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Enhancing Our Community through Drainage, Parks & Trails

May 2020



Parks and Trails Reopening Guidelines

Willow Fork Drainage District updated guidelines May 27 for use of park and trail facilities to reflect county, state and CDC guidelines and support safety in our community. Beginning June 1, the following measures are in place at WFDD facilities with recommended social distancing:

• **Central Green** – Open for events with marked social distancing recommendations and added health precautions, including hand sanitizer

stations, more frequent cleaning of bathrooms, and requirement for WFDD employees to wear masks and comply with daily temperature checks.

- Willow Fork Park Trails passing through the park and green spaces are open but playground, pavilion and bathrooms remain closed.
- Exploration Park Closed
- Trails Open

The WFDD board will reevaluate these guidelines at its next board meeting. Please check the <u>Central Green Facebook</u> and <u>Friends of Willow Fork Park</u> <u>Facebook</u> pages for the latest information.



Trails Expansion Nears Completion

Nearly 15 miles of new off-street trails that help connect residents and visitors to schools, parks, sports fields, and area amenities are nearing completion this May, with a commemorative ribbon cutting to be scheduled later this summer. Part of the District's 2011 Parks Master Plan, the trails expansion includes four pedestrian bridges and links existing and current trails to create nearly 45 miles of off-street trails for community connectivity and better access to local and regional destinations. Added trailhead, wayfinding, street crossing, quarter mile marker, and alligator warning signage is designed to improve navigation and safety. Learn more and access trail map.

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Don't Become a Target—Help Prevent Vehicle Break-

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Almost 200,000 vehicles are burglarized in Texas each year, with the two places most specifically targeted being parks and fitness facilities. "People heading outdoors or to exercise often wear athletic clothes, carrying their phone and keys in a pocket while leaving bulkier items like a purse or backpack behind," said Andrew Dunn of On-Site Protection, who oversees District security. "Thieves watch for women without purses, so if a woman leaves a car without a purse, it's an invitation to look inside the vehicle." WFDD provides nearly 350 hours of security and ATV police patrol each month across its channels, trails and parks through contracted licensed security officers and Fort Bend County Sheriff's Deputies. Security signage, lighting and 24/7 video monitoring help deter theft, but doing your part by taking valuables with you or leaving them at home will reduce the opportunity for mischief in our community. Read more on WFDD security on our website.



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