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*Enhancing Our Community
through Drainage, Parks & Trails*

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Harvey Repairs Total Nearly \$7M

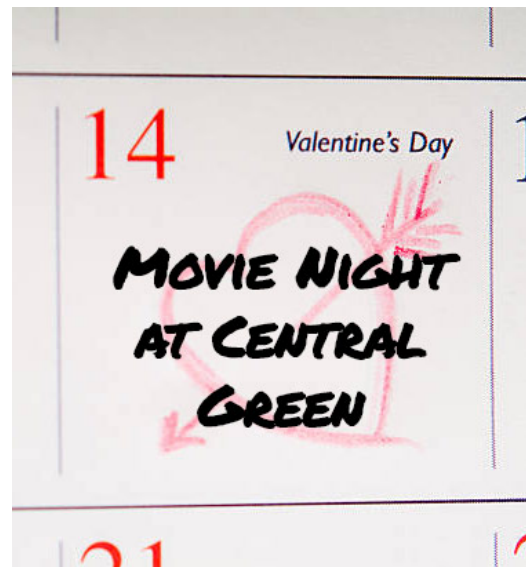
WFDD is in the process of applying for approximately \$7 million in FEMA grants for Hurricane Harvey related expenses. Grants include reimbursement for silt removal, storm line cleaning and park restoration. WFDD is also working with FEMA on possible mitigation grants for improvements beyond pre-Harvey status. To date, WFDD has used more than \$3 million in maintenance tax reserves on hand to fund these unexpected, major repairs. FEMA reimbursements so far include nearly \$550,000 for storm line cleaning and restoration at Willow Fork and Exploration parks. [Read more on post-Harvey repairs to date.](#)

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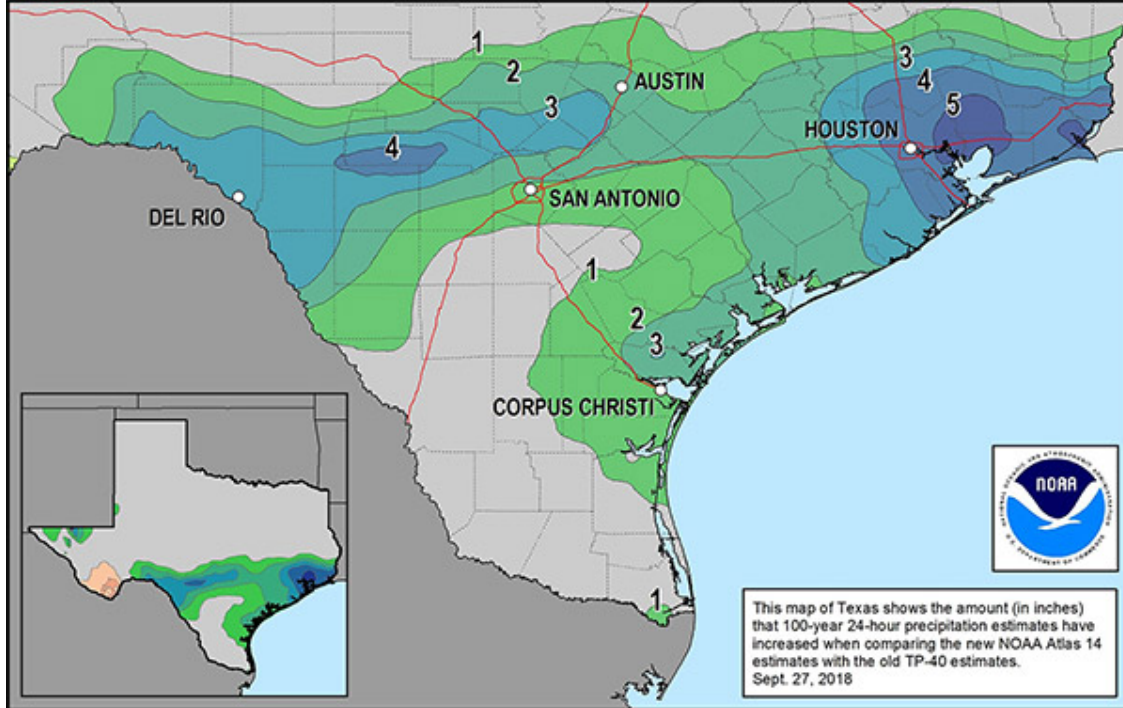
Valentine's Day Kicks Off Central Green 2020 Signature Events

Look no further than Central Green for some old-fashioned romance this Valentine's Day! Pack or pick up a picnic dinner and surprise someone special with a screening of Casablanca, including a vintage-inspired photo booth to capture the moment. Valentine's Day movie night is just one of the annual signature events hosted by Central Green each year.

Spring events include H-Town Sports Day featuring professional athletes, a concert series and the park's 8th Birthday Bash, followed by a Back-to-School Glow Party, fall concert series and Veteran's Day celebration. For the latest event information [follow Central Green on Facebook.](#)



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What Does Atlas 14 Mean for Homeowners?

In the Fall of 2018, NOAA released Atlas 14 for Texas with updated rainfall frequency values for rainfall events from a one-year storm event up to a 1,000-year storm event. The study has increased rainfall values across the Greater Houston area, including in WFDD. Before the study, WFDD had a 1 percent chance of receiving 12.5 inches of rain over 24 hours in any given year. Atlas 14 shows that within WFDD there is now a 1 percent chance of receiving 16.5 inches of rain over a 24-hour period, an increase of 4 inches. As a homeowner, it is important to know that rainfall previously classified as 100-year events is now more frequent, and even if your property is not in a high-risk area, that may change as flood maps are updated. Having a current flood policy will help homeowners continue to pay a lower price for flood insurance for an additional year, even in areas where flood risk increases, and see future rate increases not to exceed 18 percent per year. [Visit FloodSmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov) to learn more about flood insurance and flood mapping impacts.

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