



# City of Corpus Christi

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## Meeting Agenda - Final

### Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

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Wednesday, April 9, 2025

5:30 PM

City Hall, Basement Training Room

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The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee shall advise the City Council as to all public parks and the buildings therein, public outdoor recreation areas and centers, and any other grounds placed under its purview by the City Manager.

**A. Call To Order/Roll Call**

**B. Public Comment**

*Members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to speak at the Committee meeting. A recording is made at these meetings. When addressing the committee, please give your name/address and state your point as briefly as possible. Please be advised that the Open Meetings Act prohibits the board members from responding to or discussing your comments at length. The law only authorizes them to do the following:*

- 1) Make a statement of factual information;*
- 2) Recite an existing policy in response to the inquiry; or*
- 3) Advise the citizen that this subject will be placed on an agenda at a later date.*

**C. Approval to Excuse Absences: Joe De La Paz, Mark Borgeson & Mike Lehnert**

**D. Approval of Minutes**

1. [25-0339](#) PRAC Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2025

*Attachments:* [DRAFT MeetingMinutes-Apr-2025](#)

**E. New Business for Discussion or Possible Action**

2. [25-0489](#) Presentation Regarding Sports Field Use Agreements, Sergio Gonzalez, Assistant Director

*Attachments:* [PRAC Presentation - Athletics team and field use agreements 4.3.25](#)

**F. Unfinished Business for Discussion or Possible Action**

3. [25-0159](#) Discussion Regarding Proposed Parks & Recreation Budget Initiatives/Priorities for FY26

**G. Director's Report**

4. [25-0340](#) Parks & Recreation Updates for April 2025

*Attachments:* [Directors Report - 04.9.2025](#)

**H. Committee Liaison and Subcommittee Reports**

- *Island Strategic Action Committee*
- *Water Shore & Beach Advisory Committee*
- *Pedestrian & Bicycle Connectivity Subcommittee*
- *Adopt-A-Park Subcommittee*
- *PRAC Strategic Action Plan Subcommittee*
- *Grant Subcommittee*
- *Marina Advisory Committee*

**I. Future Agenda Items**

**J. Adjournment**

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## Meeting Minutes

### Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

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#### A. Call To Order/Roll Call

Chair Lindsey called the meeting to order and a quorum was established.

**Present:** 7 - Linda Lindsey, Shawn Flanagan, Thomas Cronnon, Joan Adams-Wolfe, George Woods, Jay N. Gardner, and Mark Borgeson

**Absent:** 3 - James Lehnert, Adam Rios, and Joe De La Paz

#### B. Public Comment: None.

#### C. Approval to Excuse Absences: Mike Lehnert & Thomas Cronnon

A motion was made by Mr. Flanagan to approve/excuse the absence of Thomas Cronnon and it was seconded by Mr. Woods. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Flanagan to approve/excuse the absence of Mike Lehnert and it was seconded by Mr. Gardner. The motion passed.

#### D. Approval of Minutes

##### 1. [25-0339](#) PRAC Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2025

A motion was made by Mr. Flanagan to approve the minutes listed above and it was seconded by Mr. Gardner. The motion passed.

#### E. Director's Report

##### 2. [25-0340](#) Parks & Recreation Updates for April 2025

Robert Dodd, Director of Parks and Recreation, updated the Committee on the following topics:

- TRAPS Conference
- Texas Beach Watch Signs/Water Quality
- Sherrill Park Helicopter
- Marina Master Plan
- Art Conservation/Restoration Project
- West Guth SK8 Games
- Beach Rescue

- Parker Park Dog Park
- Summer Job Fair at Greenwood Senior Center
- Barefoot Mardi Gras 2025

**F. Unfinished Business for Discussion or Possible Action**

**3. [25-0159](#) Discussion Regarding Proposed Parks & Recreation Budget Initiatives/Priorities for FY26**

Chair Lindsey began the conversation with her recommendation to increase budget funding for portable restrooms at park facilities and for increasing the frequency of which the portable restrooms are cleaned/maintained.

