



City of Abilene

Parks and Recreation Board Agenda

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board of City of Abilene to be held on March 16, 2021 at 8:30AM at City Hall, 555 Walnut Street, Council Chambers, Abilene, Texas, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments on Any Item on the Agenda

MINUTES

1. Minutes (Discussion and Action)

AGENDA ITEMS

2. Parks Buck (Discussion and Action)
 - Update from City Legal
3. Re-Opening Plan (Discussion)
4. Recreation Report (Discussion)
 - Winter Storm Update
 - Youth Volleyball
 - Steam N Wheels Bike Race
 - Spring Mayor's Hike
 - Easter Egg Hunt
5. Aquatics Report (Discussion)
 - Winter Storm Update
 - Cleaning and Repairs
 - Splash Pads
 - Summer Jobs

6. Seniors Report (Discussion)
 - Winter Storm Update
 - Senior Meals Update
 - Seniors Opening
7. Parks Report (Discussion)
 - Winter Storm Update
 - Redbud Complex
 - Festival Gardens Remodel
 - Memorial Tree and Park Bench Program
8. Zoo Report (Discussion)
 - Winter Storm Update
 - Giraffe Update
 - Wild Days
 - Madagascar Ribbon Cutting

ADJOURNMENT

Notice

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Abilene will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending meetings. To better serve you, requests should be received forty-eight (48) hours prior to scheduled meetings. Please contact the City Secretary's Office at 325-676-6208. Telecommunication device for the deaf is 325-676-6360.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above meeting notice was posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City of Abilene, Texas, on the 12th day of March, 2021, at 12:50 p.m.

Kaitlin Richardson, Deputy City
Secretary

Approval of Minutes from January Meeting



Parks Bucks



Parks Bucks

- Update and information from City Legal team regarding Parks Bucks opt out implementation.



CITY OF ABILENE
Parks Bucks



Did you know that Parks Bucks helps support your Parks and Recreation system by providing funds that are specifically earmarked for improvements to the City's Parks and Recreation Centers.



Since 1987 your contributions to the Parks Buck program has funded more than \$843,000 in park improvements.

To contribute \$1.00 each month on your water bill, please provide your name and the water billing address you want the donation applied to below. Return this form with your water payment. You also have the options of mailing this completed form without a payment to P.O. Box 3479 Abilene, Texas 79604 or sending it to us electronically to parksandrec@abilenetx.gov



Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____ Phone #: _____

Account #: _____



Re-Opening Plan



Recreation



Winter Storm Update

- Sears Recreation Center
 - Pipes burst due to storm
 - Kitchen water damage
- Rose Activity Building
 - Moisture from water caused damage



Youth Volleyball

- Tentative dates April 10 through June 5th
- Open to girls ages 6-14
- \$55 per player
- Registration opens March 1st



Spring Youth Volleyball

MY PARKS & RECREATION
CITY OF ABILENE

AGE GROUPS:
6-8 · 9-10
11-12 · 13-14

RECREATION & COMPETITIVE
FOR 9-10 & 11-12

SEASON RUNS FROM
APRIL 10 - JUNE 5

\$55 PER PLAYER
Pre-formed teams or
Placed on a team

REGISTRATION
STARTS MARCH 1

Register online at www.abilenetx.gov/signup

Steam N Wheels Bike Race

- Saturday, March 20th at 10:00am
- New Location: SeaBee Park
- 11 mile, 28 mile, and 48 mile routes
- \$35 per individual



**STEAM-
N-WHEELS
BIKE RACE**

SATURDAY MARCH 20 AT 10AM
SEABEE PARK (6525 W LAKE ROAD)

**11 MILE,
28 MILE, &
48 MILE
RACES**

REGISTRATION:
\$35 per individual
Packet Pick up Mar. 19 8am-5pm
at Community Services (633 Walnut Street)
Prizes available for winners of age divisions
First 100 registered get free shirt
Registration opens February 1st

Register online at www.abilenetx.gov/signup

CITY OF ABILENE **MY PARKS & RECREATION**

The poster features a photograph of a family (a woman, a man, and two children) smiling and posing together. The man is wearing a bicycle helmet. The poster has a green and white color scheme with a diagonal split.

Spring Mayor's Hike

- Saturday, March 27th at 9:00am
- Cedar Creek Waterway
- Free Family Event



Easter Egg Hunt

- Saturday, March 27th starting at 5pm
- 5pm for 9-12 year olds & 6-8 year olds
- 6pm for 5 & under with one adult per child
- Free Family Event
- Masks are optional for those ages 6 & up



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 27

Lee Athletic Complex

5:00pm:
9-12 year olds & 6-8 year olds

6:00pm:
5 and under with one adult per child

Free Family Event!

Masks are optional

Aquatics



Aquatics - Winter Storm Damage

- Damage to the green water slide at Adventure Cove



Aquatics - Winter Storm Damage

- Measures were taken to prevent the main pool plumbing from receiving damage during the winter storm.



Aquatics - Winter Storm Damage

- Damage 3 backflow preventers at splash pads
- Able to make repairs



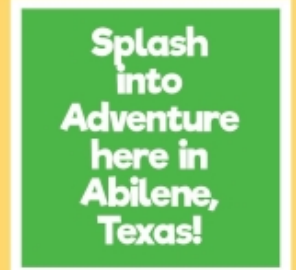
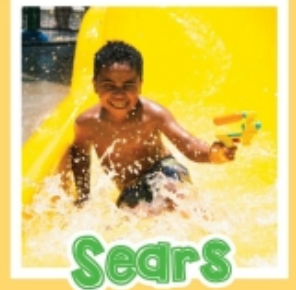
Aquatics - Cleaning and Repairs

- Leaks repaired at Adventure Cove.
- Currently cleaning and touching up at Adventure Cove as well as the splash pads in preparation for summer.



