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FALL 2009 / SPRING 2010



Parks & Recreation

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Vision

Corpus Christi

The City of choice where we make it happen.

Mission

Provide exceptional service to enhance the quality of life.



Inclusion

The City of Corpus Christi promotes participation regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, political beliefs or disability. Reasonable accommodations are provided upon request and in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. For assistance or to request a reasonable accommodation, please call **361-826-3460** at least 48 hours in advance. **Upon request, this information can be available in large print and/or computer disk.**

Tell us what you think.

Help us serve our community better. Submit your ideas, comments or concerns on www.ccparkandrec.com

(accessible on most department Web pages).

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Parks & Recreation Department

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Recreation Locations			
Ben Garza Gym	1815 Howard St., 78408	361-884-2194	♿
Corpus Christi Gym	3202 Cabaniss Pkwy., 78415	361-851-1612	♿
Solomon Coles Gym	924 Winnebago St., 78401	361-884-9552	♿
Collier Pool	3801 Harris Dr., 78411	361-852-0243	♿
Corpus Christi Natatorium	3202 Cabaniss Pkwy., 78415	361-878-2337	♿
Greenwood Pool	4305 Greenwood Dr., 78416	361-852-7211	♿
H-E-B Pool (CLOSED)	1520 Shely St., 78401	(under renovation)	♿
Joe Garza Pool	3204 Highland Ave., 78405	361-883-7911	♿
Oso Pool	1109 Bernice Dr., 78412	361-992-0895	♿
Parker Pool	1456 Waldron Rd., 78418	361-937-5217	♿
Violet Pool	4301 Violet Rd., 78410	361-241-3751	♿
West Guth Pool	9705 Up River Rd., 78410	361-241-3741	♿
Joe Garza Recreation Center	3204 Highland Ave., 78405	361-882-1408	♿
Lindale Recreation Center	3133 Swantner Dr., 78404	361-855-0392	♿
Oak Park Recreation Center	842 Erwin Dr., 78408	361-883-3912	♿
Oso Recreation Center	1111 Bernice Dr., 78412	361-991-3700	♿
Solomon Coles Recreation Center	924 Winnebago St., 78401	361-884-9552	♿
Broadmoor Senior Center	1651 Tarlton St., 78415	361-888-7012	♿
Ethel Eyerly Community Center	654 Graham Rd., 78418	361-937-3218	♿
Garden Senior Center	5325 Greely Dr., 78412	361-980-9354	♿
Greenwood Senior Center	4040 Greenwood Dr., 71416	361-854-1368	♿
Lindale Senior Center	3135 Swantner Dr., 78404	361-854-4508	♿
Northwest Senior Center	9725 Up River Rd., 78410	361-241-3956	♿
Oveal Williams Senior Center	1414 M.L. King Dr., 78401	361-887-7633	♿
Zavala Senior Center	510 Osage St., 78405	361-882-1149	♿
Juvenile Assessment Center	226 Enterprize Pkwy, Ste. 104, 78405	361-826-4000	♿
Weed & Seed Program	1241 Flour Bluff Dr, 78418	361-826-3489	♿
78415 CYD Program	226 Enterprize Pkwy, Ste. 104, 78405	361-826-4028	♿
Cultural Center/Heritage Park	1581 N. Chaparral St., 78401	361-826-3410	♿
Al Kruse Tennis Center	502 King St., 78401	361-883-6942	♿
H-E-B Tennis Center	1520 Shely St., 78404	361-882-6013	♿
Lozano Golf Center	4401 Old Brownsville Rd., 78405	361-826-8016	♿
Oso Beach Golf Course	5601 S. Alameda St., 78412	361-826-8010	♿
McGee Beach	(601 S. Shoreline Blvd., 78402)		♿
Corpus Christi Beach	(access by Surfside Blvd., 78401)		♿
Mustang Island Beaches	(access by SH 361, 78418)		♿
Padre Island Beaches	(access by Park Road 22, 78418)		♿

♿ – indicates facility is accessible

Programs and schedules may be subject to change.

City Facilities Are Available for Rental

MULTI-PURPOSE

All department facilities are available for rentals. Accommodations are ideal for business meetings, parties, family reunions, sport functions, game use, and other special events at one of our:

- 5 recreation centers
- 8 senior centers
- 4 pavilions (2 on the beach)
- 2 pools (year-round) & 9 pools (summer)
- 3 gyms
- 8 fields
- Cole Park Amphitheater

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Give your event a special setting at:

- The historic Victorian Galván House
- Rose Garden
- Courtyard located in Heritage Park (also ideal for meetings and banquets)
- The Miradores, lookout shelters along the Seawall, Marina, and the Watergarden offer breathtaking spots for weddings.
- The Artesian Park (the Gazebo) is another special setting for weddings.

For more information, **CALL 361-826-3460**



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RECREATION**

Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Department Unveils New Logo!

We are excited to introduce a new logo to represent the department!

As you may agree with a quick review of our program guides and our website, the Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Department offers a wide-variety of programs and services. It would be impossible to include all in a logo symbol, so we narrowed it down to focus on three key elements.

The **WATER** represents the department's efforts to promote, protect and provide access to one of Corpus Christi's most unique resources. Along with nine pools, the department maintains and guards portions of the Gulf Beach on North Padre Island during spring and summer, as well as maintains McGee Beach and Corpus Christi Beach year-round which are a short distances from our downtown along the Corpus Christi Bay. The **LEAF** represents the department's green spaces, natural areas and efforts to reconnect youth and families with the outdoors. The **INDIVIDUAL** represents our community's most valuable resource—its PEOPLE.

The figure does not discriminate, it could be a child or adult and any ethnicity. It indicates that we are a colorful people. It represents our department's motivation for providing a myriad of programs, services and activities, for protecting our natural resources and open spaces, and for developing new areas and places for youth and families to connect and belong. The department promotes a healthy and active lifestyle through recreational, nutritional, social, cultural and entertainment programs offered year-round. We invite you to visit www.ccparkandrec.com for more information.

This image better reflects our department's programs, services and facilities and provides us with a new opportunity to market our department to residents and visitors alike.

DID YOU KNOW? Surveys indicate that parks are very important to residents and visitors—they enrich the quality of life and are a critical factor which impacts our city's economic development. It impacts the decisions of individuals and families regarding where to live, work and play, as well as to attract visitors to our area, and equally important to appeal to good companies which bring jobs to Corpus Christi. Surveys also show that our beaches are the number one reason people visit our City, so to depict it on our logo illustrates our uniqueness and our top marketing point. The department logo will help promote these factors.

Corpus Christi Nationally Recognized as a "Playful City USA" Community!

During July 2009, the City of Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Department was notified that the City was named a "Playful City USA" community by the KaBOOM! organization.

KaBOOM! is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to bringing healthy play activities back into the lives of the nation's children. As part of that effort, each year it recognizes cities that create and implement programs that help attain that goal. This year, Corpus Christi has been selected as one of 93 Playful City USA communities that have demonstrated a creative commitment to foster play in the areas of quantity, quality and access. The City's commitment to improving existing parks and developing new areas for play through its Capital Improvement Program is one of the areas KaBOOM! selected Corpus Christi for recognition.

On **Saturday, October 24**, the Parks & Recreation Department will host the **"Get-up & Get Out" Day** at Greenwood Park. In addition to showcasing the variety of programs and place the department offers residents and visitors, this event will also give our community partners an opportunity to highlight their "playful" sides as well. Please "Get Up and Get Out" to join us for this day of play and activity.

"Corpus Christi took a stand and determined that the future of their community – and their children – deserve a commitment to the cause of play," said Darrell Hammond, KaBOOM! CEO. "This is an investment in the future, not an expenditure and cities and towns across the country can replicate initiatives from these Playful City USA communities so that they too can bring play back into the lives of their children," Hammond, said.

KaBOOM! is headquartered in Washington, D.C. Since 1995, the organization has worked to bring business and community interests together to construct more than 1,600 new playgrounds, skateparks, sports fields and other facilities to cities across North America.





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Latchkey After School

The Latchkey After School Program is the answer for working parents concerned about leaving their children in unsupervised environments. It is an enrichment program licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

The program operates Monday through Friday from the end of the school day until 6:00 p.m. at 36 elementary school sites within Corpus Christi, Calallen and Flour Bluff Independent School Districts. Children who attend schools that do not offer the Latchkey program can register at any Latchkey site with the understanding that parents are responsible for making transportation arrangements.

The program provides a safe, supervised environment, and quality recreational experiences and activities including art, drama, games and special events. Tuition assistance is available for qualified participants. All qualifying sites will be provided with snacks through a grant with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Special Nutrition Program. For more information and fees, call the Latchkey Program at **361-826-3499**.

