



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 September 21, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. at the Abilene Public Library, South Branch, Mall of Abilene, 4310 Buffalo Gap Road, Abilene, Texas, 79606, 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. Service Award
 - John Warner - 15 Years
3. Request to Charge Spectator Fee for 6th Annual Hearts of Gold Softball Tournament at Kirby Lake Softball Complex (Discussion and Action)
4. Request to Charge Spectator Fee for 10th Annual Hope for a Cure Softball Tournament at Kirby Lake Softball Complex (Discussion and Action)
5. Request to Charge Spectator Fee for Abilene Bucks Football Season (Discussion and Action)
6. Request to Charge Spectator Fee for Abilene Cowboys Football Season (Discussion and Action)
7. Approval of Pedestrian Signage in Everman Park (Discussion and Action)
8. Approval to Enter Into A Memorandum of Understanding with Abilene Sports and Entertainment, LLC (Discussion and Action)
9. Approval of Contract with Parkhill to Develop Zoo Master Plan (Discussion and Action)
10. Request to Rename Arthur Sears Park to Cesar Chavez Park and/or to name the

Recreational Center located at Arthur Sears Park (Discussion and Action)

11. Aquatics Report (Discussion)
 - Doggie Splash Day
 - Adventure Cove
 - Splash Pads
12. Senior Services Report (Discussion)
 - Senior Talent Show
 - Movie Night
13. Parks Report (Discussion)
 - Sears Park Bridge
 - "In Cloud Light IV" Sculpture
 - Fort Imagination
14. Recreation Report (Discussion)
 - Open Gym
 - Haunted Half Marathon
 - Mayor's Hike
15. Zoo Report (Discussion)
 - Animal Updates
 - Philharmonic Concerts
 - Boo at the Zoo

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 17th day of September, 2021, at 10:45 a.m.

Shawna Atkinson, TRMC, CMC

City Secretary

Service Award



Request to Charge Spectator Fee - 6th Annual Hearts of Gold Softball Tournament



Event Information:

- Event is 6th Annual Hearts of Gold Softball Tournament on September 17th - 19th
- Spectator Fee of \$5
- Hosted by Wylie Fastpitch Softball

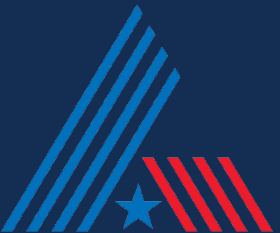


Request to Charge Spectator Fee - 10th Annual Hope for a Cure Softball Tournament



Event Information:

- Event is 10th Annual Hope for a Cure Softball Tournament on October 8th - 10th
- Spectator Fee of \$5
- Hosted by Wylie Fastpitch Softball

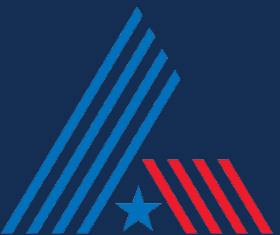


Request to Charge Spectator Fee - Abilene Bucks Football Season



Event Information:

- Request to charge per game Spectator Fee for 2021 season
- Spectator Fee of \$5
- Hosted by Abilene Bucks
- Location: Curly Hayes Field

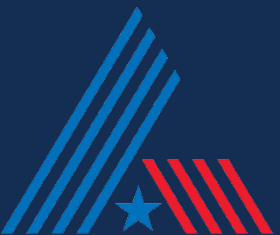


Request to Charge Spectator Fee - Abilene Cowboys Football Season



Event Information:

- Request to charge per game Spectator Fee for 2021 season
- Spectator Fee of \$5
- Hosted by Abilene Cowboys
- Location: Curly Hayes Field