Aquatics - Splash Pads

- Splash Pads are scheduled to open to the public on April 24, 2021.



Aquatics - Summer Jobs

- Beginning the hiring process for summer jobs at Adventure Cove
- Jobs are posted online



CITY OF ABILENE PARKS AND RECREATION

Summer Jobs
at Adventure Cove

We're looking for those who are energetic, self-motivated, and enthusiastic about helping shape our community!

Join our team this summer!

Available Positions:

- Lifeguard
- Assistant Pool Manager
- Pool Manager
- Pool Cashier
- Pool Cashier Lead
- Concession Coordinator

APPLY AT WWW.ABILENETH.GOV/JOBS
OR CALL 325-676-6392

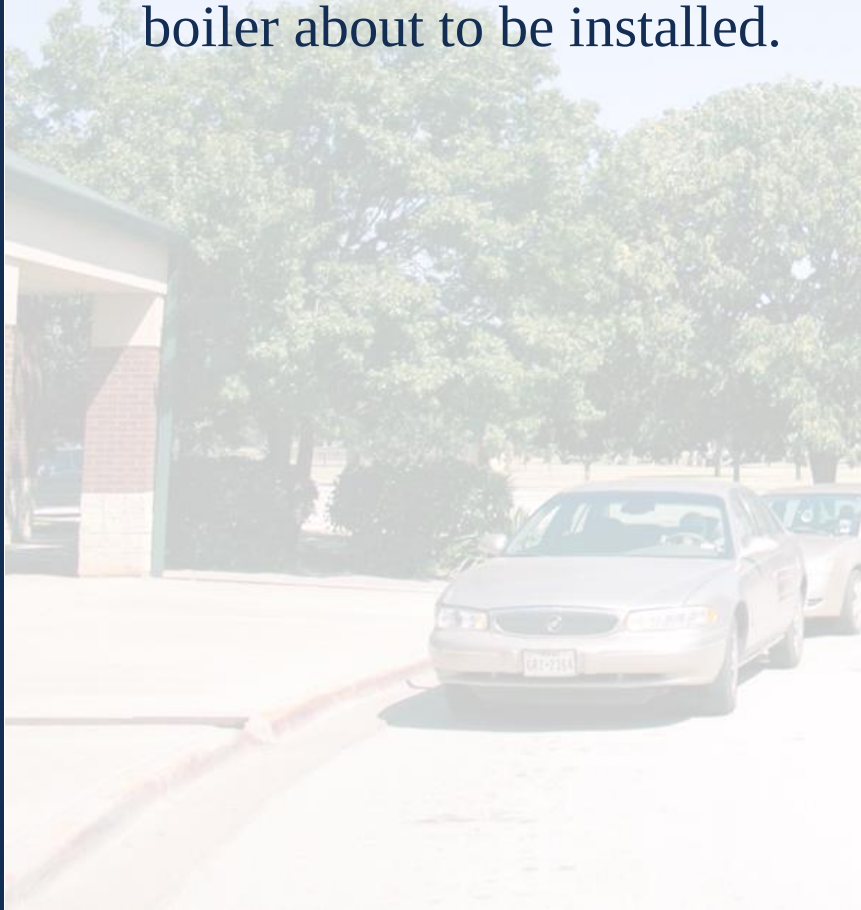
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Seniors



Seniors - Winter Storm Damage

- Boiler damaged at the Rose Park Senior Activity Center during storm.
- Old boiler removed, new boiler about to be installed.



Seniors - Meal Updates

- \$2.00 fee for Senior meals began February 1, 2021.



Seniors - Opening

- Making preparations to open to the public
- Opening date to be determined



Parks



Winter Storm Update

- Park Facilities
 - Most facilities suffered plumbing damages
 - Repairs to most facilities have been completed
 - Staff has been working extremely hard to complete all the repairs in a timely manner



Parks - Redbud Complex

- Removed old damaged safety netting.
- Installed new safety netting for upcoming season.



Parks - Festival Gardens

- Removed old cabinets and replaced with new ones
- Replaced old sink
- Cleaned floor and repainted with epoxy paint
- Removed vent from wall and sealed hole with block and stone



Parks - Memorial Tree and Park Bench Program

- Work in conjunction with Keep Abilene Beautiful
- Residents can pay to have bench or trees installed “In Memory of”
- A total of 2 benches have been installed since October of 2020 (Redbud Park)
- 6 Trees total since October 2020 (Sears and Redbud Parks)





Winter Storm

- Animals (approx. 50) moved to various other locations on zoo grounds to keep warm. Others moved indoors and heavily bedded down.
- All Zookeepers were able to make it in the entire week to care for the animals. Vet staff and maintenance team members also on grounds daily.
- Multiple staff stayed various nights to monitor the zoo
- Several water lines burst as the temperatures rose - Plaza bathrooms, APC yard, Otter holding, Bird barn, Cougar holding, Twiga Terrace sinks, Madagascar.
- NO loss of animals during the winter storm!



Sunny / Edward Giraffe Update





Madagascar Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

APRIL 10 AT NOON
GRAND OPENING
OF NEW ANIMAL
EXHIBITS

