New Thrift), 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., \$3 per person (price does not include lunch) Join us for thrifting and lunch! Departs from the Jimmy Burke Activity Center.

Popcorn & Matinee, 3rd Friday, June 16, July 21 & Aug. 18, 2:30 p.m., free, **Maxwell Adult Center** Popcorn, refreshments, and movies!

Penny Pitching, 3rd Wednesday, June 21, July 19 & Aug. 16, 2:30-3:30 p.m., free, **Maxwell Adult Center** A simple game with 6 squares lined up in the middle of the room and a fun prize in the square. All players toss their penny and aim for landing in the square closest to the prize.

Foodie Fridays, Last Friday, June 30 (Bacon/Tomato Swiss Cups), July 28 (Fruit Pizza) & Aug. 25 (Squash Casserole), 2-4 p.m., \$10 per person for each class, **Maxwell Adult Center** Learn how to make a sweet or savory treat to take home. All supplies included. Light refreshments available.

Sports, Fitness & Exercise

Water Aerobics, Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 1-Aug. 31, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., \$25 residents, \$30 non-residents, **Dow Park Pool** This light form of cardio gets your heart rate up and improves endurance, perfect for seniors looking to strengthen their heart and lungs, improve energy levels, and manage weight.

Tai Chi, Fridays, June 2-Aug. 25, 10-11 a.m., \$40 per month, **Maxwell Adult Center** A series of gentle physical exercises and stretches known to improve balance, stability and flexibility in older people, including those with Parkinson's disease. Each position flows into the next without pause, ensuring that the body is in constant motion. Tai Chi is sometimes referred to as meditation in motion because it promotes serenity through gentle movements, connecting the mind and body.

Foot Golf, Fridays, June 2, July 7 & Aug. 4, 9:30 a.m., \$3 per person New sport featuring aspects of soccer and golf. Players use their feet instead of a golf club. Meet at Jimmy Burke Activity Center at 9:15 a.m. before departing for a foot golf court to play a few rounds.

Cornhole, Tuesdays, June 6-Aug. 29, 3-4 p.m., free, **Maxwell Adult Center** Cornhole is proven to help vision, depth perception, balance, and coordination in players of all ages.

Pickleball, Wednesdays, June 7-Aug. 30, 3-4 p.m., free, **Dow Park Tennis Courts** Pickleball combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. Playing this fun sport improves stability, exercises brain functions, and reduces stress. New learners are welcome! A staff member will teach anyone who is interested in learning how to play.

Disc Golf, Fridays, June 9, July 14 & August 11, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., free, **Claude Burgess Recreation Center** A healthy and inexpensive recreational activity that provides upper and lower body conditioning, aerobic exercise, and mental stimulation.

Summer Fishing, Tuesdays, June 13, July 11 & August 8, 9:30 a.m., \$5 per person Bring your own fishing rod and supplies, as well as your current fishing license. Different fishing location each time. Pack a snack for the day. Meet at Jimmy Burke Activity Center at 9:15 a.m. before departing for fishing location.

Art Park Players Theater *A Division of the Parks & Recreation Department*



Modeling Camp, June 5-9, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., for ages 6-18, \$100 per person, Municipal Court and Theater Building Modeling is beyond simply striking a pose. Train in runway modeling, practice public speaking, and learn about posing for photographers, interview techniques, as well as skin care and makeup application.

Makeup and skin care products are provided.

Disney Villains Drama Camp, June 5-16, 1-5 p.m., for ages 6-18, \$150 per student, Municipal Court and Theater Building Join the Junior Art Park Players this summer for a 2-week musical theater camp, where you'll sing, dance and act your way through some of the most classic, evil and villainous songs from classic Disney films. Camp includes a daily meal, camp T-shirt, and a musical revue performance.



Acting Camp, June 10-14, 2-5 p.m., for ages 10-18, \$80 per person, Municipal Court and Theater Building Focuses on the actor's craft and provides extensive training on the art of acting and the various techniques of comedic and dramatic performances. Acting showcase included.

Advanced Modeling Camp, June 12-16, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., for ages 6-18, \$100 per person, Municipal Court and Theater Building Move on from the runway to print modeling and portfolio building. A professional photo shoot and in-store fashion show included. Modeling Camp is a prerequisite for this camp. Refresh your skills learned in Modeling Camp and add in lessons for Selecting An Agent, Completing a Resume, and Preparing your Portfolio & Resume.