Approval of Pedestrian Signage

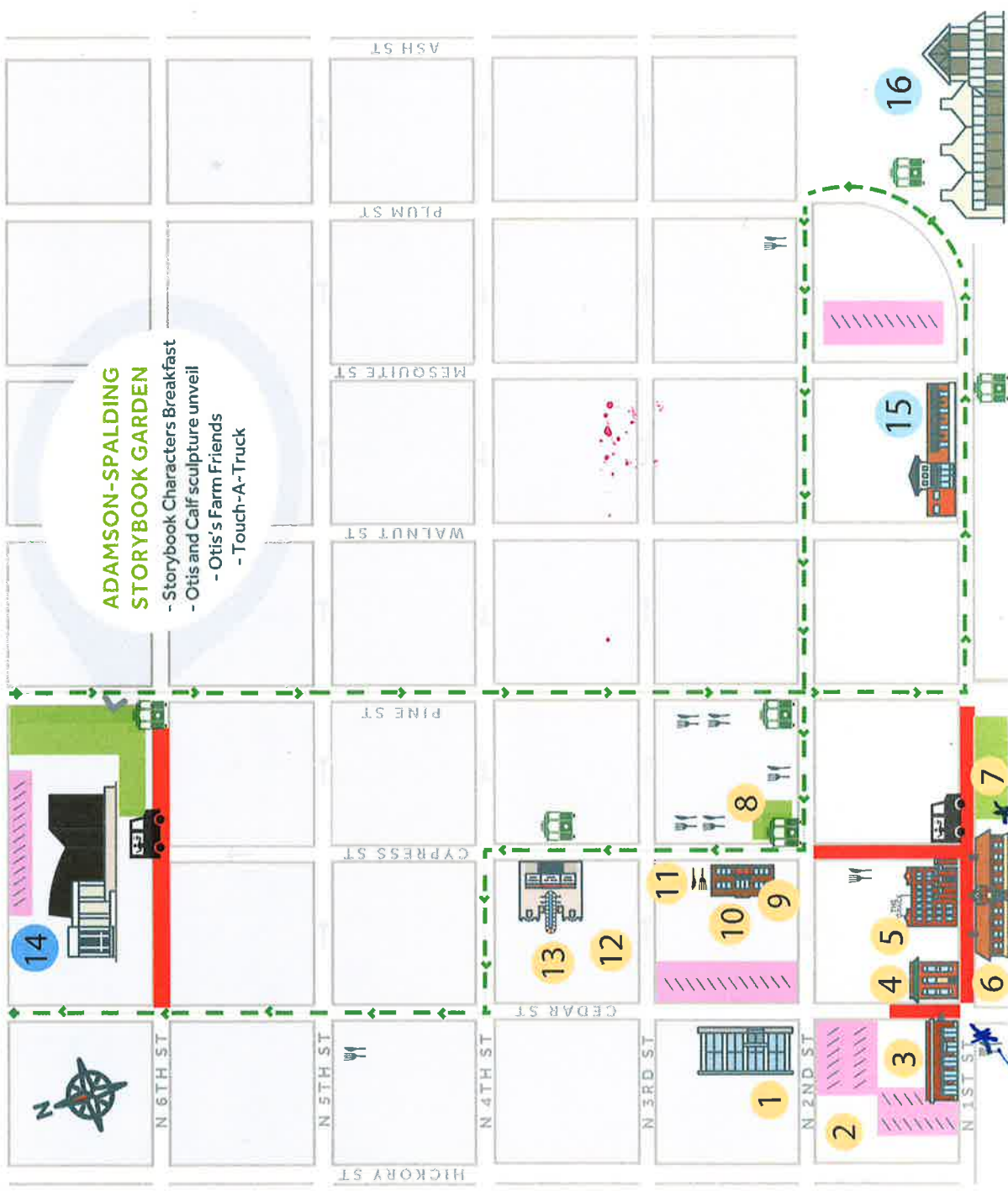


Pedestrian Signage Information:

- Request to install two wayfinding signs at Everman Park



DOWNTOWN ABILENE



BUTTON

1. Abilene Public Library
2. 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum
3. National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature
4. Elks Arts Center
5. The Grace Museum
6. T&P Depot & Storybook Capital Store
7. Everman Park
8. Minter Park
9. Nora Hall
10. Center for Contemporary Arts
11. McKay's Bakery
12. Abilene Philharmonic at The Wooten
13. Paramount Theatre
14. Abilene Convention Center
15. Community Foundation of Abilene
16. Frontier Texas!



