



DCRPLA NEWSLETTER JUNE 2023

Hi Community members, June came quick this year and so DCRPLA wanted to reach out and recap our year thus far.

Two new anchors were installed into the ground and the newly refurbished dock was securely fastened back on. We hope to get a few more summers out of the patched dock before assessing the financial implications of having a new dock built.

Spring Cleanup:

Members came out and helped clear out brush left from the freeze. To the anonymous members who worked in the days before, during, and after our park beautification day our event wouldn't have been as productive without your assistance. February's weather affected so many of us negatively and time is such a valuable resource when helping to maintain our shared space. Your efforts were seen and felt by all who use our parks, special thanks to you!

Easter Event:

This year we were able to put on another Easter Egg hunt with help of our neighbor's Ari and Laura. With their volunteer efforts and the generous donations of our sponsors DCRPLA was able to provide a face painter, balloon artist, bouncy house, breakfast tacos and over 850+ eggs. The event was a success and we anticipate an even bigger event next year.

Upcoming Park Events:

1. **4th of July event: Saturday July 1st at 5pm, Fireworks at dark weather permitting**

Hotdogs will be supplied by DCRPLA however we invite you to bring a dish down to the park for a pot luck event. If you would like to help us in bringing this event to life, we are actively seeking donations to help cover the cost of food, plates, and fireworks.

2. **Park Beatification Day: Sep or Oct, TBD**

This would be a great opportunity for our local boy/girl scouts to be involved in their hyper local community. Projects would include refurbishing the park benches, brush maintenance along the trail, and wild flower sowing.

3. **Santa at the Park: Tentatively set for December 9th**

Forward Moving Project: Park Side Gate

In efforts to keep park project cost within budget, DCRPLA is looking for community members who have experience in either welding or gate modification/repairs. We want to take the open and exposed wiring that has been cut and run it through the fence, making it less accessible to damage and vandalism. If you fit either of these qualifications and are willing to donate you time and efforts, I encourage you to reach out.

Volunteer Request: Water Quality Testing

We have gotten a handful of emails related to the quality of the park water and whether or not it is safe to swim. We have not been able to secure a member willing to take the sample into south Austin for testing. If you would like to help with this project DCRPLA will reimburse you for the cost of the test.

Until then, I encourage you to check [Travis County Parks | Hamilton Pool Preserve \(traviscountytx.gov\)](http://traviscountytx.gov) when determining what is best for your family.

In Closing:

Community outreach is the easiest way to bring members together and to remind members that the park relies on the time, dedication, and donations of our local members to host events, maintain the park, and take on major park projects. If you would like to make donations visit <https://www.dcrparksandlakes.org/>.

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