CCISD Elementary Schools:

Barnes	Calk	Carroll Lane	Casa Linda	Chula Vista
Club Estates	Crockett	Dawson	Fannin	Galván
Houston	Jones	Kostoryz	Lexington	Los Encinos
Meadowbrook	Menger	Mireles	Montclair	Moore
Oak Park	Prescott	Sanders	Schanen	Smith
Webb	Wilson	Windsor Park	Woodlawn	Yeager

Calallen ISD Elementary Schools:

Wood River Primary • East Primary • Magee Intermediate

Flour Bluff ISD Elementary Schools:

Early Childhood Center • Primary/Elementary • Intermediate

NEW ADDITION > Wes Oso ISD Call for details.

LATCHKEY'S VACATION STATION PROGRAM (VS)

Camp program offered at Galvan Elementary and Calallen Magee Intermediate from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Children need to bring a lunch and a snack. **For details, call 826-3499.**

VS Cost: \$18/child/day • VS Scholarship Fee: \$15/child/day
VS Schedule: • November 23–25 • December 21–24, 28–31
• March 15–19



Youth Sports Camps

Camps will be offered at the Corpus Christi Gym.
Dates and times are to be announced. **Call 361-851-1612.**

- Winter Break:** • Baseball • Basketball • Softball
Spring Break: • Basketball

Golf Youth Programs

Lozano Golf Camps for Kids are 2-day camps offered at Lozano Golf Center for ages 8-18 of all skill levels. Cost is \$45/camp/junior. **Call 361-826-8016.**

- Christmas Break, December 21 & 22, 2009, 9am–11am
- Spring Break, March 15–19, 2010, 9am–11am

League

(November 2009–March 2010 • Call 361-826-3588)

Winter Youth Basketball League

Ages: Boys & Girls 6-17
 Registration: November 2–13, 2009 at City Hall and
 Corpus Christi Gym, M–F from 4:30pm–7pm
 Ben Garza Gym, M–F from 11:30am–4:30pm
 Fee: \$60/youth
 Late: \$70/youth
 Season: Games will be played January–March 2010.

Tournaments

(December 2009–January 2010 • Call 361-826-3588)

High School Baseball Tournament

Registration: November 16–27, 2009 at (**)
 Dates: December 12 & 13, 2009 (3 games guaranteed)
 Fee: \$325/team
 Divisions: 18U & 16U

High School Baseball Tournament

Registration: December 28, 2009–January 8, 2010 at (**)
 Dates: January 23 & 24, 2010 (3 games guaranteed)
 Fee: \$325/team
 Divisions: Varsity (18U) & Junior Varsity (16U)

**City Hall, 3rd Floor, Parks & Recreation Dept., M–F from 11:30am–4:30pm

Collier Pool and the Corpus Christi Natatorium are open year-round and offer lap swim, general swim, swim lessons and special events.

Natatorium

3202 Cabaniss Parkway, Corpus Christi, TX 78415
Phone: 361-878-2337

Lap Swim: Monday–Friday, 5am–6:45am & 6pm–8:30pm
Saturday–Sunday, 11:30am–6pm

General Swim: Saturday–Sunday, 1pm–6pm
(when swim meets are not taking place)

Collier Pool

3801 Harris Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78411
Phone: 361-852-0243

Lap Swim: Monday–Friday, 5am–8am, 11:30am–7pm
Saturday–Sunday, 12pm–6pm

General Swim: Monday Closed
Tuesday–Friday, 4pm–6pm
Saturday–Sunday, 1pm–6pm

Fees: Youth \$1.00/day or \$50/season pass
Adult \$2.00/day or \$100/season pass
Seniors \$1.00/day or \$75/season pass
Family \$200/season pass

* Fall Season passes are valid September 1–December 31, 2009

* Spring Season passes are valid January 1–April 30, 2010

Ask about our \$10.00 or \$20.00 punch cards.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Dive-In Movies

Family oriented movies on a BIG screen offered on the first Friday of the month from October–May, beginning at 8pm at the Corpus Christi Natatorium. (due to New Year's Day, the dive-in movie will be shown on 2nd Friday in January). Fees: \$2.00/swimmer. Call the Natatorium one week in advance for movie titles.

Collier Pool Swim Events

EVENT	DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE*	FEE
Columbus' Day 1 Mile Swim	Saturday, October 10, 2009	September 30	\$15.00
Thanksgiving Day 3-Mile Swim	Friday & Saturday, November 27 & 29, 2009	November 18	\$15.00
New Year's Day 2-Mile Swim	Thursday, January 1, 2010	December 16	\$15.00
Valentine's Day 2000-Meter Swim	Saturday, February 14, 2010	February 3	\$15.00
St. Patrick's Day 5000-Meter Swim	Saturday, March 13, 2010	March 3	\$15.00

*All participants registered by deadline will receive an event t-shirt

Spook 'N Splash

Join us for the 3rd Annual Spook 'N Splash on Friday, October 9, 7pm–10pm at the Corpus Christi Natatorium! This event will offer games, arts and crafts, a haunted hallway, and more! Fee: \$4.00/participant. Reminder, all children ages 7 and younger must be accompanied into the water by a paying adult (16 years or older).

Underwater Egg Hunt

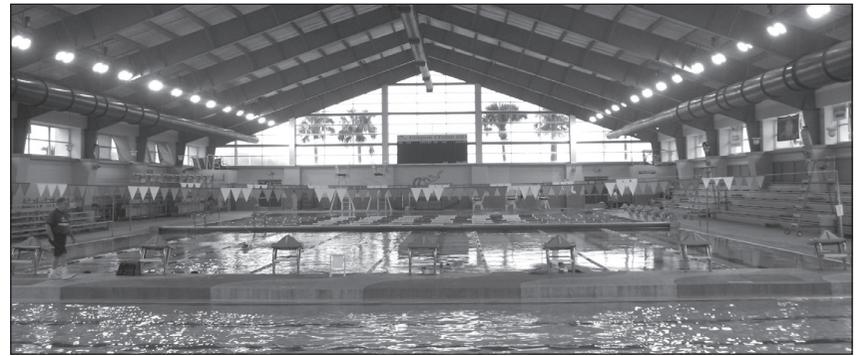
Bring your basket and come search for eggs at our 8th Annual Underwater Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3, 2010 from 1pm–4pm at the Corpus Christi Natatorium. This event will give all participants the opportunity to dive for eggs, do arts and crafts, and eat candy! Fee: \$4.00/participant. Reminder, all children ages 7 and younger must be accompanied into the water by a paying adult (16 years or older).

Holiday 2009–2010

Hours at the Natatorium

Lap Swim: Check the monthly "When to Swim Calendar" for lap swim times.

General Swim: Sunday, November 22–Sunday, November 29, 2pm–6pm (CLOSED November 26 for Thanksgiving), Sunday, December 20–Sunday, January 3, 2pm–6pm (CLOSED Thanksgiving Day, December 24–25 for Christmas Holiday, New Year's Day & Easter Sunday).



Plan Your Parties With Us!

Splash Parties

Available Saturday & Sunday evenings from 6:30pm–8:30pm

Prices start at \$150 for Collier Pool and \$200 for Natatorium and includes lifeguards and up to 50 guests.

Natatorium General Swim Parties

Available Saturday & Sunday during general swim.

Prices are listed below:

Package A is \$50 (up to 20 swimmers) **Package B** is \$75 (up to 35 swimmers) **Package C** is \$100 (up to 50 swimmers)

Call the pool of your choice. Ask about our NEW Pool Pavilion Rentals.

PROGRAMS:

Group Swim Lessons

We offer American Red Cross Levels 1-6 swim lessons for 6 months to adult. Swimmers move to the next level based on skill rather than age. We also offer Parent/Tot classes on demand. All instructors are American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor Certified and have previous teaching experience. Level 1-2 class minimum-2, maximum-5. Level 3 and up class minimum-2, maximum-6. Group and private registration will be offered on days indicated below from 5pm-8pm.

