



PARKS UPDATE

The latest news from Amarillo Parks & Recreation



Upcoming Schedule of Events & Programs

- 9/10 BEAUTIFICATION BOARD
- 9/11 PARK BOARD
- UPCOMING EVENTS
 - 8/24 FATHER/SON ADVENTURES
 - 9/2 LAST DAY THOMPSON POOL IS OPEN
 - 9/7 HOOKED ON FISHING
 - 9/7 ALL DAY PICKLEBALL
 - 9/9 SWIM LESSONS

ATHLETICS

With Summer Softball league coming to a close we would like to recognize some winners:

First Place Winners

Monday D4: Savage
 Wednesday D3: F.O.E
 Thursday D4: Has Beens
 Friday D2: Boscos
 Friday D3: Off Da Wall

Second Place Winners

Monday D4: BB Boys
 Wednesday D3: Chapanators
 Thursday D4: Insanity
 Friday D2: Los Cheifers
 Friday D3: West Texas Doggs



Friday Division 4 - 1st place



Friday Division 4 - 2nd place

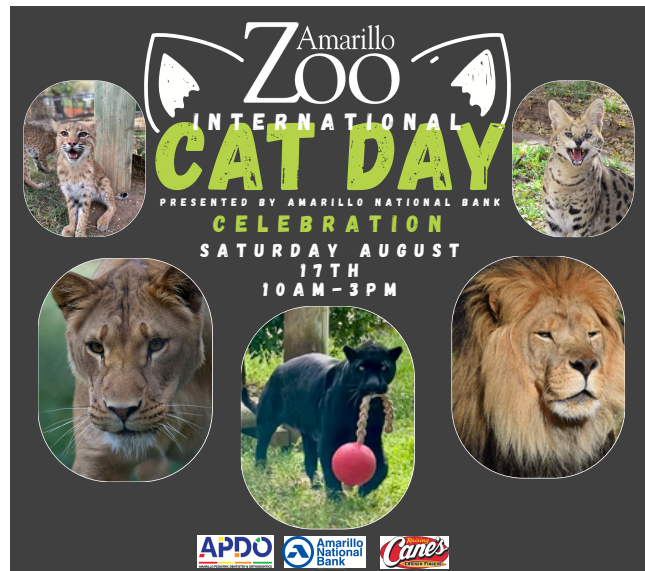


ZOO

The Amarillo Zoo celebrated International Cat Day on August 17th! From 10:00 am to 3:00 pm kids learned fun acts from our cat keeper specialist, created purrfect art at our cat crafting corner, and had their faces painted like wild cats! Zookeepers provided enrichment activities for our feline friends: featuring several large yarn balls, feather toys, and blood pops. These are our Jaguar, Bagheera's preferred treat.

August 17th was dedicated to celebrating our feline companions from diverse regions around the world. Visitors learned about Melanism, and how it affects the coat color of large cats like Bagheera. Guests enjoyed the fascinating Zoology of the Lion, Lynx and Leopard.

We partnered with Amarillo Animal Management and Welfare, Amarillo National Bank, Raising Canes, and Amarillo Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics. The Amarillo Zoo thanks you for making this event possible!



BEAUTIFICATION

Scotts Flowers Mural

The Mural Grant program is approaching the final stages of its current cycle. The penultimate mural in this year's series features a stunning depiction of a pair of hummingbirds and can be seen at Scott's Flowers, located at 700 N. Polk. These murals have showcased our incredible local talent this program supports.

Looking ahead, the application period for the next Mural Grant program is set to open in the Fall of 2024. This upcoming cycle promises to bring even more opportunities for local artists and community projects.



National Clean-up Day: 9th Street Trails

On September 21st, join us for National Clean-up Day at the 9th Street Trails from 9am to 11am! September 21st has evolved into the largest single-day cleanup event in the United States, mobilizing an impressive two million volunteers. It empowers individuals to make a meaningful difference, fostering a culture of responsibility and care for our treasured outdoor spaces.

National Clean-Up Day represents a symbol of global cooperation and is a key component of Clean Trails' ongoing efforts to tackle litter and advance environmental stewardship.

