



August 25, 2016

Dear Citizens:

WOW what an amazing summer and as it winds down, the City of Corsicana remains full steam ahead!! There have been great happenings over the last several months, as many exciting summer activities were squeezed into a short season. All events were prescheduled and supervised by the Parks Department's professional and engaging staff. The "Take It Outside" Summer Programs hosted 4,202 participants with 37 events over 35 work days. The vigorous schedule included a wide range of programs to interest both Corsicana youth and adults. General summer fun such as the famous Slip "N" Slide, Tennis Camp, Bowling, Messy Art, Sweet Treat & Tour, and Air & Space Camp were held again this year and well attended. New activities such as kayaking, cartooning, t-shirt making, a country morning hayride, downtown breakfast and shopping, airport tour, and Furry Friends day at the Animal Shelter were welcomed and brought worthy attendance. The Senior Activity Center expanded the calendar of activities to include a pool tournament, adult coloring, and occasional lunches. The Center hosted 8,709 seniors since January 2016, averaging over 1,000 visitors per month. Pioneer Village brought in 857 visitors from local and faraway places and held their annual Pioneer Days. The FJV Foundation supplied healthy free lunches at many events that added to the appeal.

In addition, the aquatic environments at both Jester and Bunert Park Pools were busy. Pools were open for a total of 44 days and 12,568 visitors enjoyed the water activities. Open swim hosted 8,220 swimming guests and private party attendees totaled 4,348 for the season.

The combination of Summer Program and Pool participants reached over 16,000 citizens.

What's new around town.....

- **Community Spray Park** added a new attraction of a Viking ship feature;
- The **Athletic Complex** is open and drawing large crowds for the summer baseball and softball leagues. Fall leagues will be starting in September/October;
- **IOOF Soccer** offers summer league play and will be gearing up for fall leagues beginning September 10th;
- The **Garcia Bronze** is complete and on display at the Navarro County Courthouse, and two additional bronzes are in the casting stage;
- **Beaton Market Pocket Park** is open for all to sit and enjoy leisure time and pleasant landscape;

- **Lake Halbert Park** new additions include an expanded RV Camping area with a fire and horseshoe pit, and a sandy swim beach area has been added for the public to swim at the Lake Halbert Beach Park;
- **“End of Summer Bash”** will be held Monday, September 5th from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. at Lake Halbert Beach Park, Sponsored by the Parks Department, Lions Club and Wally’s Card & Party, with lunch offered by FJV Foundation. Please join us for Labor Day fun in the sun;
- **Bunert Park** will host 9/11 Memorial Activities on Sunday, September 11, 2016;
- **Hooked on Fishing** will host its 17th Annual Event at IOOF Park on September 10, 2016 beginning at 7 a.m. for ages 16 and under. Trophies, giveaways and lunch will be provided.

The City of Corsicana hopes everyone enjoyed the summer programs that were planned for the enjoyment of all citizens. The Parks and Recreation Department Team does an outstanding job in providing activities for all.

Sincerely,

Chuck McClanahan
Mayor