NATATORIUM:	SESSION DATES	GROUP REGISTRATION	PRIVATE REGISTRATION
Fall Session I*	August 31-September 24	August 25	August 27
Fall Session II	September 28-October 22	September 22	September 24
Fall Session III	October 26-November 19	October 20	October 22
Winter Session I**	November 30-December 17	November 17	November 19
Winter Session II	January 4-28	December 15	December 18
Winter Session III	February 1-25	January 26	January 28
Spring Session I***	March 1-11	February 23	February 25
Spring Session II	March 22-April 15	March 9	March 11
Spring Session III	April 19-May 13	April 13	April 15

*Fall Session I will be at Collier Pool, last week of lessons will be held at the Natatorium

**Three-week session (3-week session, prices reflect this change)

***Two-week session (M/T/W/Th)

Fall/Winter/Spring Sessions: Classes run Monday/Wednesday OR Tuesday/Thursday for 4 consecutive weeks in the evenings. Class times and availability information will be posted at the time of registration. Fees: \$40.00/swimmer/session OR \$30.00/swimmer/session for 3-week sessions. All classes are 30 minutes long. **Missed classes cannot be made up or refunded.**

COLLIER POOL:	SESSION DATES	REGISTRATION
Spring Session I	April 13-23	April 6
Spring Session II	April 27-May 7	April 20
Spring Session III	May 11-21	May 4

Fall/Spring Sessions: Classes run Tuesday-Friday for 2 consecutive weeks in the evenings. Class times and availability information will be posted at the time of registration. Fees: \$40.00/swimmer/session. All classes are 30 minutes long. **Missed classes cannot be made up or refunded.**





Private Swim Lessons

Private swim lessons are available Monday–Friday evenings at the Natatorium, per instructor availability. Cancellations made less than 24 hours in advance will not be rescheduled. You may reschedule one session per four-lesson package. Fee: \$10.00/30-minute lesson OR \$35.00/4-pack of 30-minute lessons. Call the Natatorium for more information.

Aqua Fitness

Held in shallow water at the Natatorium, this class is great for improving flexibility and strengthening your core. Classes are held Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 6pm–7pm for all participants, age 14 and up. Lifeguards are always on duty. Fee is \$4.00/class or \$24.00/8-class punch card.

Water Safety Instructor Course

Purpose: Prepares instructor candidates to organize and conduct courses in swimming and water safety, including Learn-to-Swim, Parent and Child Aquatics, Basic Water Rescue, and Water Safety Presentations.

Prerequisites: Minimum age of 16, swim 25 yards each of the following at a Level 4 ability: front crawl, back crawl, sidestroke, breaststroke and elementary backstroke, swim 15 yards of butterfly, maintain position on back for 1 minute in deep water, tread water for 1 minute

Cost: \$175; fee includes instructor's manual

Duration: 30 hours

Class: December 20–23, 2009, 9am–5pm each day. Instructor Candidates must attend all sessions to achieve certification.

Course Notes: Course includes Fundamentals of Instructor Training.

Lifeguard Instructor Course

Purpose: Trains lifeguarding instructor candidates to teach American Red Cross Lifeguarding course, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, First Aid, Automated External Defibrillation, Oxygen Administration and Bloodborne Pathogens Training.

Prerequisites: Minimum age of 17. Correctly answer at least 80% of the questions in each of the three final written Lifeguarding exams. Must swim 300 yards continuously using these strokes in the following order: 100 yards of front crawl stroke, 100 yards of breaststroke and 100 yards of either front crawl or breaststroke or a combination of both. All 300 yards must use rhythmic breathing with your face in the water and a stabilizing, propellant kick. Swim 20 yards using front crawl or breaststroke, surface dive to a minimum depth of 7 feet, retrieve a 10 lb. object, return to surface, and swim back to starting point with the object within one minute and forty seconds. When returning to the starting point, you must hold the 10 lb. object with both hands and keep your face above the water. Demonstrate competency in First Aid scenarios. Demonstrate competency in CPR/PR/AED scenarios. Demonstrate competency in all water rescue skill and scenarios.

Cost: \$175; fee includes book and materials

Duration: 35 hours

Class: December 27–31, 2009, 9am–5pm each day. Lifeguard Instructor Candidates must attend all sessions to achieve certification.

Course Notes: Course includes Fundamentals of Instructor Training.

Lifeguard Training

Purpose: Teaches the duties and responsibilities of lifeguards to prevent and respond to aquatic emergencies and procedures to carry them out in a professional manner. Certifies participant as an American Red Cross Lifeguard. Includes certifications in CPR for the Professional Rescuer, First Aid, Automated External Defibrillation, Oxygen Administration, and Bloodborne Pathogens Training.

Prerequisites: Minimum age of 15 (must be age 16 to work for the City of Corpus Christi). Must swim 300 yards continuously using these strokes in the following order: 100 yards of front crawl stroke, 100 yards of breaststroke and 100 yards of either front crawl or breaststroke or a combination of both. All 300 yards must use rhythmic breathing with your face in the water and a stabilizing, propellant kick. Swim 20 yards using front crawl or breaststroke, surface dive to a minimum depth of 7 feet, retrieve a 10 lb. object, return to surface, and swim back to starting point with the object within one minute and forty seconds. When returning to the starting point, you must hold the 10 lb. object with both hands and keep you face above water.

Cost: \$150; fee includes Lifeguarding Book and a pocket mask.

Duration: 35 hours

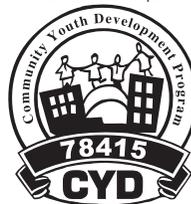
Class: November 23–25, 2009, December 19–23, 2009, March 18–21, 2009, and April 17 & 18, and 24 & 25, 2010, 9am–5pm each day. Lifeguard Candidates must attend all sessions to achieve certification.

For more information on any of our programs, visit

www.ccparkandrec.com or call 361-826-3460, 361-826-3492, or 361-826-1749. (For a complete list of City pools see page 1.)

Community Youth Development... Empower Now!

City of Corpus Christi
Parks & Recreation Department



Do you live or attend school in 78415? If so, then why not join one of the many programs that are offered **FREE** for youth! Programs that work to develop your life skills, teach you leadership ability, and support your youth development. This year will be an exciting year with new providers offering a wide variety of programs for each age group. Community Youth Development (CYD) programs serve youth of all ages with a special emphasis for ages 10 to 17. Programs are available within the schools or with free transportation to other offsite locations.

The 78415 Service Providers are programs that support, teach, train and empower our youth and families living in 78415 communities. Services are geared to youth so that they can learn, grow and look forward to a brighter future.

Take charge of your future and learn what you are truly made of. *Empower Now* and learn new skills to take you to the next level!

This program is made possible by funding from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. To learn more about the CYD program and the service providers, visit **www.ccparkandrec.com (click on "PROGRAMS") or call 361-826-4028.**

Cole Park

This park is located on the shoreline of the Corpus Christi Bay near downtown. It features a large playground "KidsPlace," a skate park, a fishing pier, picnic areas and an amphitheater that hosts several events (see cultural events calendar on page 2). For more information, call **361-826-3460.**



Corpus Christi SkatePark

This is the popular attraction which serves the skateboarding members in our community and visitors alike! It is located in Cole Park next to the amphitheater. Grab your board, strap on your helmet and enjoy the park (wearing helmets is not required, but recommended). It is **FREE** and open to the public. For more information, call **361-826-3460.**

Sk8 del Sol Festival & Competition

The third annual event will be held on October 10, 2009 at the Corpus Christi Skate Park from 10am to 6:30pm. Skate park and street skate competitions will be held for skateboarders from age 7 and older. Skaters will have the opportunity to compete to see who can best perform the Highest Ollie, the best Kick Flip and the longest Manual. There will be food booths, vendors and other activities for everyone to enjoy. For more information, call **361-826-3460.**



Juvenile Assessment Center



Service Hours:

Case Management Service Hours:
8am–7pm, Monday–Thursday
8am–5pm, Friday
Except on City Holidays

Administration Hours:

8am–5pm, Monday–Friday
Except on City Holidays

Program Goal

To help families connect with the services they need to aid their children in becoming productive citizens, avoid delinquency and to assist in the reduction of crime in this community.

Program Service

The Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation's Juvenile Assessment Center provides assessment and case management services **FREE OF CHARGE** to all community families and our youth who are experiencing problematic behavior in the areas of but not limited to: school attendance, academic failure, family communication, alcohol and drug use and other social issues that plague youth and families in our society. Parks and Recreation professional case managers provide youth/family community advocacy as well.

Case Management Defined

A range of family/youth centered services guided by a professional case manager that links them to a variety of community resources in a timely manner to address their needs so they can achieve ultimate wellness through advocacy, communication, education and service facilitation.

Parks & Recreation's professional case managers ensure that participants receive the care they deserve so they can properly address their needs. All Parks and Recreation Case Managers are professionals with either a four year degree or higher in Psychology, Sociology or Social work and are Case Manager-Certified "CM-C" by the American Institute of Outcomes Case Management.

For more information, call
361-826-4000.



Weed & Seed Program

The Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Department's Weed & Seed program is a comprehensive, multi-agency approach to combating violent crime, drug use, and gang activity in high-crime neighborhoods. The program is funded by the Department of Justice (DOJ).

The Weed & Seed Program would like to inform the residents in the Flour Bluff Community that we have been given Official Recognition from the Department of Justice for the new Corpus Christi South East Site.