NATIONAL CLEAN-UP DAY 21 SEPTEMBER
9 AM-11 AM

Scan the QR code to register or go online to www.amarilloparks.org/cleanup

9th St. Trails

Just north of Medical Center Park.

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GOLF

Congratulations to the 30th Annual Coors Tournament of Champions Winner - Max Mitchell, and our Coors Senior Tournament of Champions Winner - Darrin Davis.



Coors Tournament of Champions



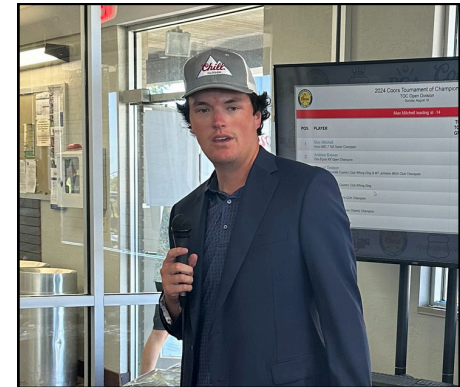
Coors Partnership Champions: Tate Allred & Luke Kane



Coors Tournament of Champions Shootout



Congratulations to the 31st Annual Coors Partnership Winners!



Max Mitchell- 2024 Coors Tournament of Champions Champion

31st Annual Coors Partnership Winners	
Championship Flight	Luke Kane, Tate Allred
Presidents Flight	Brad Borden, Chris Washburn
1st Flight	Daniel Higgins, Dan Lowrance
2nd Flight	Tim Whipkey, Mike Meek
3rd Flight	Byron Sutterfield, Sawyer Sutterfield
4th Flight	Aaron King, Mike King
5th Flight	Chris Pace, Dallas McMann
6th Flight	Amos Adams, Jordon Easom
7th Flight	Andy Justus, Chas Mask
8th Flight	Chad Westenburg, Golden Littlefield



Coors Tournament of Champions Players

RECREATION

On Tuesday, August 13th, we had the pleasure of giving away over 100 backpacks and countless fishing poles to members of our community, all at no cost. The event was a tremendous success, and it was heartwarming to see the excitement and gratitude on the faces of the recipients.

Parks would like to thank Mike Lowery for generously donating the fishing poles to the Parks & Recreation Department. It was exciting to be able to pay it forward and bring the joy of fishing to members of the community.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Starlight Cinema - Shrek 2 at Austin Park

Starlight Cinema has begun! Starlight Cinema is a free movie in the park event where Parks staff provides a movie, popcorn and staff who are willing to dress in character just to see smiles on the kids' faces! On August 9th, 73 community members enjoyed the movie at Austin Park and food and drinks from Martha's Mini's and Sweet Sipz. Parks and Recreation staff delighted families by entertaining them with Lord Farquaad, Donkey, Fiona, a blind mouse, Shrek, and the Fairy Godmother. Social media was abuzz - with 542 likes on Facebook! We will be hosting this free event again on September 20th at Westover Park showing Kung Fu Panda!



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS & PROJECTS

9th Street Trails - Parking Lot

The 9th Street Trails, situated between Quail Creek Drive and Coulter Street on Amarillo's Northwest side, offer mountain biking and jogging trails. Construction began in April of 2024 to install a parking lot that will give bikers easy access to the trails. Construction should be complete this Fall.



John Stiff Memorial Park - Parking Stop Installation

This parking stop installation will help deter vandalism and donuts in the parking lot outside the softball complex on the south side of John Stiff Memorial Park.



John Stiff Memorial Park - Dog Park

The dog park is currently in the process of being renovated, receiving irrigation upgrades, concrete work, fencing, seed and replacement canine drinking fountains. The dividing fence will allow Park Maintenance to section off half of the dog park in the future, to address issues without shutting down the entire park. Alternating between these sections will allow grass to grow back and prevent future closures. New patches of concrete have been laid in consideration of mud, which will accumulate near the drinking fountains.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS & PROJECTS CONTINUED

John Stiff Memorial Park - Dog Park Fence Installation



John Stiff Memorial Park - North Athletic Fields

Several sections of fencing have been installed around the athletic fields on the north end of John Stiff Park. The irrigation has also been addressed and grass is coming in strong. These upgrades along with the lights that were installed are making these fields very high in demand.