An extruded aluminum cabinet with internal LED down lighting to shine on the matte finished map print that is applied to a PVC board substrate. The cabinet will be mounted between two 4" square tubes. The cabinet and poles will be painted bronze.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS AND ABILENE SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT, LLC

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into this 21st day of September, 2021, by and between the City of Abilene, Texas ("City") and Abilene Sports and Entertainment, LLC ("ASE"). The term of this MOU shall be for a period of 6 months, unless terminated earlier as provided herein. The term of this MOU may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties in writing.

ASE intends to operate a minor league baseball complex in Abilene, Texas (the "Project"), and desires to lease the park property known as Big League Field located in Oscar Rose Park (the "Property") and which is generally shown on the attached Exhibit "A". As part of the lease of the Property, ASE intends to renovate and make improvements to the Property consistent with the operation of the Project.

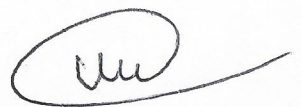
The City desires to lease the Property to ASE for the purpose of the operation of a minor league baseball complex in Abilene, Texas, and desires that ASE renovate and make improvements to the Property consistent with the Project.

The City and ASE hereby agree to negotiate in good faith the final terms of an Project Agreement which will include the long-term lease of the Property, renovation and improvements to the Property, and consideration to the City for lease of the Property.

The final design and construction plans for the Property and Project shall be substantially similar to the drawings and renderings attached hereto as Exhibit "B", unless both parties agree in writing to variation of those drawings and renderings.

The scope of the project shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Sports Field Renovation: A mutually agreeable sports field renovation company, to provide ideas for the scope of the field renovation.
2. Seating Capacity: Approximately 800 patrons.
3. Food and Beverage Concessions: A food truck area that would not compromise the security of fans coming and going and without going through the security gates of the Property.
4. Stadium Scoreboard Addition of a scoreboard in right field to replace the two existing scoreboards.
5. Beer and Wine License: Provide a staffed area for the sale of beer and wine. All gates into and out of the property will be staffed with security personnel to prevent patrons from leaving the Property with beer or wine.



6. Dugouts; Renovation of the existing dugouts, which will include the addition of a to be determined amount of concrete to the area, to accommodate the players and field staff.

The City shall be responsible for the demolition of the existing press box. ASE may determine whether to replace the press box.

Within ninety (90) days from the execution of this MOU (the "Feasibility Period"), ASE and the City will create a proposed Project master construction schedule and major milestones, which will include the initial deliverables, and the parties shall also negotiate in good faith a mutually agreeable Lease Agreement for the Property. The parties may extend the 90 day deadline by mutual agreement.

During the Feasibility Period, ASE and the City agree to negotiate in good faith, and will not enter into discussions or negotiations with any other property owner, baseball-related operation, or governmental entity for any similarly proposed development within the City of Abilene, Texas, or within 30 miles of the City of Abilene, Texas.

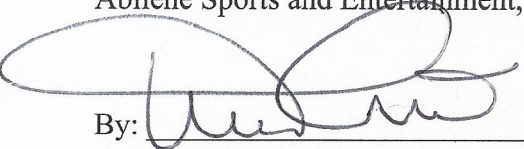
The parties acknowledge that the above terms and conditions are satisfactory as a basis to commit certain resources with the reasonable expectation the Project will proceed and be completed. This MOU does not constitute a binding contract between the parties, and no contract is intended to arise unless and until expressly binding agreement have been negotiated and executed by the parties. This MOU is not intended to create a partnership, joint venture or any other shared undertaking. This MOU shall not require the expenditure of any public funds or create any obligation to use public funds in furtherance of the Project.

Either party may terminate this MOU by giving the other party 30 days written notice of termination. Upon termination, neither party shall be entitled to any damages or compensation from the other party, unless previously agreed to in writing.