Four Major Strategies:

The Law Enforcement Strategy is designed to reduce drug trafficking, drug related crimes, transient and victimless crimes from targeted high crime areas through coordination of efforts of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

The Community Policing Strategy is designed to focus on increasing police visibility and developing cooperative relationships between the police and the citizens.

The Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Strategy provides adult guidance and youth services through the utilization of Safe Havens in the impacted neighborhoods.

The Neighborhood Restoration Strategy involves federal, state, local and private sector resources to help revitalize distressed neighborhoods through economic development, revitalization efforts, and by providing economic and educational opportunities for residents.

WEED & SEED BEST PRACTICES:

Safe Haven

A Safe Haven is a multi-service center where a variety of youth and adult services are coordinated in a highly visible, accessible facility that is secure against crime and illegal drug activity. It is a place where youth and families can access needed services, develop relationships, and find opportunities to be productive, successful and enhance their skills. Our Safe Haven sites have provided an impetus for hope within the community by combating the negative environment.

Key Safe Haven Principles:

Community-Based - Multi-Service
Prevention-Based - Promote
Collaboration - Results Orientated

SEEDTECH, Computer Training

SEEDTECH is a joint initiative between the Department of Justice, Weed & Seed and the National Urban Technology Center (UTC) in partnership with Safe Havens all across the country. SEEDTECH is a fully equipped, state-of-the-art computer center for community residents. The Corpus Christi Weed & Seed Program established two centers in the Flour Bluff community. One is at Timon's Ministry, 10501 SPID, 361-937-6396 and the other is at the Goodwill Industries of South Texas, 10209 SPID, 361-884-4068. They were created to better prepare community residents with the technological skills they will need to compete in the job market of the 21st century.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a partnership with the Weed & Seed program and the IRS. We enlist volunteers to prepare and e-file income tax for anyone who makes less than \$49,000 per year. This is a free service and we are always looking for volunteers to be trained to help their community. Please call if you would like to help.

Adventure Trekker

Adventure Trekkers is a **FREE** adventure-based outdoor recreation program designed to provide youth ages 11 to 16 with an opportunity to learn about the natural, environmental, and cultural resources available in Texas and the Coastal Bend Region. This program is offered during Spring Break and around the first week of June. *Adventure Trekkers* incorporates outdoor recreation elements with nature conservation concepts, team building, outdoor adventure, self-discipline, leadership, and fitness-oriented activities to young men and women living in the 78418 zip code, such as, kayaking, hiking, team building, windsurfing, environmental education, fishing, and surfing.

Weed & Seed Festivals

The Weed & Seed Festival is a **FREE** community event designed to improve all aspects of the quality of life in the City of Corpus Christi including health care, community policing and economic development. The Festival includes **free** entertainment, games, refreshments and information booths for all community residents. There are numerous organizations present to let the community know about services they provide free and upcoming events that they are planning and also a chance for their staff to meet the residents

attending the community celebration. These festivals are usually put on in the month of August.

FREE Community Nurse

There is a Free Community Nurse officed in the St. Peters by the Sea United Methodist Church, 1541 Waldron Road. She is part of the Wesley Nursing Program, which we were able to partner with to be able to provide these services. The nurse provides education classes and serves as a resource contact for the community.

Weed & Seed Safe Havens in South East Community (Flour Bluff):

Timon's Ministries

10501 SPID
Corpus Christi, TX 78418
361-937-6196 (office)
361-548-4560 (cell)
CONTACT: Kay Berry
timonsministries@sbcglobal.net

Ethel Eyerly Community Center

654 Graham
Corpus Christi, TX 78418
361-937-3218 (office)
361-937-6316 (fax)
CONTACT: Christina Kininmonth
christinak@cctexas.com

St. Peters By The Sea United Methodist Church

1541 Waldron Rd.
Corpus Christi, TX 78418
361-937-1456 (office)
Nurse: Mrs. Gonzalez
361-739-4979 (nurse)
CONTACT: Pastor Harold M. Onwiler
St.peters.sea@sbcglobal.net

Goodwill Industries of South Texas

10209 SPID
Corpus Christi, TX 78418
361-884-4068 (office)

Real Life Fellowship

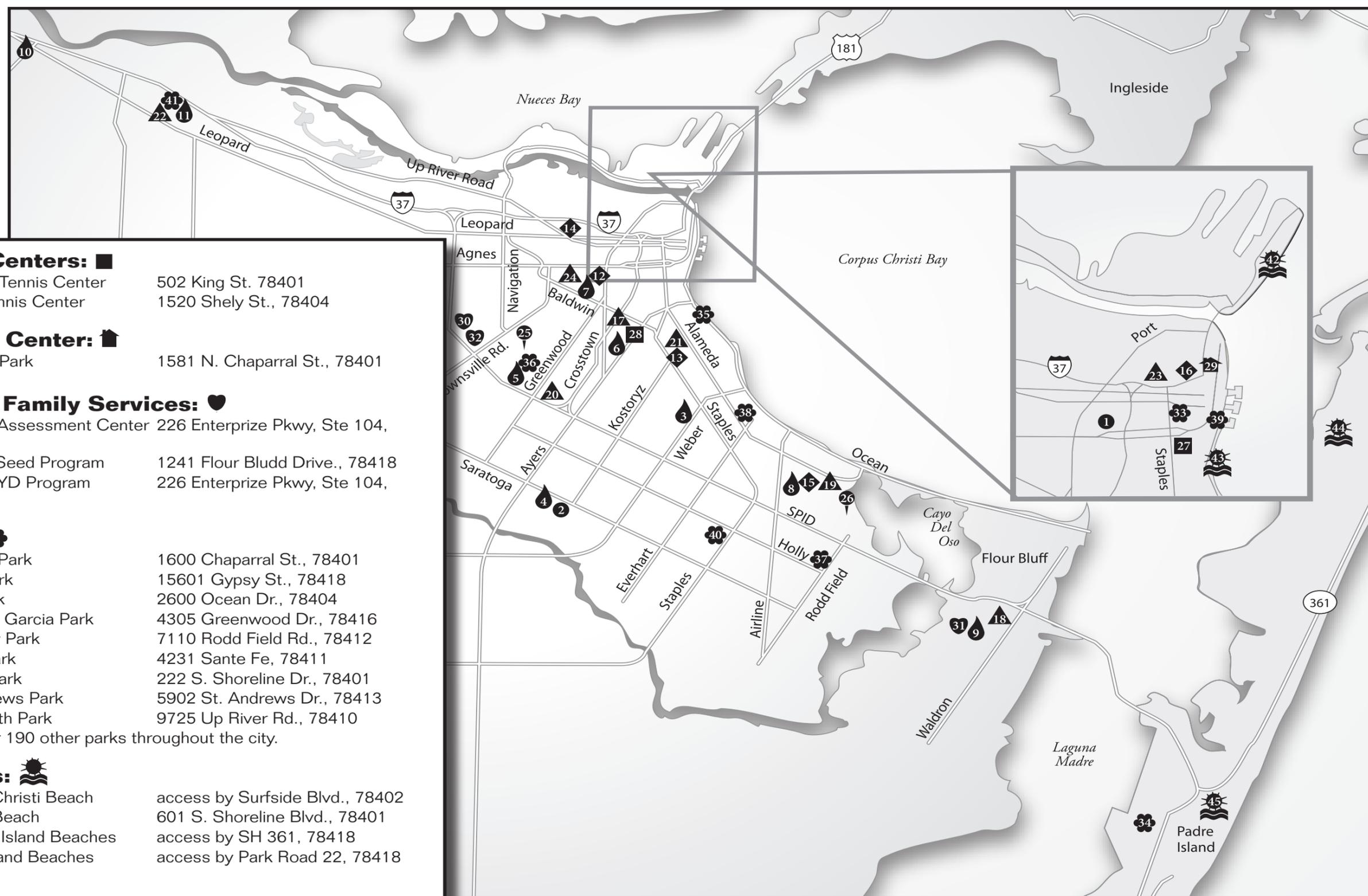
1241 Flour Bluff Dr.
Corpus Christi, TX 78418
361-991-0285 (office)
361-510-6927 (cell)
361-992-7447 (fax)
CONTACT: Pastor Micah Davidson
micah@reallifefellowship.org
Reallifefellowship.org

To request consideration to become a Weed & Seed Safe Haven in the Flour Bluff community, please call:

Harold Smith, Weed & Seed Director
P.O. Box 9277
Corpus Christi, Texas 78469-9277 or
1201 Leopard Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401
361-826-3489 or 361-991-0285 (offices)
361-826-3864 (fax)