Concrete work approaching new fenced area



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS & PROJECTS CONTINUED

Concrete work approaching new fenced area continued



Purchased Mini Skid Steer

This purchase gives Park Maintenance employees enhanced maneuverability in tight and narrow spaces, increased efficiency, lower operating costs, provides versatility with various attachments, and allows easy maintenance and storage.



Rick Klein - Purchased Goal Posts

Rick Klein Park's multipurpose field has received new football goal posts, further enhancing its facilities and supporting the different user groups that are requesting to use the fields.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS & PROJECTS CONTINUED

Portable Scoreboards

Portable scoreboards easily move between various fields, making them an ideal choice for our city league games - held at multiple locations. Typically, being less expensive than fixed scoreboards, portable scoreboards are simple to set up. Their versatility allows them to be used for a range of sports, accommodating different needs without the constraints of a permanent fixture. We have acquired scoreboards that operate using solar panels to avoid problems that arise with chords and outlets.



Mary Hazelrigg Shelter

This shelter is situated in Mary Hazelrigg Park, located south of the boulevard and between Washington and Taylor streets. Over time, the shelter fell into disrepair, becoming a safety hazard, as evidenced by the rusted beams and leaking roof. This significantly impacted its usability and aesthetics.

The new shelter provides sturdy support beams, a wide sheet metal roof, and no rusty screws! Residents in the area are already making use of the shelter, especially during the hot summer months in Amarillo. Before and after images are provided.



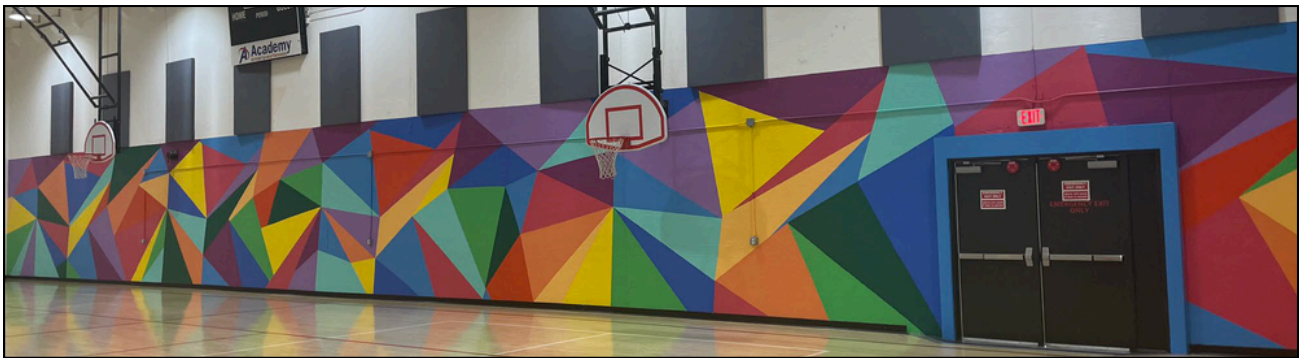
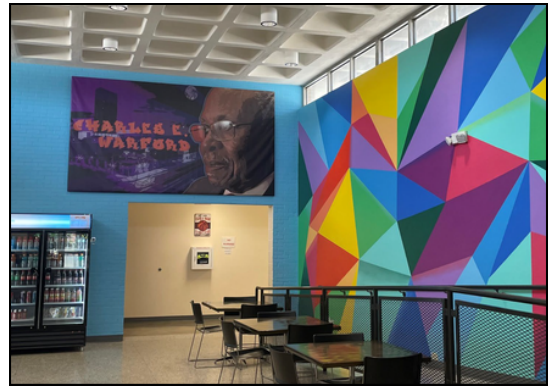
MURALS BY NIARA TORRES



Niara Torres

Torres, an Amarillo native, joined the Parks and Recreation Department as a lifeguard at Southeast Pool, a place she frequented as kid. Torres created four large, colorful murals in Warford Activity Center’s lobby and gym, and one at Southeast Pool. Her growth as an artist will continue as Torres attends the University of Texas at Austin, where she will pursue a degree in art.

Warford Activity Center Murals



MURALS BY NIARA TORRES CONTINUED

Southeast Pool before and after



Southeast Pool, a 60-year-old facility, now sports a colorful mural that welcomes visitors.