The Music Man follows fast-talking salesman Harold Hill who spells out "trouble" in his best sales pitch as he cons the people of River City into organizing a boys' band, despite the fact that he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef. Harold doesn't count on falling in love with the town librarian. However, what ensues is a fast-paced romantic comedy the whole family will love!

July 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21 & 22



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](https://www.facebook.com/deerparktx.oem)), Twitter ([@deerparktx.oem](https://twitter.com/deerparktx.oem)), 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!



Watch the City of Deer Park

Government Access Channel (DPTV) on Comcast channel 16, AT&T U-Verse channel 99, our website, or your ROKU streaming device! To watch DPTV online, go to www.deerparktx.gov/DPTV. Programming on DPTV focuses on matters pertaining to city services, workshops and meetings, special events, public service announcements, and topics deemed to be of benefit or interest to our residents. For more information, go to www.deerparktx.gov/dptv.

Deer Park Public Library

Children

Storytime Thursdays, June 8-July 20

- **Toddler Session**, for infants 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 children to participate.
- **Preschool Session**, for ages 3½ to 6, 11 a.m. Incorporates books, fingerplays, and songs to promote interest in reading and lifelong learning. Children listen to stories and participate in group activities.

Craft Time, Tuesdays, June 6-July 25, 2-3:15 p.m., for ages 4-11 Craft materials are provided free of charge. Registration is not required.

June 6 - Friendship Bracelets

June 13 - 2D Sand Art

June 20 - Retro Picture Booth Style Sunglasses

June 27 - 4th of July Marble Painting

July 11 - Pet Rock

July 18 - Dream Catcher

July 25 - Styrofoam Print-Making

Scholastic Book Fair, Tuesday-Saturday, May 30-June 3 It's a book fair hosted by the Friends of the Library! Come browse for books and sign up for our summer reading program in the library's meeting room. Shop during normal business hours and find something for all ages. Proceeds purchase paperback books given as prizes during the summer reading program.

Summer Reading 2023: All Together Now

The summer reading program provides children with the opportunity to enjoy reading and maintain reading skills during the summer months. Registration begins on May 30. For more information, check out our website at www.deerparktx.gov/library. A calendar of weekly activities is available online or pick up a print copy at the library.

Monday Family Movies, June 5-July 24, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a family film and snacks! Color movie characters and sing along to all your favorite songs. Children are encouraged to wear their favorite character costumes. A list of movies to be shown is available at the library.

Teens

Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.) Meetings, 1st Tuesday of the month, June 6, July 11 & Aug. 1, 4:15 p.m., for ages 12-18, Are you searching for volunteer opportunities? If you are, then the library needs you! Join the Teen Advisory Board and be a part of the library's teen programming. Tell us what you'd like to see in the Teen Collection. For more information, contact us at youthlibrarian@deerparktx.org or stop by to pick up an application.

Thursday Teen Movie Matinée, Thursdays, June 8-July 27, 4 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon movie and popcorn. Movies are rated PG or PG-13. A list of the movies is available at the library.

Teen Art Camp, 3-4 p.m., for ages 12-18 Projects are beginner friendly and fun! Supplies limited.
June 7 - Easy DIY Watercolor Prints
June 14 - Bead Lizard Keychains
June 21 - Personalized Buttons
June 28 - Mini Macrame Rainbow Keychains
July 12 - Perler Beading
July 19 - Drip Pour Painting

Adults

Friends of the Library is a 501(c)(3) organization that promotes library services, organizes public events, raises money, and sponsors library activities. Membership dues start at \$2. Forms are available online at www.deerparktx.gov/library or stop by to pick up a print copy.

Afternoon Tea, Saturday, June 10, 2-3:30 p.m., for ages 18 and older Enjoy a selection of teas, finger foods, and desserts! Registration required. To register, send an e-mail to library@deerparktx.org or call (281) 478-7208.

Mysteries & More Book Club, June 13, July 11 & Aug. 8 The Mysteries & More Book Club meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the meeting room. Future titles are selected at upcoming meetings. Go to www.deerparktx.gov/library or call (281) 478-7208 for more information.