CORPUS CHRISTI Parks & Recreation DEPARTMENT Facilities Map

www.ccparkandrec.com



Gyms: ●

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| 1 Ben Garza Gym | 1815 Howard St., 78408 |
| 2 Corpus Christi Gym | 3202 Cabaniss Pkwy., 78415 |

Pools: ●

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| 3 Collier Pool | 3801 Harris Dr., 78411 |
| 4 Corpus Christi Natatorium | 3202 Cabaniss Pkwy., 78415 |
| 5 Greenwood Pool | 4305 Greenwood Dr., 78416 |
| 6 H-E-B Pool (CLOSED) | 1520 Shely St., 78404 |
| 7 Joe Garza Pool | 3204 Highland Ave., 78405 |
| 8 Oso Pool | 1109 Bernice Dr., 78412 |
| 9 Parker Pool | 1456 Waldron Rd., 78418 |
| 10 Violet Pool | 4301 Violet Rd., 78410 |
| 11 West Guth Pool | 9705 Up River Rd., 78410 |

Recreation Centers: ◆

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| 12 Joe Garza Recreation Center | 3204 Highland Ave., 78405 |
| 13 Lindale Recreation Center | 3133 Swantner Dr., 78404 |
| 14 Oak Park Recreation Center | 842 Erwin Ave., 78408 |
| 15 Oso Recreation Center | 1111 Bernice Dr., 78412 |
| 16 Solomon Coles Recreation Center and Gym | 924 Winnebago St., 78401 |

Senior Centers: ▲

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| 17 Broadmoor Senior Center | 1651 Tarlton St., 78415 |
| 18 Ethel Eyerly Community Ctr. | 654 Graham Rd., 78418 |
| 19 Garden Senior Center | 5325 Greely Dr., 78412 |
| 20 Greenwood Senior Center | 4040 Greenwood Dr., 78416 |
| 21 Lindale Senior Center | 3135 Swantner Dr., 78404 |
| 22 Northwest Senior Center | 9725 Up River Rd., 78410 |
| 23 Oveal Williams Senior Center | 1414 M.L. King Dr., 78401 |
| 24 Zavala Senior Center | 510 Osage St., 78405 |

Golf Courses: ●

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| 25 Lozano Golf Center | 4401 Old Brownsville Rd., 78405 |
| 26 Oso Beach Golf Course | 5601 S. Alameda St., 78412 |

Tennis Centers: ■

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| 27 Al Kruse Tennis Center | 502 King St. 78401 |
| 28 H-E-B Tennis Center | 1520 Shely St., 78404 |

Cultural Center: 🏠

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| 29 Heritage Park | 1581 N. Chaparral St., 78401 |
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Youth & Family Services: ♥

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| 30 Juvenile Assessment Center | 226 Enterprize Pkwy, Ste 104, 78405 |
| 31 Weed & Seed Program | 1241 Flour Bludd Drive., 78418 |
| 32 78415 CYD Program | 226 Enterprize Pkwy, Ste 104, 78405 |

Parks: 🌸

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| 33 Artesian Park | 1600 Chaparral St., 78401 |
| 34 Billish Park | 15601 Gypsy St., 78418 |
| 35 Cole Park | 2600 Ocean Dr., 78404 |
| 36 Hector P. Garcia Park | 4305 Greenwood Dr., 78416 |
| 37 Lakeview Park | 7110 Rodd Field Rd., 78412 |
| 38 Lamar Park | 4231 Sante Fe, 78411 |
| 39 Sherrill Park | 222 S. Shoreline Dr., 78401 |
| 40 St. Andrews Park | 5902 St. Andrews Dr., 78413 |
| 41 West Guth Park | 9725 Up River Rd., 78410 |
- Plus over 190 other parks throughout the city.

Beaches: ☀️

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| 42 Corpus Christi Beach | access by Surfside Blvd., 78402 |
| 43 McGee Beach | 601 S. Shoreline Blvd., 78401 |
| 44 Mustang Island Beaches | access by SH 361, 78418 |
| 45 Padre Island Beaches | access by Park Road 22, 78418 |

Ben Garza Gym • Call 361-884-2194

Facility Features: Weight room, recreation room, locker rooms for men and women with showers, regular size basketball gym, and covered outdoor basketball courts. Programs: open gym, youth arts and crafts, classes, camps, and monthly special events. The facility is available for practice rentals, league games, birthday parties, family reunions, and other special occasions.

YOUTH PROGRAMS:

Open Gym	M/T/W	3pm–5pm	FREE
Open Gym	Sat.	12pm–5pm	FREE
Dominoes	W	5pm–6pm	FREE
Ping Pong	T	6pm–7pm	FREE
Power Hour Weights	M/W/F	6pm–7pm	FREE
Triple Play Fitness Hour	M/W/F	4pm–5pm	FREE
Smart Moves	T–Th	5:30pm–6pm	FREE
Arts & Craft	W	6pm–7pm	FREE
Monthly Special Events	F–Sat.	TBA	FREE

(Youth Dances are \$2/Youth, Movies are Free, and community outreach programs)

ADULT PROGRAMS:

Open Gym	W	4pm–5pm	FREE
Adult Basketball Men	M	6pm–10pm	\$325/team
Adult Basketball Women	T	6pm–10pm	\$300/team
Dominoes	T–Th	6:30pm–9:30pm	FREE
Ping Pong	M/W	7pm–9pm	FREE

Corpus Christi Gym • Call 361-851-1612

Facility Features: Basketball gym. The gym is available for rentals, graduation parties, family reunions, youth and adult basketball practices.

YOUTH PROGRAMS:

Open Gym	M/T/W	4pm–5pm	FREE
Open Gym	Sat.	12pm–5pm	FREE
Little Ninja (4-5 yrs)	W	5:30pm–6pm	\$10 Reg. / \$28 per month
Stranger Ranger (6-12 yrs.)	W	6pm–7pm	\$10 Reg. / \$28 per month
Battle Quest (7-14yrs.)	W	7pm–8pm	\$10 Reg. / \$28 per month
Speed Improvement (8-18yrs)	T	6pm–8pm	\$7 Reg. / \$15 Drop In
Cheerleading (4-8yrs)	Th	6pm–7pm	\$10 Reg. / \$28 per month
Cheerleading (9yrs & Up)	Th	7pm–8pm	\$10 Reg. / \$28 per month
Monthly Special Events	F–Sat.	TBA	FREE

ADULT PROGRAMS:

Open Gym	W	4pm–5pm	FREE
Jiu-Jitsu / Karate	W	8pm–9pm	\$10 Reg. / \$28 per month
Adult Volleyball Coed *	M	6pm–9pm	\$5 Drop In

* Pilot Program (November – December)

**Noon
Fitness Center**

On-going Program, M–F, 11:30am–1:30pm.
Offered at the Ben Garza Gym for adults
ages 17 and older.

Fee: \$10/month or \$2/day drop-ins

Call 361-884-2194.

- Full-court basketball
- Weight room
- Showers
- Aerobics to video
- Locker rooms

**CLASSES,
PROGRAMS & EVENTS**
**Joe Garza
Recreation Center**

**3204 Highland Ave.
Corpus Christi, TX 78405**

Call 361-882-1408

Facility Features: Game room, social hall, kitchen, meeting rooms, boxing gym, covered basketball court, multipurpose room, and teen center. Game room and social hall are available for rentals. Free open recreation activities include pool, table tennis, basketball, foosball, and video gaming. Center neighbors Joe Garza Pool and Zavala Elementary School.

Boxing Program

Registered program that teaches youth skills, techniques, and conditioning required for the sport of boxing. Youth have the opportunity to box in local and state tournaments. Participants must provide their own hand wraps and mouth piece. Come watch and support area youth compete in a sanctioned boxing tournament "SMOKER." For more details on the event, call Joe Garza Recreation Center.

Ages: 18 years & younger (must be attending school)

Days: Monday–Friday

Time: 5pm–7pm

Fee: FREE!

String Lessons

Looking for a hobby for your child or teen that has positive outcomes and educational value? If your child or teen has an interest in music we invite you to join the string lessons program. Lessons are taught by volunteer students and instructors from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

Violin

Ages: 6-18 years

Days: Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Skill Level: All levels welcome including beginners

Time: 4pm–6pm

Fee: FREE, instruments provided

Orchestra

Ages: 6-18 years

Days: Tuesday–Friday

Time: 4pm–6pm

Skill Level: Advanced, students must try out for orchestra

Fee: FREE, instruments provided

Family Movie Night

Come watch a movie while hanging out with friends and family. Provided



for registered participants and their parents.

Ages: All ages
Date: October 16
Time: 6:30pm
Fee: FREE!

St. Patrick's Day Dance

Dance the night away to your favorite music. Provided for registered participants.