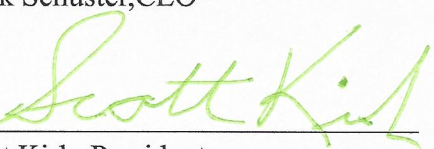
The parties have executed this memorandum of understanding effective as of the date written above.

Abilene Sports and Entertainment, LLC

City of Abilene, Texas

By: 
Mark Schuster, CEO

By: _____
Robert Hanna, City Manager

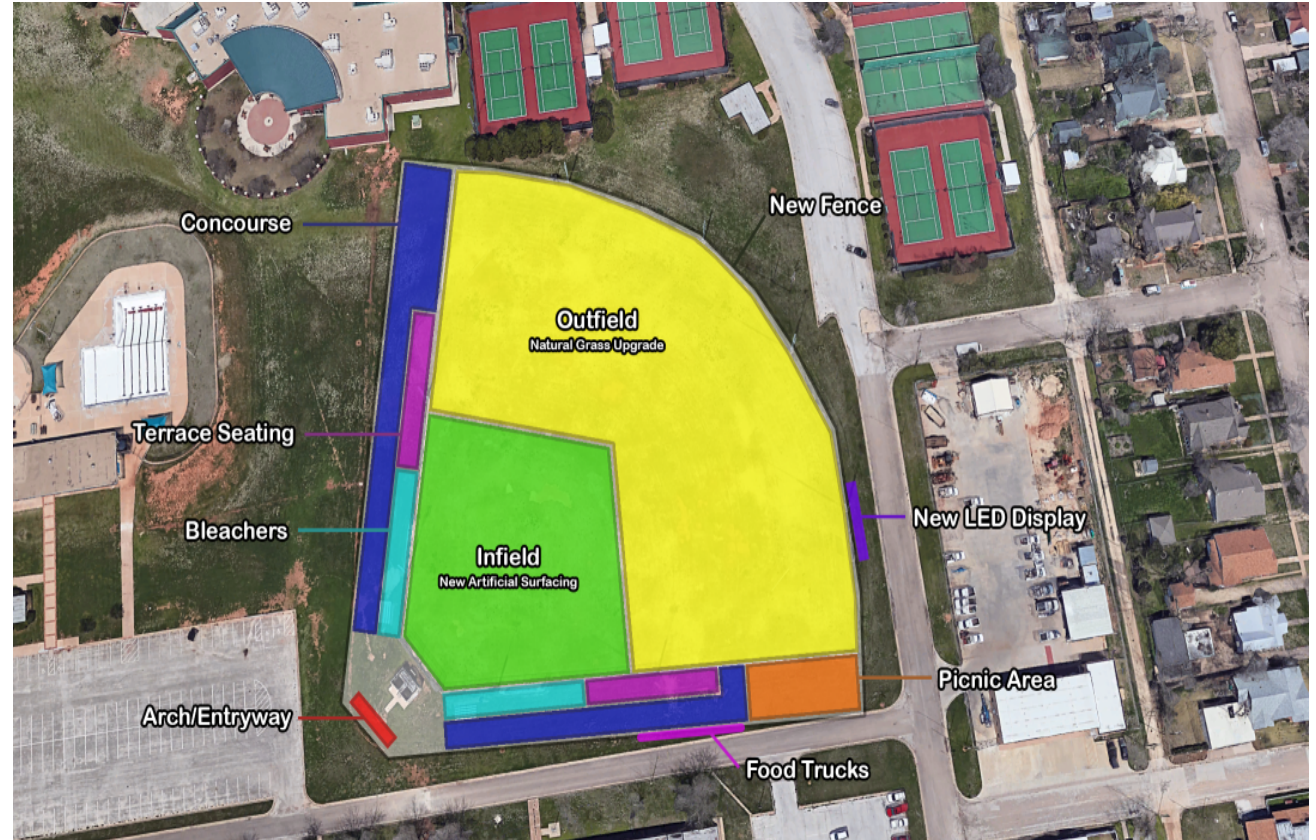
By: 
Scott Kirk, President

Memorandum of Understanding with Abilene Sports and Entertainment, LLC



MOU Information:

