

## INSIDE WILLOW FORK DRAINAGE DISTRICT



Enhancing Our Community  
through Drainage, Parks & Trails

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### Wild About Wildflowers?



A variety of native Texas prairie grasses, wildflowers seeds, and 150 bluebonnet plants will make their debut in a new pocket prairie opening at Willow Fork Park this spring. In memory of Patti Rae Porter Hopper, WFDD's legal assistant for more than 20 years, the hilltop space "Patti's Patch" will open April 13 at 9 a.m., with a dedication and unveiling of an interpretive panel on coastal prairies and sustainable landscaping. The highest point in the park also will have two benches for viewing the landscape and lake. "Pocket prairies can help people better understand the benefits of native plantings, such as their adaptability to changing rainfall and heat conditions and reduced need for irrigation," said Neil Stillman, who leads Friends of Willow Fork Park. "We encourage people to visit Patti's Patch not only for the wildflower views but also to learn more about introducing native Texas plants and wildflowers within their home landscape." Follow [Friends of Willow Fork Park](#) on Facebook to stay up to date on park happenings year-round, including a nature scavenger hunt, nature photography walk, and herb gardening and composting workshops this summer.

[More on Willow Fork Park](#)

### No Reservation Policy at WFDD Parks



Open to the public daily year-round, WFDD's three managed parks offer a variety of outdoor experiences for visitors through funding from resident tax dollars. For this reason, WFDD currently maintains a no reservation policy for groups of any size at its park facilities, keeping them accessible to residents and the greater community. The pavilion areas at Willow Fork and Exploration parks are available on a first-come, first-served basis for gatherings of no more than 20 but are not available for private use that excludes other park visitors. For more information on the District's parks and trails, including a download of park rules, see [WFDD's website](#).

WFDD will consider proposals for private or hosted events at Central Green, keeping in mind its primary commitment to provide a public community space with free events and programming. Download the [Central Green Event Planning Guide](#) to learn more about hosting an event at Central Green, including the application and approval process, requirements and fees.

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### Construction On TX-99... More than Meets the Eye!



We've all seen TxDOT's road improvements along TX-99/Grand Parkway, but did you know more than 8,800 feet of water line is also being added by the North Fort Bend Water Authority (NFBWA)? Part of NFBWA's Groundwater Reduction Plan, the project aims to prevent [subsidence](#)—the gradual sinking of land—and ensure delivery of a long-term supply of clean surface water to retail providers, such as MUDs, in north Fort Bend County. With expected completion by the end of 2024, the water line and related infrastructure will extend the existing surface water transmission system to deliver a significant portion of the Cinco Ranch area's water supply and meet Fort Bend Subsidence District's requirements for reducing groundwater usage and mitigating subsidence. For more information on the NFBWA, its projects, and helpful information for residents, visit the [NFBWA website](#).

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