

UP & COMING

AT PARK AND RECREATION

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Holiday Closures

Dallas Park and Recreation administrative offices, maintenance facilities, and recreation centers will be closed on **Tuesday, November 11** to honor Veterans Day. In observance of Thanksgiving, these facilities will be closed on **Thursday, November 27** and **Friday, November 28**. Recreation centers that normally operate on Saturdays will reopen on November 29, while administrative offices and maintenance facilities reopen **Monday, December 1**.

Celebrating Our Own!

These park professionals have served — or continue to serve — to protect our freedom. Dallas Park and Recreation thanks them and other heroes for their commitment to our country and the communities we serve.



Katie Clines
John D. Jenkins
Jeremy McMahon
Kianna Lancaster



John Ackley
Richard Cartwright
Alberto DeLeon
Ebelardo Faz
Andrew Rosales
Robin Steinsnyder
Ray Webb
Anthony Crawford
Manfred Rubio
Christopher Zedwick



Brian Bart
Juan Casas
Alberto Veliz
Brian Bermudez



Dana Austin
Gustavo Furlong
Ruben Limon
Darron Thomas
Diane Ware

Artists prove creativity has no age limit

Patrons at WellMed Senior Activity Center are proving that creativity has no age limit. In 15 weeks, seniors who had no prior experience in painting or drawing have created amazing watercolor and acrylic artworks. Guided by contract instructor Nicole Hooper, the beginner artists learned basic brush techniques, color theory, and composition that inspired their imaginations and unique styles. Their impressive and vibrant landscapes, nature studies, portraits, and abstract pieces are displayed at center. WellMed is one of five Dallas centers dedicated exclusively to adults aged 60 and older. [Discover more Active Adult Senior Programs \(ASAP\) here.](#)



Watch NBC 5's **Talk Street** on November 19 to learn how contract instructors help Dallas Park and Recreation expand enrichment activities for patrons at WellMed and other recreation centers.



Family- and pet-friendly spaces open in east and northwest Dallas

Residents in two communities have upgraded outdoor spaces to enjoy. **Midway Manor Park**, a 1.3-acre space next to Dallas Love Field, has a new look with a Dallas Mavericks-branded basketball court, jungle gym, playground tower, interactive digital play, aviation-themed structures, fitness stations, and 40 new trees and shrubs. Across the city, Dallas' 11th off-leash space opened at **Lakeland Hills Park**. It features large and small dog paddocks, drinking fountains, shade, seating, and pet waste stations.



Monarchs stop in Dallas on their journey south

Plants are popping and butterflies are be-bopping at the Tiny Forest pollinator garden at Westmoreland Park. The area is aflutter with monarch butterflies on their way to Mexico for the winter. Gardens along the southern route provide rest and nourishment to thousands of butterflies and other pollinators. Experience the wonder of the monarchs' fall migration at Westmoreland Park, 3601 W. Illinois Ave.



Celebrate National Basketball Day! Get ready to join a citywide league

National Basketball Day is November 6! Registration for coed basketball – and indoor soccer – leagues for youth opens December 1. [Click for details on youth sports programs!](#) There's leagues for adults, too! [Find details for adult leagues here!](#)



THINGS TO DO

Join **Friends of Oak Cliff Parks** for a free nature walk to observe birdlife and learn about the plants, animals, and conservation work at Oak Cliff's 78-acre **Kiest Conservation Area**. Expert naturalists Carrie Robinson and Ben Sandifer will guide birders along winding trails highlighted by more than 150 species of native wildflowers and grasses. The event begins at 10 a.m. on Sunday, November 9 at the outdoor classroom, 3238 S. Hampton Road, Dallas 75224.



What's your passion? Art, music, line dancing, Zumba, or computer technology? Whatever your talent and hobby, share them with others by becoming an instructor with us! Learn more at DallasParks.org, then submit the [contract instructor proposal form](#).



With 16% of Dallas residents aged 60 and older, Dallas Park and Recreation Senior Program Division hosts a **Senior Health & Wellness Expo** on Wednesday, November 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Grand Place at Fair Park, 3809 Grand Avenue, Dallas 75210. The free event will connect seniors to vital health, fitness, and social service resources. More than 20 organizations - including WellMed, Baylor Scott & White Healthcare, and United Healthcare - will offer health screenings, fitness demonstrations, and information about Medicare, Medicaid, nutrition, and wellness.



Become a Friend for Dallas parks

Join us for **Power in the Parks** and learn about volunteer opportunities and how to start a Friends group to support Dallas parks. Meet Dallas Park and Recreation staff, connect with friends and neighbors, and explore ways you can keep Dallas' park system vibrant. This free event is November 20 at 6 p.m. at Kiest Park Recreation Center, 3081 S. Hampton Road, Dallas 75224. [Sign up here to reserve your spot!](#)

Volunteer to keep Dallas parks green!



Join our **Branching Out** reforestation activities that bring communities together to plant oaks, elms, and other tree species in city parks. Planting events begin at 9 a.m. and are open to all ages. Ready to get involved? [Click here for upcoming planting events and volunteer registration!](#)

When school's out, our camps are in!

Dallas Park and Recreation's **fall camps** keep children engaged and parents worry-free. Camps are November 24 to 26 for ages 5 to 12 at participating recreation centers. [Click here to register!](#)

Dallas Park and Recreation Board meets November 6 and November 20

Individuals wanting to address the Park Board can [register](#) starting the Friday prior to the scheduled meeting until 12 p.m. on the Wednesday before the meeting. [Get future meeting dates](#) and [watch meetings on Dallas Channel 96](#).