Date: March 12
Time: 6pm-9pm
Fee: \$2 entry

(Also see "Special Programs" box & "Special Events Calendar" box at the end of this recreation centers section.)

Lindale Recreation Center

**3133 Swantner Dr.
Corpus Christi, TX 78404**

Call 361-855-0392

Facility Features: Game room, social hall, aerobics room, large kitchen, and plenty of open park space. Game room and social hall are available for rentals. Free open recreation activities include pool, table tennis, basketball, foosball, computer programs, and video gaming.

American Freestyle Karate

This is a contact form of martial arts with emphasis on self-defense techniques. It is also a great way to stay fit!

Ages: 6 years-Adults
Days: Mondays/Thursdays
Time: 7:30pm-9pm
Fee: \$30/month or \$7 drop-in
Ages: Adults Only
Days: Wednesdays
Time: 7:30pm-9pm
Fee: \$20/month or \$7 drop-in

Body Sculpting Aerobics

Class offers strength training with weights, increases flexibility, and most importantly, sculpts a healthier you!

Ages: 18 years & older
Days: Tuesdays/Thursdays
Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm
Fee: \$25/month or \$7 drop-in

Folklorico

Baile folklórico, literally "folk dance" in Spanish, is a collective term for traditional Latin American dances that emphasize local folk culture.

Ages: 6 years to Adults
Days: Thursdays
Time: 6:30pm-7:30pm
Fee: \$35/month or \$7 drop-in

Belly Dancing

Native to North Africa, Asia and the Middle East, belly dancing is based on one of the oldest social dances in world history. It is also a great way to have fun and stay in shape!

Days: Tuesdays
Fee: \$35/month or \$10 drop-in
Ages: Beginners
Time: 6pm-7pm
Ages: Intermediate / Advanced
Time: 7pm-8pm
Ages: Choreography / Performance
Time: 8pm-9pm

Salsa Dance Class

This is a high energy, fast-paced Latin style of dance. This class is great for beginners or experienced dancers needing to brush up on their skills.

Ages: Adults
Days: Fridays
Time: 7pm-8pm
Fee: \$35/month or \$7 drop-in

Wu Style Tai Chi Chaun

This is the second most popular style of Tai Chi in the world. The style focuses on distinctive hand movements, parallel footworks and is more closely related to martial arts than other styles focusing on grappling, tumbling, jumping and pressure point leverage.

Ages: Adults
Days: Tuesdays/Thursdays
Time: 5pm-7pm
Fee: \$40/month or \$15 drop-in

Cheerleading

Learn chants, cheers, dance, routines and other fundamentals of cheerleading. This class combines fitness with fun and is a great opportunity for youth to stay physically active.

Ages: 4-8 years
Days: Wednesday
Time: 6pm-7pm
Fee: \$28/month and \$10 registration fee
Ages: 9 & older
Days: Wednesday
Time: 7pm-8pm
Fee: \$28/month and \$10 registration fee

Lunch with Santa

Celebrate the holiday season with a lunch prepared by Santa Claus and the Parks & Recreation Department. Provided for registered participants.

Ages: 6-16 years
Date: December 21
Time: 12pm-2pm
Fee: FREE!

Valentine's Party

Join us for music, food and more. Provided for registered participants.

Ages: 6-12 years
Dates: February 12
Time: 5pm-7pm
Fee: FREE!

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

There will be food, games and tournaments. Provided for registered participants.

Ages: 6-16 years
Dates: May 5
Time: 4:30pm-6pm
Fee: FREE!

(Also see "Special Programs" box & "Special Events Calendar" box at the end of this recreation centers section.)

Oak Park Recreation Center

**842 Erwin Ave.
Corpus Christi, TX 78408**

Call 361-883-3912

Facility Features: Game room, social hall, oversized kitchen, and open park space. Game room and social hall are available for rentals. Free open recreation activities include pool, table tennis, basketball, foosball, and video gaming.

Karate Class

Participants will learn martial arts and self-defense techniques. In addition, this class is a great way to stay in physically fit. Must be a registered participant with Oak Park Recreation Center.
Ages: 6-16 years
Days: Tuesday & Thursday
Time: 6pm-7pm
Fee: FREE!

Chess Club

Come learn the rules, strategies, and history of chess. Recreational and competitive players are welcome. Participants must be registered with Oak Park Recreation Center.
Ages: 6-16 years
Days: Tuesday & Thursday
Time: 4pm-6pm
Fee: FREE!

Dance Class

Dance is a sport and art form that involves movements of the body to rhythm and music. This class is great for beginners and will teach a variety of basic dance movements. Participants must be registered with Oak Park Recreation Center.
Ages: 6-16 years
Days: Thursday
Time: 4:30pm-6pm
Fee: FREE!

Guitar Class

Want to learn how to play the guitar or take your skills to the next level? Learn basic techniques, how to tune a guitar, the anatomy of a guitar, vocabulary, chords and melodies. Guitars are available but are limited.

Ages: 6-16 years
Days: Wednesday
Time: 4:30pm-6pm
Fee: FREE!

Movies in the Park

Come relax with us and watch a movie under the stars on our giant 10 foot screen! Bring lawn chairs and blankets, we'll provide the popcorn.

Ages: Family event
Dates: November 6 & February 26
Time: Movies begin at dusk
Fee: FREE!

Dine with Santa

Celebrate the holiday season with a meal prepared by Santa Claus and the Parks & Recreation Department. Provided for registered youth participants.

Date: December 21
Time: TBA
Fee: FREE!

Spring Dance

Dance the night away to your favorite music! A DJ will play the latest hits and Parks & Recreation staff will provide games and a snack bar.

Ages: 6-12 years
Date: October 16 (Fall Dance)
March 19 (Spring Dance)
Time: 6pm-9pm
Fee: \$2 entry

(Also see "Special Programs" box & "Special Events Calendar" box at the end of this recreation centers section.)

Oso Recreation Center

**1111 Bernice Dr.
Corpus Christi, TX 78412**

Call 361-991-3700

Facility Features: Game room, large social hall, kitchen, computer and Internet access, playground, and expansive open park space. Game room and social hall are available for rentals. Free open recreation activities include pool, table tennis, basketball, foosball, and video gaming. Center neighbors Oso Pool.



Zumba Dance

This is the latest new craze in fitness which is inspired by Latin dance. If you are looking for a fun way to stay fit and learn different styles of Latin dance, this is the class for you! Come in and join the fun and try something new!

Ages: 18 years & older
Days: Mondays & Wednesdays
Time: 6pm–6:45pm
Fee: \$5/class or \$20/month

Guitar and Bass Guitar Class

Want to learn how to play the guitar or take your skills to the next level? Learn basic techniques, how to tune a guitar, the anatomy of a guitar, vocabulary, chords and melodies. Guitars are available but are limited. Students can bring their own instruments (acoustic guitar, electric guitar or bass guitar and amplifiers).

Ages: 7-17 years
Days: Thursdays
Time: Beginners 5pm–6pm
Advanced 6pm–7pm
Fee: \$5/class

Arnis Class

This is a Filipino weapon-based martial art that focuses on agility, quick reflexes, and eye-hand coordination. Arnis is used as a self-defense foundation for law enforcement, military special forces and security personnel. This exotic martial art is also a great way to stay fit and can improve skills in other sports.

YOUTH:

Ages: 7-17 years
Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays
Time: 6:30pm–8pm
Fee: \$5/class or \$35/month

ADULT:

Ages: 18 years & older
Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays
Time: 6:30pm–8pm
Fee: \$10/class or \$50/month

Computer Animation 101

Come and join us in this fun filled 4 week camp where you will learn a new programming language that will allow you to create your own interactive stories, animations, games, music, and art. Texas Techies Computer Camps are designed to help young people (ages 8 and up) develop 21st century learning skills. This camp is customized for beginner to advanced learners. Skills learned will enable the students to participate in the upcoming 'Scratch-Off Competition' on November 21 where the top prize is a laptop computer. Visit www.texastechies.org for detailed information

Ages: 8 years & older
Camp #1: August 25–September 15
Camp #2: September 22–October 13
Camp #3: October 20–November 10
Days: Tuesdays
Time: 4:30pm–5:30pm
Fee: \$40/month or \$15 drop-in

Adult Computer Course

Everyone learns best by doing. By weaving up-front instruction and demonstration with hands-on learning, Texas Techies Computer Courses will give you a leg up in the fast-paced world of technology. Classes include, but are not limited to introduction to computers, keyboarding, internet basics and email, digital picture management, digital video editing and web design. Computers provided. Visit www.texastechies.org for detailed information.

