

## INSIDE WILLOW FORK DRAINAGE DISTRICT



Enhancing Our Community  
through Drainage, Parks & Trails

November 2023



### WFDD Plans Cinco Ranch Blvd Underpass

In a continuing effort to enhance safety across District trails, WFDD plans to construct an additional underpass on the north bank of Buffalo Bayou under Cinco Ranch Blvd near Hamptonshire Lane. “This underpass was not included in WFDD’s 2011 parks and trail bond funding package,” said WFDD director Gregg Nady. “For some time, we have noted this location as an important addition to improve pedestrian safety on the trails and would like to start construction sometime in 2024.”

WFDD has been studying the area for some time and working with local stakeholders to secure contributions toward this safety enhancement that will benefit the whole community. Approximately 25,000 cars per day travel this section of Cinco Ranch Blvd and a curve and swale in the road limit driver vision of pedestrians and cyclists entering the crossing. Two bike/pedestrian collisions on the sharp turn from the sidewalk into the crossing area also have been reported. Visit [WFDD's Parks Master Plan](#) on its website for a more detailed map.

[WFDD Parks Master Plan](#)



### 'Tis the Season for Hannukah & Holiday Happenings at Central Green

Join family, friends and neighbors at Central Green for some seasonal fun, including the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Hanukkah celebration featuring nationally renowned performing artist, the Rogers Park Band, plus a giant menorah lighting, tasty treats, activities, and giveaways by Chabad West Houston. Mark your calendar for the following holiday events and view [Central Green's calendar](#) for a full listing of December classes, live music, theater, movie nights and more!

- Dec. 9 – Take a trip back in time and witness a 1940s radio show complete with music, stories and holiday cheer at Christmas on the Western Front, 3-5 p.m.
- Dec. 10 – Let your light shine at Central Green's 10<sup>th</sup> annual Hannukah celebration, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Concert begins at 4:30 p.m. and will break for the menorah lighting at 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 17 – Enjoy a spoof of the Dicken's classic, A Christmas Carol, at A Fairy Tale Christmas, 12-2 p.m.

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### Pedestrian Crossings To Be Upgraded Across District



Example of HAWK Signal

Fort Bend County is updating signage and pavement markings to be consistent with state law requiring drivers to stop for a pedestrian in a crosswalk at multiple locations across WFDD.

Signs currently reading “YIELD here for pedestrians” are being replaced with “STOP here for pedestrians”, yield lines on the pavement are being replaced with stop lines, and nearby landscaping is being evaluated to ensure vehicles and pedestrians have adequate visibility. Upgrading of mid-block trail crossings on four-lane major thoroughfares from flashing yellow warning lights to HAWK signals is also underway. More information about [HAWK signals](#) can be found on the Federal Highway Administration website.

Upgrades to three Willow Fork trail crossings near school campuses, including at Mason Road near Crech Elementary, Fry Road near Beck Junior High, and Westheimer Pkwy near Williams Elementary, are expected in early 2024. An additional three Buffalo Bayou trail crossings at Fry, Mason and Peek roads will follow, and one potentially at Cinco Ranch Blvd until a planned underpass is complete. Please help WFDD make our community safer by reporting any damaged, missing, or malfunctioning traffic control devices to [FBCRB@fbctx.gov](mailto:FBCRB@fbctx.gov).

If you find this information helpful, please forward to your neighbors.