Heather Hurlbert, Assistant City Manager, recommended that PRAC make a categorized list of budget items between what they would not support reducing or support reducing; budget items for programs/services they would like to add or expand. Discussion also took place regarding increasing user/registration fees for specific programs/services. No action was taken on this item.

**G. Subcommittee & Committee Liaison Reports**

Mr. Gardner gave the following updates for topics discussed by ISAC:

- Commodore Master Plan
- Island Mobility Plan
- Billish Park

Joan Wolfe brought up the City Council Ceremonial announcement regarding "Lights Out Corpus Christ" which will help with the upcoming peak, bird migratory season; inquired if there could be alternatives to utilizing stadium lighting at park facilities.

Further discussion took place regarding water quality safety along Ocean Drive (Poenish Park/Cole Park) and if TCEQ/GLO/locat organizations (Surfriders/Bluewater Taskforce) can merge information into a centralized public announcement. This could be helpful for tourist, specifically during storm events as water activities should be avoided for 72 hours. Chair Lindsey also recommended if more signs could be distributed throughout parks notifying visitors to properly dispose of pet waste.

Adopt-A-Park:

- Update on recent adoptions - Downtown Lions Club/Lions Park
- Navigation of the Parks & Recreation Website/homepage where you may find the Adopt-a-Park "Interest Form"
- Adopt-a-Park Signage

**H Future Agenda Items**

- Continued Budget Discussions
- Subcommittee reports for Grants and Pedestrian/Bicycle Connectivity

**I. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



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# Parks and Recreation Athletic Field Crew Overview

Sergio Gonzalez  
Assistant Director

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# Parks and Recreation Athletics Field Overview

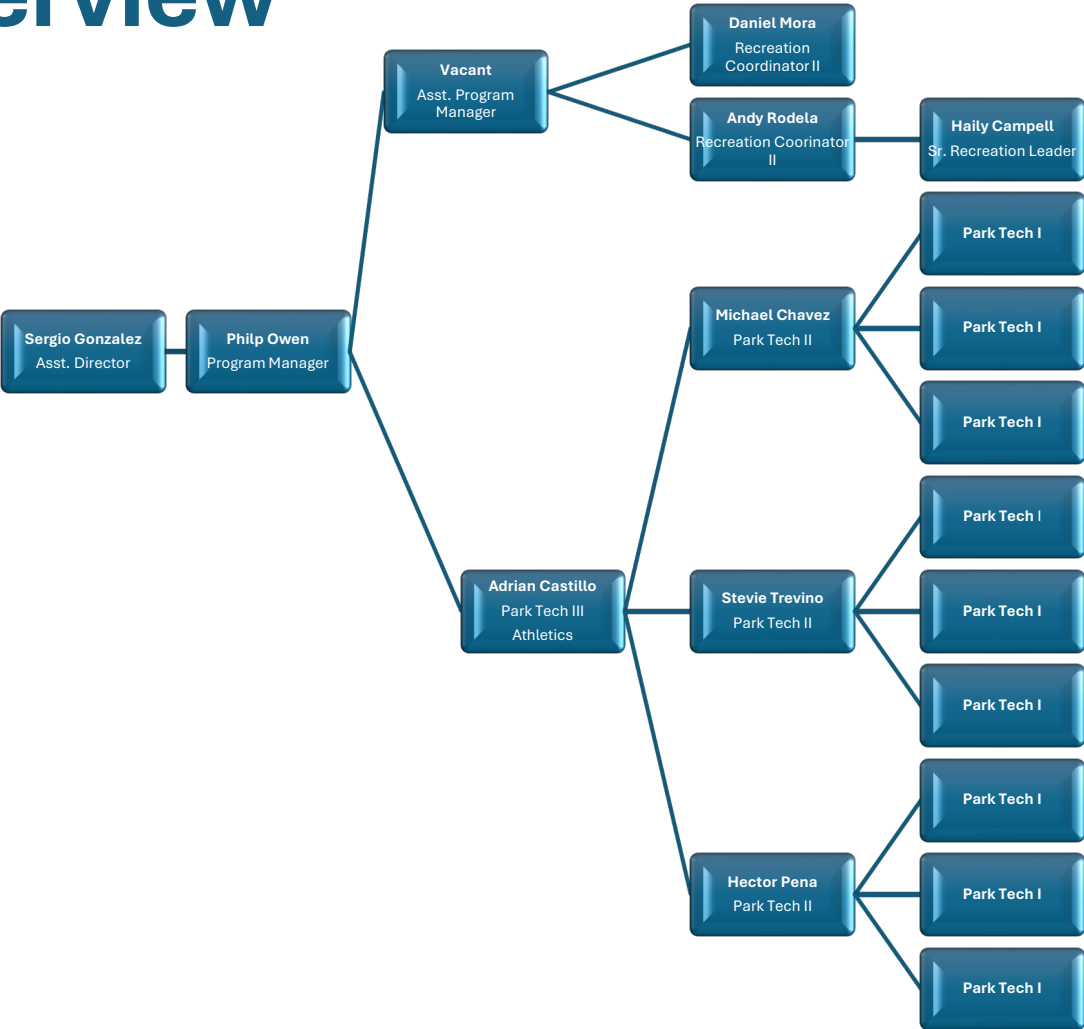
- Healthy Lifestyle
- Safe and Livable Neighborhoods
- **Economic Vitality**
- Sense of Community
- Attractive and Sustainable Environment
- Lifelong Learning