DIY Upcycled Lantern, Saturday, July 22, 2-3 p.m., for ages 18 and older Create your own upcycled lantern out of a recycled glass jar, paint, and twine. Registration opens July 1. To register, send an e-mail to library@deerparktx.org or call (281) 478-7208.

Deer Park Public Library



Chat and Color, Wed., August 9
Complete beautiful coloring page designs while listening to calming music and enjoying light refreshments.

Adults Only, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
For all ages, 3 to 5 p.m.

Painting with a (Mock) Twist, Wed., Aug. 23, 2-3:30 p.m.

It's time for a summer-themed paint-along and non-alcoholic mocktails! All skill levels welcome. Supplies provided. Registration is required and opens Aug. 1. To register, send an e-mail to library@deerparktx.org or call (281) 478-7208.



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New Books



June

- *The Only One Left: A Novel* by Riley Sager
- *Night Will Find You* by Julia Heaberlin
- *The Beach at Summerly: A Novel* by Beatriz Williams

July

- *Flags on the Bayou: A Novel* by James Lee Burke
- *The Paris Agent* by Kelly Rimmer
- *Flop Dead Gorgeous: An Andy Carpenter Mystery (Book 27)* by David Rosenfelt
- *Crook Manifesto: A Novel* by Colson Whitehead

August

- *After That Night* by Karin Slaughter
- *None of This Is True: A Novel* by Lisa Jewell
- *Lion & Lamb: Two Investigators. Two Rivals. One Hell of a Crime.* by James Patterson & Duane Swierczynski

EMPLOYEE AWARDS

★ 2022
4th Quarter

TEAM AWARD Information Technology

Nathan Bell
Daryl Denzer
Adam Gardner
Anthony Holister
Paul Kurtz
James Lewis
Linda McHone
John Stein



SUPERVISOR AWARD

Dilcia Jimenez-Vazquez
City Engineer

★ 2023
1st Quarter

TEAM AWARD Meter Readers

Edward Turner
Haydenn Hatfield
Alan Harris
Haden Wood
Trystan Hanning



CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATES

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

TYPE B DEDICATED SALES TAX PROJECTS

COMPLETED

- Maxwell Adult Center
- Girls Softball Complex
- Girls Softball Complex - Phase 2 Field Lighting
- Dow Park Pavilion
- Glenwood Park - Clearing and Grubbing
- Deer Park Soccer Complex
- Deer Park Soccer Complex - Phase 2 Field Lighting
- Spencerview Athletic Complex - Except Spencerview Bridge (See project details below.)
- Spencerview Athletic Complex - Phase 2 Field Lighting
- Spencerview Athletic Complex - Security Parking Lot Lighting
- Hike and Bike Trails, Phase 1

IN PROGRESS

- The **Deer Park Soccer Complex Additional Parking** project expands parking with over 300 additional spaces at the soccer complex (south portion of complex adjacent to 13th Street). On September 20, 2022, the project was awarded to Texas Walls Systems, LLC in the amount of \$1,640,253. The additional parking spaces will allow for more tournaments and convenient parking. A maintenance facility, lighting, and a walking path is being added. A ribbon cutting ceremony is anticipated upon completion in the coming months.
- The design for **Additional Parking in Glenwood Park** is in development, which will result in **Additional Parking for the Spencerview Athletic Complex**. The clearing and grubbing of Glenwood Park to prepare the property for future development and provide space for an on-site TCEQ Air Monitoring Station was completed in June 2022. The clearing project was awarded to Soil Worx LLC in the amount of \$55,550. TCEQ has started the relocation of the air monitoring station on site. A 10' wide decomposed granite access trail to the station and the Harris County Flood Control ditch for maintenance is part of the plan as well. The design of the additional parking is expected to be completed by fall 2023. City staff is currently seeking architectural services to design the new park/playground area itself.
- The plans for the **Spencerview Bridge**, a 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, are being redesigned by CobbFendley & Associates due to infrastructure issues discovered in the initial plans. The new bridge will be 8 feet wide. Discussions are currently taking place regarding the length of the bridge. The redesign has slowed down progress on the project. TF Harper has been selected to build the bridge. The estimated cost of \$300,000 for the purchase and installation of the bridge is budgeted for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.
- City staff is finalizing construction documents for **Phase 2 Parking Lot Improvements** at the **Girls Softball Complex**. The project provides additional parking for the facility, including security lighting. The design is expected to incorporate and enhance parking on the east side of the complex and improve existing traffic flow. Cost for this project is estimated to be \$1,500,000. Staff is planning to bid the project this summer.
- The **Community Center/Pool Project** is well underway. Brinkley Sargent Wiginton (BSW) Architects and Durotech, our Construction Manager-at-Risk (CMAR), along with City Staff have met to discuss the new design, which includes a new pool bath house. The Community Center is now in the construction design phase, while the pool is in the design development phase. Demolition of the existing Community Center is scheduled for August/September 2023. Parks and Recreation staff are relocating to the Dow Park Soccer Building and the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region building at 203 Ivy Ave. to continue program operations until the new facility is completed.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATES — — — ➔

