

DEER CREEK RANCH PARKS & LAKES ASSOCIATION
2019-2020 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP

With this letter, we are including your vehicle membership stickers. Please place these on the inside of each of your vehicle's front windshields (passenger side). This helps to identify that you have a right to be inside the private park area. You do NOT need to replace these stickers annually, but if you get a new vehicle or need a replacement, please email us. We will provide gate access codes as they change via email. *We very much appreciate your continued support and contribution.*

ABOUT US

The Deer Creek Ranch Parks & Lakes Association (DCRPLA) is the owner of 33 acres of parkland, which includes the Lower Lake and the Upper Lake. The primary function of DCRPLA is to operate and maintain the park property. We are a volunteer organization funded by the yearly park access fees paid by the property owners. These fees pay for park mowing, liability insurance, park facilities, fish stocking, replenishment of sand & mulch, dam maintenance, playground entry maintenance, other parks projects, and the lights at the entrances to the neighborhood. Vehicle stickers will be issued to every paid member. Your membership must be current and every vehicle must have a membership sticker when visiting our park, otherwise you may be asked to leave. This is for the safety of all members. We have posted payment options and an extensive FAQ on our website.

WATER QUALITY INFORMATION

The bacteria levels in our lakes are tested at regular intervals during the summer. We follow the guidelines and E. Coli level recommendations that the EPA sets for recreational contact. If the levels are found to be dangerously high, the website will be updated and signs will be posted at the lake. Please be advised that the lake is a natural body of water and therefore will have some bacteria levels constantly and swimming is always at your own risk. A good way to avoid high bacteria levels is to avoid contact with the water after a heavy rain and when lake levels are drought level low. We do not test until at least a week after a major rain to let the bacterial levels stabilize.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS can be contacted at dcrpoa@gmail.com.

Matthew Hellinger, President
Lee Sawyer, Vice-President
Anthony Romero, Secretary
Dan McElwain, Treasurer

Mickey Milton, Member at Large
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We're looking for hard working volunteers to serve on the board. We're accepting nominations to fill multiple positions in 2020. You may nominate yourself or someone else. Submit your name or your nomination by June 13, 2020. The board meets every third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the community center located at 655 Panorama Drive.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Membership Meeting 2nd Saturday in June

On June 13, 2020 we will be holding our annual membership meeting at 10 am at the Lower Lake Park. The community center at 655 Panorama Drive, Dripping Springs, TX 78620 will serve as a back-up location in the event of bad weather. Members are encouraged to follow state guidelines related to COVID-19.

Park Work Days to be announced at annual meeting

Remember to check our website and park entrances for other upcoming events.

2019-2020 Accomplishments

- ➔ Sold community center at 655 Panorama Dr to Lake Travis Firefighters Association as a means to fund much needed repairs. The firefighters have graciously allowed us to continue to hold monthly meetings in their new union hall.
- ➔ Reduced ongoing operating expenses for the association
- ➔ Completed repaving of lower lake dam road, including addition of concrete curbs for longevity with minimal community impact (a week or less). This was a significant and necessary expense funded by the sale of the community center.
- ➔ Repaved entrance to playground
- ➔ Completed long-standing member mandate to add gated access to playground
- ➔ Added gated access to fishing entrance of lower lake
- ➔ Secured easement for walking trail between lower and upper lakes
- ➔ Kept lower lake playground grass cut
- ➔ Replaced trash cans and increased trash pickup capacity at lower lake
- ➔ Increased annual revenue and secured a clear path for long term financial viability
- ➔ Major website update with extensive FAQ and automated meeting announcements
- ➔ Built an automated online system for tracking membership, member updates, and account features

2020-2021 Goals

- ➔ Complete upper lake erosion control project (delayed by county approval and SARS-COV-2)
- ➔ Develop a financial roadmap and planning to prepare for large future maintenance and improvement projects
- ➔ Continue to improve membership communication
- ➔ Coordinate volunteers and opportunities
- ➔ Improve court area at upper lake
- ➔ Stock the lake with fish
- ➔ Offer member events and park walkthroughs on a quarterly basis
- ➔ Address additional maintenance and improvement needs (e.g. bridges and playground equipment)

Board Meetings

Except for the semi- and annual meetings held the 2nd Saturday of January and June at 10am, respectively, board meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Community Center at 655 Panorama Drive, Dripping Springs, TX 78620. Members are welcome and encouraged to attend meetings. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the parks and lakes these are the meetings to attend and get your voice heard.

Reminders

- ❖ To reserve the upper lake park for camping or a special occasion please email dcrpoa@gmail.com at least a week in advance. Your dues must be current.
- ❖ We welcome events at the lower lake also, but it cannot be exclusively reserved (it is first come, first served).
- ❖ No fishing is allowed in the beach area or from the dock. Fish are catch and release, except for catfish and perch.
- ❖ Please keep all dogs on a leash – Travis County has a leash law - and pick up after them.
- ❖ Please close the pedestrian gate at the playground after entering or leaving.
- ❖ Refer to our website for any questions. If you are unable to find an answer, email dcrpoa@gmail.com and we will do our best to respond in a timely manner. Let us know if you see a problem that requires maintenance.
- ❖ In the case of an emergency, call 9-1-1 or the sheriff.