# VISION



# Parks and Recreation Athletics Field Overview

- Athletics Workgroup
  - ❖ 18 Full Time
  - ❖ 1 Part Time
- Athletics Operations
  - ❖ 4 Full Time
  - ❖ 1 Part Time
- Athletic Field Maintenance
  - ❖ 13 Full Time





# Parks and Recreation Athletics Field Overview

- Athletics Operation
  - ❖ League Play
  - ❖ Field Use Agreement Permit
  - ❖ Sports Recreation Programming
- Athletics Maintenance
  - ❖ Turf Maintenance
  - ❖ Small repairs
  - ❖ League play
  - ❖ Tournament play
  - ❖ Project Planning



# Parks and Recreation Athletics Field Overview

- Athletics Maintenance includes:
  - ❖ Mowing and trimming
  - ❖ Minor repairs
  - ❖ Turf Maintenance
    - ❖ Seeding
    - ❖ Conditioner
    - ❖ Red Dirt Replenish
    - ❖ Chemical Control
    - ❖ Irrigation
  - ❖ Project Planning
    - ❖ Set fields to tier I, II and III
    - ❖ Repair and/or replace fences
    - ❖ Concession stands upgrades/repairs





# Parks and Recreation Athletics Field Overview



- Purpose

- ❖ Provide quality and sustainably operated fields for the benefit and enjoyment of the public

- Guiding Principles

- ❖ Facility maintenance
- ❖ Support of Youth Programs
- ❖ Stewardship
- ❖ Public Access
- ❖ Healthy lifestyles



# Parks and Recreation Athletics Field Crew Plan

## • Phase 1

- Salinas Park
  - ❖ Express Soccer League
- Greenwood Sports Complex
  - ❖ Universal Little League
  - ❖ International Little League
- Bill Witt Park
  - ❖ Sting Soccer League
  - ❖ Padre Soccer League
  - ❖ Padre Sports League
  - ❖ United Little Miss Kickball

## • Phase 2

- Southside Sports Complex
  - ❖ National Little League
  - ❖ Oso Little League
  - ❖ Oso Little Miss Kickball

## • Phase 3 (Spring 2026)

- McArdle Sports Complex
  - ❖ Southside Kickball League
- Evelyn Price Park
  - ❖ Incarnate Word Academy
  - ❖ Marucci Elite
- Kiwanas Park
  - ❖ Kiwanas Sr. Softball League



# Parks and Recreation Sports Turf Maintenance



- Total Acreage of Athletic Sites  
Phase 1 and 2
  - ❖ 54 Athletic Sites
  - ❖ 260.85 Total Acres Maintained
- Budget
  - ❖ Expenses
    - ❖ \$1,953,474.60
  - ❖ Revenue as of 4/2/2024
    - ❖ \$129,397.91





# Parks and Recreation Field Use Agreements



- The City has historically leased or rented out most of its athletic fields to community organizations to operate and maintain.
- In exchange for assuming maintenance responsibilities, lessees have typically paid no fees.
- Most of the lease agreements have expired and are currently operating on a month-to-month basis.





