



Enhancing Our Community
through Drainage, Parks & Trails

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Post-Harvey Desilt Project Nears Completion

WFDD expects to complete its approximate \$6.2 million desilt project on the District's Diversion Channel by mid-October, pending any weather delays. "When complete, the District will have removed 340,000 cubic yards of silt within the Diversion Channel that was deposited from Hurricane Harvey," says LJA Engineering Sr. Project Manager Craig Kalkomey who serves as the District's engineer. "This is equivalent to 68.7 million gallons of water—the volume required to fill more than 100 Olympic-sized swimming pools." Since Harvey, approximately 150,000 cubic yards of silt was removed upstream of Mason Road to restore storm water flow in the Diversion Channel. Downstream of Mason Road, an additional 190,000 cubic yards of silt was removed to regain original flood storage capacity. [Read more on post-Harvey repairs to date.](#)

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Restrooms Added to Exploration Park

You asked, WFDD acted! Since Exploration Park opened in 2015, residents have been asking the District to consider adding restrooms to the facility. While innovative for a neighborhood park, the continued response in number of visitors to Exploration Park over the years has been gratifying, but it has also highlighted the need for additional infrastructure. By 2016, WFDD added a 48-car parking lot to reduce street side parking, improving safe access to the park, and expanded security coverage. Last year, in partnership with Cinco MUD 1, WFDD secured use of adjoining land to construct the new restroom facility, which also will serve bikers and pedestrians using the recently expanded trail system. Equipped with two family restrooms with changing stations, the new facility is expected to open mid-October and will be available for use during normal park hours, dawn to dusk. [Check out more on Exploration Park on our website.](#)

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Free Art Camps Part of Safety-Minded Programming

WFDD's signature event space Central Green continues to offer valuable activities to the community that meet county, state and CDC guidelines for physical distancing and mask wearing, with added hand sanitizing stations and more frequent restroom cleanings. "While we excitedly plan for the return of our popular larger events, concerts and movie nights, continuing to provide a variety of programming during this time that benefits the community is a priority," says Central Green Park Manager Yvonne Arceneaux. "With many people still working from home and parents looking for creative activities for children who may also be in online classes, we're piloting four days of Creative Art Camp in partnership with Abtrakadoodle in addition to our ongoing offerings." [Register for one or more days of Art Camp Sept. 28-Oct. 1](#) through a link on Central Green's website or [view Central Green's event calendar](#) for a full listing of weekly yoga, tai chi, conversational Spanish, and story time events.



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