OTHER PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS

- **Improvements to the Dow Park Children's Pool**, including re-plastering the pool and the installation of a mushroom maze, over and under nozzles, and a log slide, have been completed by Kraftsman Commercial Playgrounds and Water Parks via a BuyBoard Contract. The total cost for the project was \$86,974.43.
- **Dow Park Pool Repairs** involving the purchase and installation of UV systems for the Dow Park Pool, Baby Pool, and Splash Park have been completed by Progressive Commercial Aquatics, LLC. via a BuyBoard contract. Cost for the 3 UV systems is \$85,860.
- Repairs are needed on **Bulkheads at The Battleground Golf Course** at holes 11 and 13. City staff has obtained bids for these repairs. Estimated project cost is \$51,840. City staff is currently scheduling for construction to begin.
- **Elevator at Battleground Golf Course** is in need of replacement. City staff is working with TK Elevator Corporation in the procurement and replacement of new technology and materials for the new elevator. Installation is anticipated in Fiscal Year 2023-2024. The project is being funded by the Contingency Fund in the amount of \$126,540.42.
- The design for the new **Jimmy Burke Activity Center** was discussed by City staff and Brown, Reynolds & Watford (BRW) Architects. Elements of the design include meeting rooms, a historical museum, and a large dog park. City staff and BRW Architects are working together to hire a Construction Manager-at-Risk by summer to construct the 55,780 square foot facility. Estimated cost for this project is \$24,600,080. Project will be funded by General Obligation Bond Funds.
- **Bayou Bend Detention Project** is a comprehensive street and park project developed to assist with the flooding adjacent to the park. Plans for the area include a new walking trail within the park, disc golf pad, and challenging disc golf holes for tournaments and competitions. The project was awarded to Mar-Con Services in the amount of \$2,935,697.40. The design and logistics of the disc golf pad are currently being discussed. Completion of project is anticipated to be in 2024.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

COMPLETED

- **2022 Street Marking & Re-Striping Project**, The project consisted of applying traffic paint and reflective pavement markings on 13th St., San Augustine St., X Street, East Blvd., Pasadena Blvd., Georgia Ave., Luella Ave., and a small portion of E. Lambuth Ln. In addition, several intersections crossing on the aforementioned streets were re-striped and curbs on Center St. repainted. On September 20, 2022, the project was awarded to Traffic Signs & Lines LLC in the amount of \$99,160.02. The project was completed in April 2023.
- **2023 Sanitary Sewer Maintenance**, A maintenance contract is utilized for unforeseen sanitary sewer or water-line projects that arise during the year. Services to perform this maintenance program were purchased through a cooperative purchasing program. The first work order was completed by Vortex Services, LLC in March 2023. A partial collapse of the 8-inch sanitary pipe that runs along Kentucky, James, and Ivy Ave. caused the sewer to back up into the adjacent subdivision, resulting in sewer overflow issues. A total of 2,500 linear feet of pipe was rehabilitated to remedy the problem. The project cost of \$504,950 was funded by the budgeted Water/Sewer Maintenance Fund. Remaining funds are reserved for any emergency work needed throughout the fiscal year.

IN PROGRESS

- **Deer Park Terrace Street Reconstruction**, Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. continues to work on the engineering design of 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 services for pavement reconstruction and public utility replacement, as well as improvements to the storm sewer system. The bid process is expected to begin this summer. Duration of construction is anticipated to be 330 days. Cost for the project is \$518,028.40, with funding coming from a 2021 General Obligation Street Improvement Bond.
- **SWTP Clearwell, Transfer Pump, Ground Storage Tank and Disinfection**, The Ardurra Group was hired to prepare the design, specifications, and engineering plans for the Clearwell Improvements at the Surface

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATES

Water Treatment Plant (SWTP). The improvements involve the construction of baffle walls inside the 2 on-site Ground Storage Tanks (GSTs) and to add pumping capacity with the addition of a pump to the existing clearwell. This project has 3 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. Final negotiated cost is \$6,185,290. Funding sources for this project include \$250,000 in the 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. Earth work construction was started last fall. Duration of construction is expected to be 480 days. The project is currently on track as anticipated.