# Parks and Recreation Field Use Agreements Best Practices



## Benchmark Cities

- Operating and maintenance practices vary widely across benchmark cities, and even across different areas within the same city.
- Benchmark cities trend towards a rental-only model.

CITY	Rental	Lease	Maintenance
Houston	Yes	No	City
San Antonio	Yes	Yes	City/Lessees
Dallas	Yes	No	City
Austin	Yes	Yes	City/Lessees
Fort Worth	Yes	No	City
El Paso	Yes	No	City
Arlington	Yes	Yes ( <i>limited</i> )	City/Lessees



# Parks and Recreation Field Use Agreements



## Terms

- **Long-term**
  - ❖ 1-year term with option to renew
- **Long-term youth recreational**
  - ❖ Limited to youth leagues only
  - ❖ 1-year term with option to renew
- **Standard rental**
  - ❖ First come, first serve
  - ❖ Reserved through online portal (RecPro)
  - ❖ Most flexible booking option

## Priority Groups

- Parks & Rec Sponsored Programs & Events
- Youth Recreational Leagues & Adaptive / Special Needs Programs
- Youth Competitive Leagues
- Adult Recreational Leagues
- Adult Competitive Leagues
- All Other Programs



# Parks and Recreation Field Use Agreements

## Rates:

- Youth Recreational Leagues
  - ❖ National Sanctioned Little League/Pony Leagues
  - ❖ \$4.25/HR
  - ❖ \$5.25/HR with Lights
  
- Hourly Rate Includes
  - ❖ Water
  - ❖ Electricity
  - ❖ Turf maintenance
  - ❖ Minor Repairs

## Benchmark Cities:

### Dallas

Type	Unlighted Field Hourly <7pm	Lighted Field Hourly >7pm	Deposit	Event Fee
Registered COD Adult Athletic Leagues	\$26	\$51	\$500	
Practice Use	\$26	\$51		
Youth Leagues (Mon - Fri)	\$13	\$31	\$200	
Youth Leagues (Weekend)	\$21	\$31	\$200	
Tournaments	\$26	\$51	\$200	\$200
Select Parks/Complexes	\$31	\$61		

### Austin

Type	Resident Fee	Non-Resident Fee	Deposit
Informal Hourly - Weekday Day (8a-5p)	\$25	\$28	N/A
Informal Hourly - Weekday Evening (5p-10p)	\$39	\$44	N/A
Informal Hourly - Weekend Day (8a-5p)	\$30	\$33	N/A
Informal Hourly - Weekend Evening (5p-10p)	\$56	\$60	N/A
Leagues/Events - Partial Day (<6 hours)	\$166	\$182	\$50
Leagues/Events - Full Day (>6 hours)	\$229	\$244	\$50
Leagues/Events - Utility Fee Per Field (5p-10p)	\$50	\$50	N/A
Leagues/Events - Extra Prep Per Field	\$50	\$50	N/A

### Fort Worth

Type	Hourly	Type	Hourly
Unlined practice fields (Unlighted)	\$15	Natural turf soccer game fields (Lighted)	\$65
Unlined practice fields (Lighted)	\$20	Synthetic turf multi-purpose fields (Unlighted)	\$40
Baseball/softball game fields (Unlighted)	\$30	Synthetic turf multi-purpose fields (Lighted)	\$70
Baseball/softball game fields (Lighted)	\$40	Tournament field fee for soccer fields (Unlighted)	\$35

# Parks and Recreation Athletics Field Use Agreements



- The Parks and Recreation 10-year Master Plan recommends Youth Sports (Rec.) cost recovery of 25%-75%