- Between City of Abilene and Abilene Sports and Entertainment, LLC
- Understanding is to allow organization to host and manage professional minor league baseball team located at Oscar Rose Park Big League Baseball Field
- Sell of beer and wine was approved by the City Council on September 9, 2021
- Lease agreement to be developed within 90 days



Parkhill Zoo Master Plan Contract



Scope:

1. Review of existing conditions, infrastructure, context, connections to surrounding areas.
1. Recommendation for flexible and intentional facility or facilities which provide expansion of programming, animal education and outreach. Promotes inclusivity, pride, and diversity within the community with economical access options. Design promotes longevity with durable design features and adaptable spaces.
1. Financial Performance:
 - a. Development of an Operating Budget for the proposed facility program. Return on Investment targets included.
 - b. Identify any new revenue sources or service enhancements not currently being utilized.
1. Opinion of probable cost for construction and future expansion of staffing levels and costs of goods if required.
1. Parties involved:
 - a. Zoo staff, along with other City representatives
 - b. Society Members



Timeline:

- 10/11/21 Kick off meeting / Analysis Gathering
- 11/15/21 Analysis Review / Goals and Strategies Draft
- 12/6/21 Analysis Report Published / Creative Development Kickoff / Brainstorm
- 1/10/22 Concept Narrative Review / Overall Zoo Site Bubble Diagram Review
- 2/21/22 Concept Review / Estimates / Attendance Projections / Rendering Review
- 3/7/22 Phasing Diagrams / Final Site Plan / Final Renderings
- 3/14/22 Draft Final Master Plan Published and Presented for Comments
- 3/22/22 Final Master Plan Published



Cost Breakdown:

> ParkHill Fee	\$66,250
> Felis Consulting Fee	\$51,750
> Zoo Topographic Survey	\$20,000
> Travel Expenditures	\$9,936
> Misc Expenses	\$550
TOTAL	\$148,486

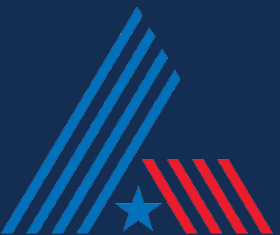


Request to Change Name of Arthur Sears Park and/or Recreation Center



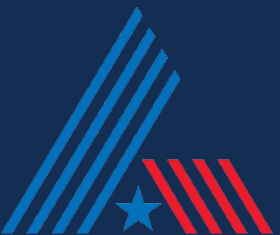
History Of Arthur Sears Park

- Mrs. Sears presented the City of Abilene with 8 lots of land on the west side of Catclaw Creek on June 15, 1947. The land was donated to be a park named “Arthur Sears Park”.
- City of Abilene purchased additional land in the Sears Addition from Mrs. Sears on June 15, 1947.
- In April 1949 a joint acquisition of land took place between the Parks Board and School Board. The City Council approved adding additional land to Sears Addition.
- In June 1949 the City purchased more land from Mrs. Sears to create another school/park site.
- Due to the unused property that Mrs. Sears had previously donated, the City of Abilene agreed to give back the property deed to Mrs. Sears.
- After the exchange of land with Mrs. Sears, the new plot of land was retained and renamed to “Arthur Sears Park”. In 1964 the Abilene School Board offered the Abilene Park’s Department the title to 23.4 acres in the Sears Addition in exchange for the school administration Building on 802 N. Mockingbird. The land was jointly owned by the Parks Department and the School Board, thus now giving the Parks Department full ownership of the property. In 1975 Mr. H.C. Toombs donated land to help Sears Park grow on the west side.
- Another donation to Sears Park from Mr. H.C. Toombs took place on March 6, 1984.
- In 1994, Joy Investments exchanged lots 16, 17, and 18 of Block 18 in Arthur Sears Park Addition for tax and penalty relief.