- **Shell City Subdivision Waterline Rehabilitation Project**, The focus of this project is to rehabilitate waterlines using the pre-chlorinated pipe bursting method in several streets within the Shell City Subdivision. This project replaces 3,000 linear feet of 2-inch pipe with new 6-inch HDPE pipe and new fire hydrants. These efforts will provide upgraded water pressure, fire protection, and water quality. The project was awarded to SKE, Inc. through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$199,129.11. Construction began this spring and is expected to be completed in fall 2023.
- **Bayou Bend Regional Stormwater Detention Facility and Associated Drainage Improvements Project**, This project focuses on drainage improvements to minimize the risk of flooding on Wisdom Dr., Spa Dr., Coy Dr., Stephanie Dr., Valeda Dr., and Temperance Dr. The drainage improvements consist of ditch re-grading, culvert replacement, and a new detention pond in Bayou Bend Park property to help store excess runoff. On October 18, 2022, the project was awarded to Mar-Con Services in the amount of \$2,935,697.40. Construction began in December 2022. The project is being funded with \$2,572,500 in U.S. Housing and Urban Development grant funds, in addition to City funds from the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Capital Improvements Fund and Drainage Bond Fund, Series 2021 for the remaining balance. The project is currently on track with a tentative completion in fall 2023.
- **Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Expansion and Police Department Improvements**, The project consists of a single story 7,500 square foot addition to the existing 30,000 square foot Deer Park Police Station. The addition provides space for the relocation of the current EOC and Dispatch Center. The project also involves the redesign of the current EOC, Dispatch Center, radio equipment room, as well as the Records and Reception offices. The City entered into an architectural agreement with PGAL, Inc. in the amount of \$240,000, using Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) funds. In November 2022, the project was awarded to Durotech, Inc. in the amount of \$6,999,000. Contract documents were completed and construction started at the end of January 2023. The project is being funded with \$5,580,000 in CCPD funds, in addition to City funds from the Capital Improvements Fund for the remaining balance. Duration of construction is expected to be 365 days, with anticipated completion in March 2024.
- **McDermott Street Conversion Project**, The goal of this project is to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety along McDermott St. between Center St. and Pasadena Blvd. The project involves adding a physical barrier along the south side of the street, crosswalks, sidewalks, and ramps to connect existing, permanent signage and reflectorized delineators and striping. Queen Constructors LLC was awarded the project in the amount of \$112,810. Construction is expected to begin by end of May 2023, with a 90-day anticipated completion.





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Assistant City Manager Receives "Director at Large" Title for TCMA

The City of Deer Park is elated to announce Sara Robinson, Assistant City Manager for the City of Deer Park, was elected to the office of "Director at Large" for the Texas City Management Association (TCMA) in a highly competitive statewide three-person race. "I am honored to be elected by my peers to serve as Director at Large. I am passionate about continuing to invest in the many advancements of our profession, and do so with a servant's heart. The journey has been humbling, and I will proudly serve this office with the vigor that makes our profession great," said Sara Robinson. Ms. Robinson will begin her two-year term of office in June 2023.

Don't Get Scammed

Be cautious when hiring a contractor to make repairs to your home, especially after a natural disaster. Over the last couple of months, our community has seen evidence of contractors scamming residents by taking partial and/or full payments to repair fences and roofs only to have the contractors never show up at all. To protect yourself against scams, follow some basic tips.

- Contact your insurance company.
- Do your own research.
- Be especially careful of door-to-door contractors.
- Never sign over insurance checks to contractors.

For more information, go to <http://ow.ly/5EhA50N6s54>

Finance Dept. Receives GFOA Award

The City of Deer Park's Finance Department received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for the 35th consecutive year. They first received this prestigious award in 1987. The annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ending in September 30, 2021 has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program. According to the GFOA, this award is "the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management."