Ages: 17 years & older
Days: Thursdays
Time: 3:30pm–4:30pm
Fee: \$80/8 sessions or \$15 drop-in

Big Brother Big Sisters

This program is the oldest, largest and most effective youth mentoring organization in the United States. Big Brothers Big Sisters mentors children, ages 6-18, in communities across the country - including yours. The Big Brothers Big Sisters Mission is to help children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships with mentors that have a measurable impact on youth. The Big Brothers Big Sisters Vision is successful mentoring relationships for all children who need and want them, contributing to brighter futures, better schools, and stronger communities for all. Big Brothers Big Sisters will be having an On-site based program at Oso Recreation Center at least once a week for at least an hour. For volunteer information for becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister please contact Racheka Hook, Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas Coordinator at 361-888-8500. For any other questions please call Oso Recreation Center 361-991-3700.

Ages: 6-17 years
Times: TBA
Fee: FREE!

Movies in the Park

Come relax with us and watch a movie under the stars on our giant 10 foot screen! Bring lawn chairs and blankets.

Ages: For the whole family
Dates: October 23, December 11, January 22
Time: Movies begin at dusk
Fee: FREE!

Valentine's Dance

Dance the night away to your favorite music! Music, games, and a snack bar available.

Ages: 6-12 years
Dates: Friday, February 12
Times: 6pm–9pm
Fee: \$2

Easter BBQ & Egg Hunt

Join us for a cook out and egg hunt prepared just for your local recreation center. Provided for registered youth. Egg hunt is for youth only.

Ages: 6-12 years
Dates: Friday, April 2
Time: 1pm–3pm
Fee: FREE!

(Also see "Special Programs" box & "Special Events Calendar" box at the end of this recreation centers section.)

Solomon Coles Recreation Center

924 Winnebago St.
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Call 361-884-9552

Facility Features: Indoor basketball court, game room and multipurpose room. Basketball gym is available for rentals. Free open recreation activities include pool, table tennis, open gym, foosball, and video gaming.

Open Gym

Shoot around, get in on a pick up game, or develop your own work out. Must be registered to participate in open gym.

Ages: 13 years & older
Days: Monday–Friday
Time: 6pm–7:30pm
Fee: FREE!

Big Time Movies

Join the Coles Recreation Center staff for a movie on our giant 10 foot screen. Bring the family, we'll bring the popcorn!

Ages: For the whole family
Date: November 20 & March 5
Time: 7pm–9pm
Fee: FREE!

Northbay Basketball League

Five-week recreational basketball league provided at no cost to players or coaches. Games will be played on Saturdays and practice times are available during the week. Youth will be randomly placed on teams according to age and gender. Registration will be held December 14–January 8. Late Registration will be held on January 11 & 12.

Age Divisions: (6-8 coed), (9-11 coed), (MS Boys), (MS Girls)

Dates: January 18–February 18
Fee: FREE!

2nd Annual Valentine's Dance

Dance the night away to your favorite music! Music, games, and a snack bar available.

Ages: 6-15 years
Dates: Friday, February 12
Times: 6pm–8pm
Fee: \$2/person

Fit Camp

Need to get in shape for Spring and Summer? Or would you just like to take the first step in getting fit? This is the camp for you! This camp will focus on cardio, agility, flexibility, nutrition, and most importantly will be fun!

Ages: 6-16 years
Dates: March 15–19 (Spring Break)
Time: 10am–3pm
Fee: FREE!

Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for an egg hunt prepared just for your local recreation center. Provided for registered participants. Egg hunt is for youth only.

Ages: 6-12
Dates: April 2
Time: 1pm–3pm
Fee: FREE!

Dodgeball Youth Tournament

This is a sport that focuses on teamwork and strategy more than athletic skill. Put a team together for this three-week mini league and let's have some fun! Pre-registration is March 1–23, 2010.

Age Divisions: 6-17 years
Time: 5:30pm–8pm
Date: April 5–29
Fee: \$5/person

Table Tennis Tournament

For tournament information call the Solomon Coles Recreation Center at 884-9552.

Age Divisions: Youth to Adult
Time: starts at 9 am
Date: April 10
Fee: TBA

*Also see "Special Programs" box & "Special Events Calendar" box at the end of this recreation centers section.



Special Programs

After School Programs

Students can walk from school to conveniently located recreation centers for after school programs. Youth have the opportunity to participate in special programs, homework tutorials, arts and crafts, games and much more! After school programs are open campus and provide a generally supervised environment for participants. All youth must be registered to attend after school programs. Program offered at all five City recreation centers.

Ages: 6-12 years

Days: Daily throughout the school year

Time: 3pm-7:30pm

Locations: Joe Garza, Lindale, Oak Park, Oso & Coles

Fee: FREE!

Teen Time

All five City recreation centers offer an after school program designed with the interest of teens. Come by to the nearest Teen Center and "hang out" with your friends, shoot a game of pool, play some basketball, or test your video gaming skills. All teens must be registered to attend after school programs.

Ages: 13-16 years

Days: Daily throughout the school year

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm

Locations: Joe Garza, Lindale, Oak Park, Oso & Coles

Fee: FREE!

Saturday Open Recreation

Sports, games, table tennis, video games and more! Must be a registered participant.

Ages: 6-16 years

Days: Saturdays throughout the school year

Time: 10:30am-5:30pm

Locations: Joe Garza, Oak Park, Oso & Coles

Fee: FREE!

Micro-Soccer League

Goal! This soccer league is especially designed for the youngsters with a modified field and goals. This is a recreational league that focuses on fun and the basic concepts of soccer. T-shirt provided. All games will be played on Saturdays at Joe Garza, Lindale and Oso Recreation Centers. Coaches needed.

Ages: 4-6 years

Dates: (Fall) Oct. 10-Nov. 21, 2009 (Saturdays only)
(Spring) April 10-May 15, 2010 (Saturdays only)

Time: 10am-1pm

Fee: \$35/child or \$210/team of 6 players (restrictions on teams)

Special Events Calendar

Halloween Trick-or-Treat

Join us on Halloween for a fun and safe trick-or-treat party at your local recreation center. Music and trick-or-treating. Provided for registered participants.

Date: October 31

Time: 5pm-7pm

Locations: Joe Garza, Lindale, Oak Park, Oso & Coles

Fee: FREE!

Thanksgiving Dinner

Kick off the holidays with a turkey dinner and fixin's provided by the Parks & Recreation Department. Provided for registered participants. FREE!

Date: November 23

Time: 1pm-3pm

Locations: Lindale & Oso

Date: November 24

Time: TBA

Location: Oak Park

Date: November 24

Time: 12pm-2pm

Location: Solomon Coles

Date: November 24

Time: 1pm-3pm

Location: Joe Garza

Breakfast with Santa

Celebrate the holiday season with a lunch prepared by Santa Claus and the Parks & Recreation Department. Provided for registered participants. FREE! (See Oak Park Recreation Center for "Dine with Santa." See Lindale Recreation Center for "Lunch with Santa.")

Ages: 6-16 years

Fee: FREE!

Date: December 21

Time: 9am-10:30am

Location: Joe Garza

Date: December 21

Time: 10am-11am

Location: Coles

Date: December 22

Time: 9am-11am

Location: Oso

Easter Cookout & Egg Hunt

Join us for a cook out and egg hunt prepared just for your local recreation center. Provided for registered participants. Egg hunt is for youth only. FREE! (Also see Solomon Coles Recreation Center for "Easter Egg Hunt.")

Ages: 6-12 years

Date: April 2

Time: 1pm-3pm

Locations: Joe Garza, Lindale, Oso

Ages: 6-16 years

Date: April 4 Locations: Oak Park

Time: 1pm-3pm



The City of Corpus Christi has two full service golf courses. Both courses are consistently ranked high in the Caller-Times' "Best of the Best" for local golf facilities. Reservations are not required, but preferred.

Lozano Golf Center • Call 361-826-8016

18-hole regulation course, 9-hole executive course, lighted driving range, fully stocked golf shop, practice putting greens, and snack bar.

Oso Beach Golf Course • Call 361-826-8010

18-hole regulation course, fully stocked golf shop, practice putting and chipping greens, and snack bar.

Special Rates

After 3pm Weekdays Special: \$11.25 green fee, walking; **\$23.25** green fee with cart. The specials will be good after 1pm daylight savings period.

Tee Time Reservation System

This services is AUTOMATED for your 24-hour convenience!*

To request a registration form,
call 361-826-8016 or 361-826-8010.

REGISTER TODAY!

Once registered you can reserve your tee time
by calling 361-880-3090 or simply go to

www.ccparkandrec.com
(click on "Outdoor Recreation").

* A Tee Time Reservation I.D. Card is required to activate the service.