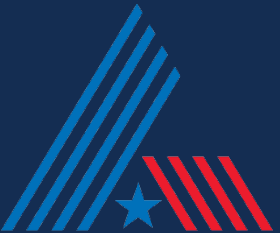


Request to Change Name Of Arthur Sears Park and/or Recreation Center

- Cesar Chavez Recreation Center located in South Park was closed in August 2014 and demolished in July 2021.
- August 17, 2021 Parks and Recreation Board was asked to change the name of Arthur Sears Park to Cesar Chavez Park.
- Staff directed to see if there were any relatives of the Sears family.
- Staff discovered there are approximately 80 living descendants of the Sears family with up to 10 living in Abilene.
- Staff has received 2 letters requesting the name change.
- Staff has received 15 letters in opposition to the name change. Most of the letters in opposition were in support of renaming the recreation center.
- Options for consideration today:
 - Rename the park and the recreation center
 - No name change for park or recreation center
 - No name change for park but rename recreation center
 - No name change for park but rename recreation center to Cesar Chavez Recreation Center
- Questions?



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Aquatics



Doggie SPlash Adventure COVE

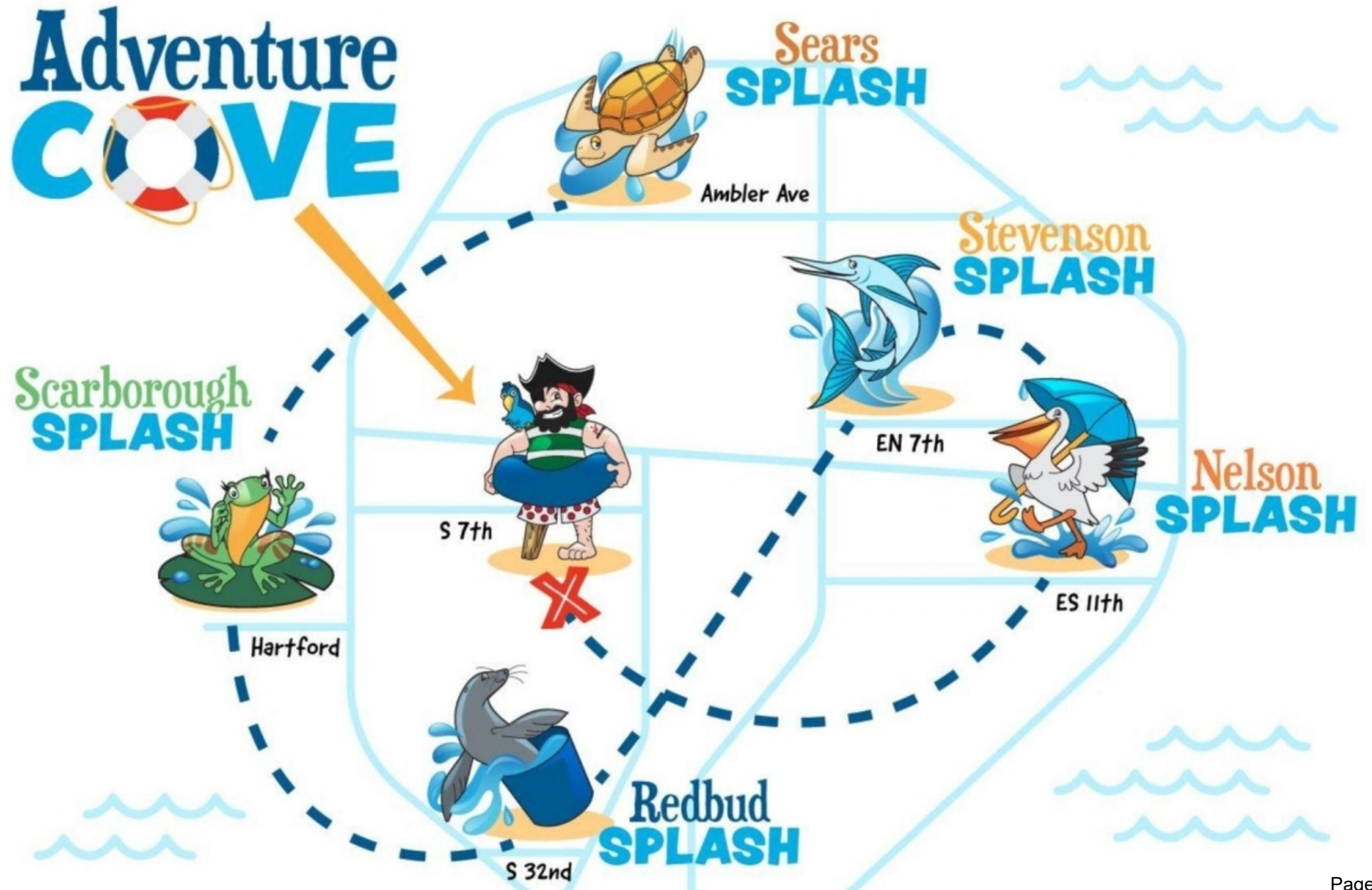
76 Dogs in attendance!