## Recreational Service Classifications

CORE PROGRAM AREA	BENEFIT LEVEL	CLASS.	PRICING STRATEGY	COST RECOVERY GOAL
AQUATICS	INDIVIDUAL	ESSENTIAL	GENERAL FUND	0 - 25%
OUTDOOR RECREATION	INDIVIDUAL	VALUE ADDED	USER FEES	75%+
SENIORS	COMMUNITY	ESSENTIAL	GENERAL FUND	0 - 25%
SPECIAL EVENTS	COMMUNITY	ESSENTIAL	GENERAL FUND	0 - 25%
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT	INDIVIDUAL	ESSENTIAL	GENERAL FUND	0 - 25 %
YOUTH SPORTS (REC.)	GROUP	IMPORTANT	SUBSIDIZED	25% - 75%
YOUTH SPORTS (COMP.)	INDIVIDUAL	VALUE ADDED	USER FEES	75%+

Recovery Rate:					
25%			Fields		
CATAGORY	Cost	Hours	w/o Lights	w/ Lights	Total
Maintance Cost	\$ 193,750.00		76		\$ 2,549.34
Water Cost	\$ 34,655.25		76		\$ 455.99
Electricity Cost	\$ 31,250.00	720		49	\$ 2,126.74
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 259,655.25</b>				<b>\$ 5,132.07</b>
With Lights					
Rate	Cost	Hours	Fields	Per Hour	Proposed Rate
	\$ 5,132.07	720	49	\$ 7.13	5.25
Without Lights					
Rate	Cost	Hours	Fields	Per Hour	Proposed Rate
	\$ 3,005.33	720	76	\$ 4.17	4.25

# Parks and Recreation Sports Turf Maintenance

- Areas of Improvement

- ❖ Aeration
- ❖ Top Dressing
- ❖ Minor Repairs
- ❖ Upgrades to fields
- ❖ Red Dirt replacement
- ❖ Irrigation repairs

- Challenges

- ❖ Consistent field usage
- ❖ Years of neglected maintenance
- ❖ Organizations determination letter
- ❖ Organizations resisting change





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# Questions?

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# Parks & Recreation Department Updates

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee**  
**April 9, 2025**



# Seasonal Recruitment – Lifeguards/AHKP

Summer Job Fair: March 22, 2025, from 10am – 1pm at the Greenwood Sr. Center.

Approximately 35 people attended & PARD made 4 offers for summer positions; 2 offers for Park I Technicians.

Next Summer Job Fair: April 26, 2025, at CC Gym from 2pm – 4pm.

Gulf Beach/Aquatics will have swim tryouts at the same time in the Natatorium.

## Summer Positions Needed:

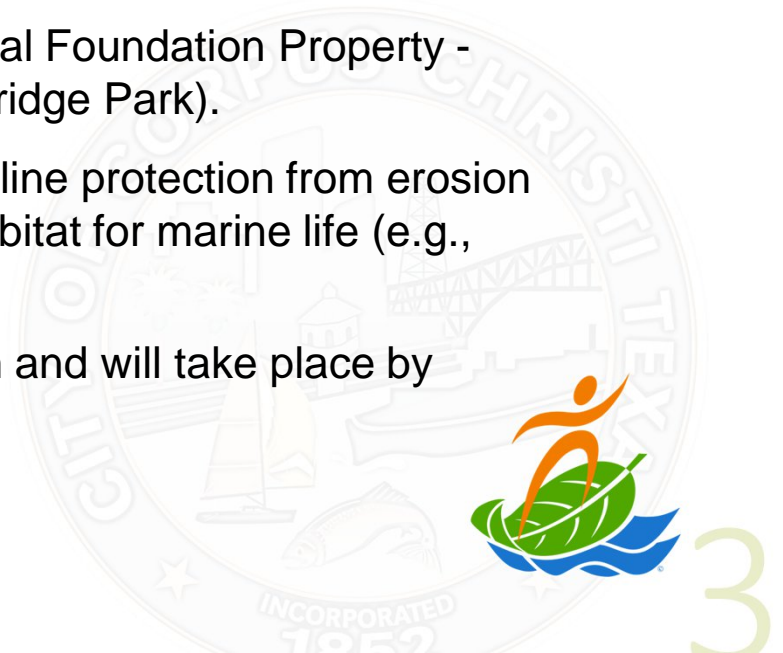
(Starting the weekend before Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend)

