
Memorandum

Memorandum No: 23-131

Date: April 28, 2023
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Ryan Henderson, Interim City Manager 
Re: Splash Pad Update and Summer Recreation Programming

The construction of the Splash Pad at Slayter Creek Park remains ongoing. Grading and soil treatment is complete, all piers for the shade structures and the equipment building have been poured, the 10,000 gallon storage tank has been installed, all retaining walls have been poured, and the new sanitary sewer line is nearing completion. The rough plumbing work was completed last week which includes a significant amount of underground piping for the supply and return water lines, feature supply lines, and conduit for electrical systems. The contractor, Kraftsman Play, is currently setting forms for the splash pad foundation. Beginning next week, the contractor will pour the splash pad deck.

The current critical path item is the manufacturing and delivery of electrical panels to operate the pumping, filtration, chemical, and spray systems. Due to an unexpected delay in the availability of the original custom control panel selected, the design team is re-working the electrical plan to allow the system to be run off standard panels which are easier to obtain. The contractor is keeping the order of the custom panel in place while the team works to finalize this alternative solution.

Based upon the current project status, we expect the splash pad to be substantially complete on Friday, June 16. As soon as the project reaches substantial completion, staff plans to begin operation and open the splash pad to the public for use on a modified schedule. The schedule will allow for public use when demand is highest (Friday-Sunday) and allow for downtime so the contractor can finish the remaining construction items on days of lesser demand (Monday-Thursday). The splash pad is expected to be fully complete and operating on a standard schedule prior to the Boots and Booms 4th of July Celebration on July 1.

The Recreation Division is planning youth activities to allow for a transition into the opening of the splash pad. Daily Activities will include:

Mondays: Messy Monday (Arts/Crafts) (10am-12pm)
Tuesdays: Tuesday Tails (Animals) (10am-12pm)
Wednesdays: Wednesday REC-cess (Sports) (10am-12pm)

Thursdays: Chill Thrill Thursday (Frozen treats) (10am-12pm)

Fridays: Water Fun Friday (Water Inflatables) (10am-1pm)

Additionally, Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm, there will be DIY outdoor equipment including Giant Checkers/Chess, Kan Jam, Croquet, Spikeball, Connect 4, LadderBall, Corn Hole, Jenga Blocks, Sand Volleyball, and Tetherball. All equipment and activities will take place in the grass area behind the Council Chambers.

In anticipation of the Ribbon Cutting of the Splash Pad on July 1, the Recreation Division is working on planning Splash Bash. The Splash Bash will kick-off the Boots and Booms Independence Day celebration at 5pm. It will include free giveaways, a DJ, foam and bubble machines. Splash Bash will become a staple element of the Boots and Booms event moving forward.

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