Adventure Cove is closed for the season



Splash Pads will close October 17



Seniors





SENIOR TALENT SHOW



22 ACTS



232 people in attendance!



ROSE PARK SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER
MOVIE NIGHT
Saturday, September 25th

Doors open at 12:30 pm
Movie starts at 1:00 pm
\$5 ticket includes

- admission
- lunch
- popcorn
- sweet treat

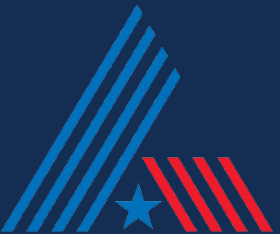


Parks



Accessible for All

[Completed installation of ADA ramp at Sears Park bridge]



“In Cloud Light IV”

Created by Anthony Howe. Installed in conjunction with the
Abilene Cultural Affairs Council.

The stainless-steel sculpture has 26 arms that move with the wind.





Fort Imagination



Recreation



OPEN GYM HOURS



PICKLEBALL

ROSE RECREATION CENTER
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

6:00 - 8:00 PM



BASKETBALL

SEARS RECREATION CENTER
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

6:00 - 8:00 PM

G.V. DANIELS RECREATION
CENTER

THURSDAYS

6:00 - 8:00 PM



VOLLEYBALL

G.V. DANIELS RECREATION
CENTER

TUESDAYS

6:00 - 8:00 PM



Upcoming Fall Events



HAUNTED HALF
MARATHON
2021

SATURDAY OCTOBER 9, 2021
8:00 AM
ELMDALE BAPTIST CHURCH
\$35 PER INDIVIDUAL
PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUME
REGISTRATION OPENS AUG. 2

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.ABILENETX.GOV/SIGNUP

 CITY OF ABILENE 

The poster features a dark background with a spider web pattern. In the center, three stylized runners are depicted in purple, green, and orange. The text is in a mix of orange, green, and white fonts.



MY
PARKS
& RECREATION

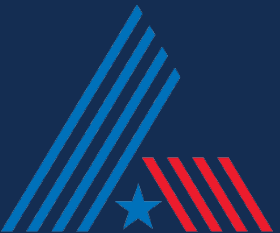
Mayor's Hike

October 23rd
9:00 am
Cedar Creek
Waterway

The poster shows a pair of brown hiking boots on a dirt path. A circular logo for 'MY PARKS & RECREATION' is in the top right. The text 'Mayor's Hike' is in a large, white, playful font. Below it, the date and time are in blue. The background is a close-up of the ground with some dry leaves.



Animal Updates

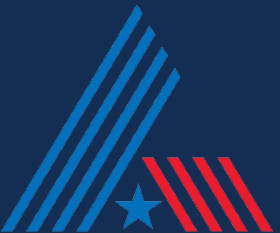


Philharmonic Concerts

Classics Under the Stars - October 2



abilenephilharmonic.org | 325.677.6710



BOO ^{AT} THE ZOO

PRESENTED BY



ABILENE TEACHERS
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION



SATURDAY OCT 16 • OCT 23 • OCT 30 FROM 10AM-5PM