- Gulf Beach Lifeguards: 18
- Gulf Beach Sr. Lifeguards: 2
- Aquatic Lifeguards: 62
- Aquatic Instructors: 21
- Aquatic Leads: 4
- Latchkey Sr. Group Leader and Group Leaders: 73
- Recreation Group Leaders (SPARK): 13
- Recreation Sr. Group Leaders (SPARK): 4



# CC Bay Shoreline Breakwater Project: Planning & Economic Development Department

- A resolution of support was approved by City Council on March 25<sup>th</sup> for a lease of coastal submerged land from TGLO to Palacios Marine Agricultural Research Inc.
- This project will build a 2,500-ft submerged breakwater, approximately 300ft offshore.
- It will parallel the shoreline along Ocean Drive (Ed Rachal Foundation Property - HEB & Ada Wilson Houses to the southern end of Doddridge Park).
- The purpose of the project is to provide enhanced shoreline protection from erosion due to high-energy wave action; provide an excellent habitat for marine life (e.g., oysters, fish).
- Construction duration will take approximately one month and will take place by boat/barge from the water.



# Sherrill Veterans Memorial Park

## Construction progress:

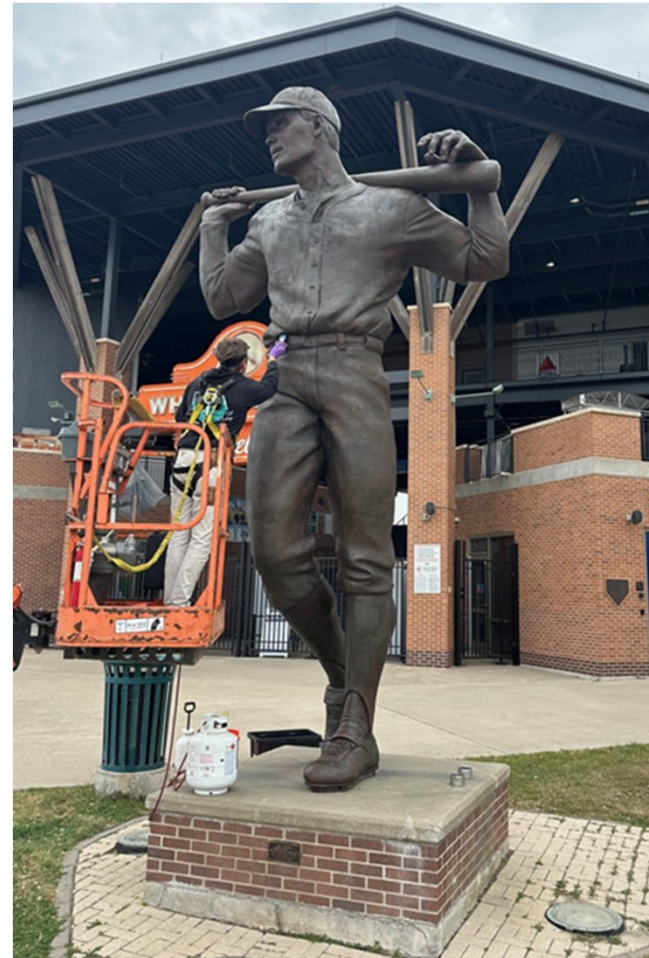
- Helicopter island area backfilled and compacted with structured subgrade material for concrete piers, footings, and pier caps.
- Concrete piers at helicopter foundation drilled, poured, tested by UES lab.
- Pier cap formed, reinforced, and poured with anchor bolts in place. UES and REM Engineering inspected pier caps/ reinforcing.
- Per city staff, helicopter was relocated to Castro Paint & Body shop 03/25/25.
- Helicopter steel support pending delivery this week.
- Pier cap forms removed after concrete pour.
- At this time, there are no construction delays – Anticipated construction completion is June 2025



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# Art Conservation/Restoration of Selected High Priority Statues



April 18 - 20, 2025

# Easter Camping at Labonte Park

Reserve your campsite early!



# Upcoming Events

# EGG HUNT BY THE BAY

APRIL 12 | 12 P.M. - 2 P.M.

OVER  
15,000  
EGGS!



EASTER BUNNY GAMES FOOD TRUCKS PRIZES

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