

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
Agenda  
Wednesday, October 18, 2017, 6:00 p.m.  
CenterPoint Energy Community Center  
7008 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Bellaire, Texas 77401**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Announcement of a Quorum**
- 3. Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2017 meeting**
- 4. Public Comments**

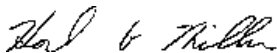
Each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes. A sign-up form by each speaker shall be required prior to the opening of the meeting.

- 5. Reports**
  - a. Reports from Other Boards, Commissions and Committees**
  - b. Reports from Council Liaison**
  - c. Reports from City Staff**
- 6. Presentation by HR Green, Inc. on pathways project with possible action**
- 7. Discussion and possible consideration regarding the installation of a Little Free Library at Evelyn's Park- Presented by Friends of the Bellaire Library**
- 8. Discussion and possible consideration regarding the utilization of the \$100,000.00 designated in the Capital Improvement Program for Park Improvements**
- 9. Board Members Comments and Announcements**
- 10. Adjournment**

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**CERTIFICATE**

I certify that the agenda set forth above was posted on the bulletin board at the west entrance located at City Hall, 7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, Texas on October 13, 2017 at 2:59pm.



Karl Miller, Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities

**Upcoming Events and Meetings:**

10/21/17: Bellaire Block Party with Dennis Quaid and the Sharks, 1:00-5:00 pm  
10/26/17: The Great Pumpkin Hunt, 4:30pm  
10/28/17: Trolleywood Movie, Beauty and the Beast, 8:00pm  
11/03/17: Party at the Pavilion, 7:00 pm  
11/06/17, City Council Meeting, Landscape Maintenance Contract  
11/30/17: Holiday in the Park, 6:00- 8:30 pm  
12/04/17: Evelyn's Park Conservancy Quarterly Update  
12/04/17: City Council meeting, Evelyn's Park Conservancy Quarterly Report &  
12/27/17: Winter Camp Paseo



## **Parks, Recreation and Facilities Update October 2017**

### **RECREATION**

- Fall classes and programs at the Bellaire Recreation Center started September 5 and will continue through mid-December
- The Recreation division is partnering with the flood permit office to offer one \$15 coupon per family for those Bellaire residents affected by Harvey flooding that can be used towards purchasing a membership or registering for certain recreation programs. The flood assistance coupons can be picked up by Bellaire residents when they apply for a permit at the flood permit office, located in the Recreation Center meeting room. This program will end on December 30, 2017.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

- Party at the Pavilion was September 8<sup>th</sup> starring *NightBird*.
- September 22<sup>nd</sup> the City of Bellaire hosted a *Road to Recovery* event featuring *The Klocks*. Prior to the concert Bellaire Police Department hosted their Pre-National Night Out and gave away free hot dogs, chips and water.
- Party at the Pavilion is October 6<sup>th</sup> starring Electric Circus.
- The Great Pumpkin Hunt is Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm in the Great Lawn.
- On October 28<sup>th</sup>, the Trolleywood movie will be *Beauty and the Beast* in the Great Lawn, with a costume contest before at 6:30pm.

### **AQUATICS**

- Post-hurricane clean up continues.
- On September 14, the electrical system was checked and found to be okay and rebuilt motors for the Bellaire Aquatic Center were re-installed.
- Bellaire Aquatic Center re-opened on September 18, with 3 lanes open for water exercise/water therapy and 3 lanes for lap swimmers.
- Hours for BFAC will be same as normal off-season hours:  
Mon – Fri      7 AM – 1 PM  
Tues – Thurs   6:30 PM – 8:30 PM  
Sat              10 AM -1 PM  
Sun              3 PM – 6 PM

- Episcopal High School Swim Team returned for the pre-season swim workouts. Their season will begin Oct 30<sup>th</sup> and runs through Feb 2018.
- All contractors have been given a schedule to reflect the limited space and accommodate their existing schedules to the best of our ability. We have limited contractor use, to times when the pool is not open to the public to help reduce over-crowding.
- On Sept 27<sup>th</sup>, the Aquatics Department hosted a Contractors meeting to discuss new policies and go over the changes in schedule due to limited pool space. At this time, we continued our on-going discussion about having lifeguards on duty while the pool is being used. Going into a new contract year, we are planning to provide lifeguards at all times when the pool is in use. This decision was made after considering the following factors.
  - Texas Administrative Code
  - Facility and Patron Safety
  - Facility Maintenance Concerns
- Evergreen & Therapy Pool water was evaluated by Texas Aquatic Enterprises. Their initial testing found mixed results. After a recommendation from Cheryl Bright, TAE took samples to Envirodyne Labs to determine what, if any, level of biological matter in the water was present. At the time of testing (9/27/17) no traces of E. Coli or fecal matter were left in the Evergreen or Therapy Pool. Our plan of action from that point has been to super-chlorinate and start to run the motors to get the pools back online
- The boiler for the therapy pool was determined to be inoperable. A new boiler has been ordered. We anticipate it being available by late October.
- Texas State University Aquatic Supervisor offered to donate 10 lap lanes to our department after hearing we suffered significant damage during the hurricane.
- The Aquatics Supervisor, Jennifer Bunch, will be updating her Certified Pool Operator (CPO) License on Oct 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. This will accredited her as both an Aquatic Facility (AFO) and Certified Pool Operator (CPO) going forward this Fall

### **BLIFE**

- Sixteen (16) seniors attended Bingo in the month of September.
- The Men's/Women's club had ten (10) people attend their ice cream social.
- Bunco's had sixteen (16) seniors in attendance.
- Movie day, featuring *The Shack* had thirty three (33) seniors in attendance.
- Eighteen (18) seniors went on the trip to the Angleton to see the Crocodile Encounter.
- Twenty six (36) seniors were signed up for the trip to Lone Star Flight Museum, but due to Hurricane Harvey the trip was canceled.
- Two (2) seniors participated in a program called Tuesday Tunes.
- Nine (9) seniors participated in Crafts Day.
- BLIFE continues to have Bridge on Mondays and Fridays and Crafts and Conversation on Wednesdays.
- Breakfast with BLIFE was canceled, due to Hurricane Harvey.

- Trip to Aunique Ranch in Huntsville was canceled due to lack of people signed up.
- The newsletter for October, November and December has been released and registration is open. The L.I.F.E. department is trying new activities such as Yoga, Let's Do Lunch, and Book Club, along with the normal activities such as movies, presentations and bridge.

## **PARKS**

- The Holly St. trail received some trail maintenance adding crushed granite in low areas, following that up with tampering to level and compact. These repairs were more considerable due to flood event. There have also been some plant replacements and several irrigation repairs.
- Mosquito Control – Currently fogging twice per week, Tuesdays and Thursdays inside the loop and Wednesdays and Fridays outside the loop.
- Loftin Park playground was topped off with Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF), “play surface”, throughout both play areas the week of September 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Performed tree health at Evelyn's Park. This included removing deadwood and crown reduction on Pecans on east side of park as well as Live Oaks on southwest corner of the park.
- Procured a PO to replace engineered wood fibered at Evergreen Park, awaiting PO to schedule.
- Minor fence repairs were made at Feld Park.
- Yellowstone Landscaping installed four (4) trees and some plantings around the Public Works temporary offices.
- Lighting repairs were made at Pin Oak Middle School athletic fields.
- A park sign was purchased and installed at Russ Pitman Park.