“Being able to paint a place that I grew up in is a dream.” -Niara Torres.

“We are very blessed to have talented young people work for us at Amarillo Parks and Recreation,” said PARD Director Michael Kashuba. “We appreciate Niara sharing her artistic skills with the entire community of Amarillo.”

AMARILLO NATIONAL TENNIS CENTER

PICKLEBALL LEAGUE

MIXED PLAY

SEPT. 01 DEADLINE
36 SPOTS AVAILABLE

1ST, 2ND & 3RD PRIZE

REGISTER EARLY - SPACE IS LIMITED

RECREATION LEVEL INDIVIDUAL SIGNUP

\$45 PER PERSON



POP-UP PARTY IN THE PARK

5:30PM-7:30PM

JUNE 24 EASTRIDGE
JULY 22 BONES HOOKS
AUGUST 26 AUSTIN
SEPTEMBER 23 WESTOVER

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JOIN AMARILLO PARKS AND RECREATION AT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS FOR A FREE PARTY! WE WILL HAVE GAMES, ACTIVITIES, AND PIZZA!



ALL DAY PICKLEBALL

10AM-6PM / SEPTEMBER 7TH

WARFORD ACTIVITY CENTER
1330 NW 18TH AVE

FREE FOR WARFORD MEMBERS. \$5 FOR NONMEMBERS. PLEASE PAY AT THE DOOR.



Bombfest

BOMB FEST 2024
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

September 21st & 22nd

Home run rules doubled
Mens open-Unlimited
Mens D- Mens C rule
Mens E- Mens D rule
Women-Unlimited

Double Elimination Divisions
Mixed C/D play Sunday
Men C/D play Saturday

Cost is \$350.00 per team.

Registration: July 1st - September 16th
Visit www.teamsideline.com/amarillo



DON'T BE LATE

For A VERY IMPORTANT DATE!

ALICE IN WONDERLAND Tea Party

AMARILLO PARKS & REC

DRESS UP IN YOUR BEST WONDERLAND ATTIRE

\$10

SEPTEMBER 14TH
2PM-3:30PM
CIVIC CENTER - HOSPITALITY ROOM
Register by September 08th: bit.ly/amarilloevents



Swim Classes SPLASH & SNUGGLE

Ages: 3 months - 3 years
(Parent participation is required.)

Tues & Thurs | 10:30AM-11AM
Session: 6 total classes offered across three weeks.

Session 1:	9/10 9/12	9/17 9/19	9/24 9/26
Session 2:	10/8 10/10	10/15 10/17	10/22 10/24
Session 3:	11/5 11/7	11/12 11/14	11/19 11/21

\$80 SESSION

MAX OF 15 PER SESSION
REGISTRATION CLOSE DATE: 8 DAYS BEFORE FIRST CLASS

Are you a new parent? This program is designed to help new parents with their young ones from 3 months - 3 years old learn water safety. Very similar program to Parent Tot Swim Lessons, however these classes are offered during the weekdays.

Limited Space Available. Register at: bit.ly/amarilloswimsafe

Warford Activity Center
1330 NW 18th Ave.
806-803-9785



LEGO ROBOTICS CAMP

Lego Robotics Campers will explore the fundamental principles of STEM: science, technology, engineering, putting those skills to work as they dive into our collections of Legos to build unique and elaborate objects.

3 TUESDAYS IN SEPTEMBER
9/10/2024
9/17/2024
9/24/2024

6-8PM AGES 8-15

\$30

\$30 includes all three classes
Space is limited!
Register @ bit.ly/recatcostcamps

Warford Activity Center | 1330 NW 18th Ave,



TOY STORY PLAYDATE

Warford Activity Center

September 28
2pm-3:30pm

Ages 1-5

ANDY'S TOYS

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\$15 per child

Jump into this interactive Toy Story-themed event filled with arts and crafts, story time, and music and movement sessions! Snacks and refreshments provided.

To register, please visit bit.ly/amarilloevents or scan the QR code.



KUNG FU PANDA

SEPTEMBER 20TH
WESTOVER PARK

STARLIGHT CINEMA

SONIC FOX 14

MOVIE STARTS AT 9:45PM

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