



May 9, 2018

Dear Citizens:

With summer just around the calendar's corner, I want to remind all citizens of the many programs offered by the Corsicana Parks & Recreation Department and also take a moment to underscore the need for safety. I encourage everyone to be good neighbors and keep a watchful eye, not only on your own family, but on every child. This is the time of year when children appear from between cars, on bicycles, running to chase a ball that's gone too far, or slipping on wet pavement at parks and pools. Let's be vigilant to watch over all of the children so that this year's theme of "Summer in the City" is enjoyed by everyone all summer. "Summer in the City" programs provide entertainment for children by involving them in team and individual activities, enhancing their social skills, building confidence to try new things and make new friends.

We are blessed with a lengthy list of activities to keep the young people busy all summer like basketball, sand volleyball, tennis lessons, the skate park, frisbee golf, historic Pioneer Village, fishing, bike trails, and the favorite – water fun at the Splash Parks and Pools. Cities much larger than Corsicana do not offer the abundance of parks and recreation programs offered locally. This is in large part due to the commitment of the Parks & Recreation Department to keep the parks beautiful each year and diligently plan an entire summer of activities, as well as the financial commitment from the City of Corsicana.

These are your parks. Make plans to enjoy some of the many activities including these:

- The Spray Parks are already open at Community and Bunert Parks, and the Swimming Pools will open for the season on Wednesday, May 30 (as a reminder, children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult)
- The summer program kicks off May 31 with a Reel Fun Fishing experience, with camps held throughout the City all summer free of charge
- Pioneer Village will host a free Country Fiesta on Thursday, May 24 from 5 – 7:30 pm – a great place to catch up with friends and enjoy the start of the season
- Pioneer Village and Jester Park is the location for the Inaugural LeftyFest free concert on June 16 honoring Corsicana native Lefty Frizzell with a great line up of county music talent
- One of the most popular events, the Pooch Paddle, is August 5 at Jester Pool

In addition to these events, a new event scheduled for children Downtown on May 25 – the last day of school, is Rock the Block. This free event on 6th Avenue will provide activities and entertainment for all school-age children beginning at 1 pm.

Working together, we make this city a great place to live and raise a family. Have a safe summer!

Sincerely,

Don Denbow
Mayor