Tennis Centers

The City of Corpus Christi has two full service tennis centers with Class I USPTA Pros. The centers offer quality courts for play, private and semi-private lessons, leagues, tournaments, a full line of tennis apparel, accessories and professional stringing.

H-E-B Tennis Center • Call 361-882-6013.

24 lighted laykold courts, pro shop & locker rooms.
1520 Shely Street, Corpus Christi, TX 78404

Al Kruse Tennis Center • Call 361-883-6942.

10 lighted laykold courts, pro shop & locker rooms.
502 King Street, Corpus Christi, TX 78401



The Division of Cultural Services offers a wide range of arts and cultural activities and provides administrative support for programs offered by the City's Arts and Cultural Commission and the Sister City Steering Committee.

Heritage Park: The Cultural Center

The Cultural Center includes the Galván House, courtyard, central plaza and Lytton Memorial Rose Garden. The center offers tours, art shows and cooking demonstrations, and is also available for business meetings and private rentals.

Heritage Park has twelve historical homes. Guided tours are offered Thursdays and Fridays at 10:30am starting at the Galván House. Persons interested in being a volunteer docent (tour guides) may call 361-826-3417. Heritage Park, located at 1581 N. Chaparral, and the Galván House are open free to the public Tuesday–Thursday, 9am–5pm; Friday, 9am–2pm; and Saturday, 10am–2pm. For Saturday Tours coming soon, visit www.ccparkandrec.com!

Heritage Park was awarded bond money from the 2008 City Bond election. This funding will go towards the restoration of the homes. Please visit us online at www.ccparkandrec.com for updates on the progress of this construction.

Corpus Christi Sister City Program

The City's Sister City Program is a member of Sister Cities International. Its goal is to involve the public and private sector in furthering cultural and economic development and global understanding among countries. Our city has affiliations with six international cities.

Arts & Cultural Commission

This commission advises City Council and the mayor on public art, the percent for art ordinance, and cultural activities to enhance economic development and tourism to Corpus Christi.

Grants are available to 501(c)(3) non-profit corporations and tax-exempt community-oriented organizations to provide arts programs and activities within the city.

Are you having a Special Event? WE CAN HELP!

Are you responsible for organizing fundraisers, a run or walk, an event for your organization, a music festival, a birthday party with a moonwalk, a family reunion with alcohol or your company's picnic this year? Wondering where to start, how to plan, and which City requirements apply? For more information, call **361-826-3494**.

Our Special Events Team can help you:

- Choose the perfect location
- Identify the required permits
- Identify available security options
- Identify local resources
- Develop your event's layout
- Design an event's checklist
- Provide a list of key City contacts
- Identify possible funding sources
- Schedule meetings with other City departments

Pick up your Bayfront Art Tour Guide at City Hall or at the Cultural Center and take a self-guided tour of over fifty public art works in Corpus Christi. This informative free guide walks you through the sculptures around the bayfront and downtown area.

For more information,

call **361-826-3410**

or visit www.ccparkandrec.com

Spring Cultural Event

Join us!

April 12 4th Annual International Cultural Festival: Noon–10pm. Celebrate global cultures in Heritage Park's historic park setting. Ethnic dances, ethnic foods, ethnic games. Concessions. FREE Admission.



Cultural Events • Call 361-826-3410

2009

(*) denotes FREE admission.

Monthly

Cultural Cooking Demonstrations:

Delicious, culturally-diverse dishes are offered year-round at the Galván House in Heritage Park from 10:30am–noon on the second Wednesday of each month AND on one Saturday of each month. \$7/person, includes demonstration, recipe(s) and taste. Reservations required.

Monthly

Art Exhibits at Galería Galván: Art shows offered year-round in the gallery of the Galván House at Heritage Park. Exhibited art available for sale.*

**Oct. 2, 9
23 & 30**

Night Ghost Tours: 8pm–10pm.

Guided tours of haunted Heritage Park and homes. Cost: \$7/ adult; \$4/child. Reservations required. Call Margaret Prescott with CC Spook Central at 361-442-3382.

Oct. 26

Pet Expo: Noon–5pm. Pet Parade, floats and prizes. Prize for best costumed animal. Contests: Tricks; largest/ smallest dog; owner/animal look-a-like. Rescue groups, speakers, moon jumps, vendors and more. Accept donations of food and toys for rescue organizations for admission.

Oct. 31

Scaritage Park: 5:30pm–8:30pm. Trick or Treat for ages 2-12; \$2.00 for Haunted Houses.*

Dec. 4

Christmas Past Celebration: 6pm–9pm. Highlights: Father Christmas; holiday light display; a Posada, festive music & caroling; treats at each of the homes.*

Dec. 13

Las Posadas: 5pm–8pm. Highlights: Pageant of Joseph and Mary seeking shelter; candle walk; canciones navideñas (songs); Folklorico dancing; holiday light display; reception.*

2010

April 11

14th Annual Children's Easter Celebration: Noon–3pm. Egg hunt house to house for ages 2-12.*



CC Spook Central Presentations:

www.ccspeakcentral.com • Call 361-442-3382

Sidbury Paranormal Investigation • November 13, 2009
Participate in the investigation of "The Most Haunted Heritage Park Home," the Sidbury House.

Ghost Tours • October 2, 9, 23 & 30, 2009
Join us on a candlelight walking tour through historic Heritage Park (in downtown Corpus Christi) and some of its homes rumored to be haunted. Listen to stories of haunted homes, mischievous spirits and lost souls as we explore Corpus Christi's most historic grounds.

Toys for Tots Ghost Tours • December 5, 2009
Heritage Park Ghost Tours to benefit Toys for Tots. (See "Ghost Tours" for event details.) The price is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children ages 7-12 (please, no children under the age 7) with the donation of a new, unwrapped toy (valued at \$5 - \$10 dollars).

Holiday Celebrations

www.ccspeakcentral.com • Call 361-826-3410

- October 30 (Halloween) - "Monster House 91" & "Haunted HoneyMoon"
- November 27 (Thanksgiving) - "Amazing Grace"
- December 11 (Holiday Season) - "Jingle All the Way"
- December 18 (Holiday Season) - "Miracle on 34th Street"

Jazz Festival



- Jazz styles:**
- traditional
 - modern
 - Latin/Salsa
 - gypsy
 - fusion
 - New Orleans style
 - voodoo
 - country

October 16-18, 2009

Since 1960, this is the longest established festival to celebrate jazz in the country. Expect performances by a large number of bands, showcasing many young local talented musicians and from around the country. Also enjoy the food, arts and craft vendors.

Festival at Heritage Park.

FREE festival • www.texasjazz-fest.org



FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS
ARTS & CULTURAL COMMISSION
Corpus Christi, Texas

dance • cinema • visual arts • music • theater

March 26-28, 2010

This three day event will again include Italian Street Painting by returning internationally recognized artists, Julie Kirk and Melanie Stimmell. This years' festival will include artistic and cultural individuals that will provide an exciting array of talent in performances and visual art exhibits, demonstrations, vending, and an art-full *KidZone*. Don't forget to hop on the Festival of the Arts' Bayfront Tram Tour (Saturday & Sunday) to view some of the City's permanent art collections.

FREE admission.

www.cctxarts.org or www.ccfestivalarts.org





NUTRITION SERVICES: Provides healthy noon-day meals for persons age 60+ regardless of income. Lunch is served Monday through Friday at the eight City Senior Centers. Home delivered "Meals on Wheels" are sent to eligible homebound persons. For more information on the Senior Center Meal Program, please call the senior center nearest you. For more information on the Home Delivered Meal Program, please call 361-826-4120. We encourage a voluntary donation for the meals.

SENIOR CENTERS: The City offers eight facilities which are designated community focal points for older adults. Programs and activities are designed to respond to diverse needs and interest, foster social interaction and support independence. Lunch is provided Monday through Friday for persons 60+. Call the senior center nearest you to make a meal reservation and/or request an activity schedule. For more information, call the center of your choice (see page 1 of this guide).

SUPPORT SERVICES: Offer individualized plans for Information and Referral; Advocacy; Case Management; Benefits Counseling for Medicare, Social Security, Medicaid, Housing and more. For more information, call 361-826-3150.

RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) is one of the largest senior volunteer organizations in the nation. RSVP engages over 400,000 people age 55 and older in a diverse range of volunteer activities, such as tutoring children, renovating homes, assisting in natural disasters, providing independent living services, as well as serving communities in numerous other ways. The RSVP program is locally sponsored by the City of Corpus Christi for over 30 years. RSVP Volunteers choose how, where, and how often they want to serve, with commitments ranging from a few hours to 40 hours per week. It's your choice, your time! For more information about the RSVP program, please **call 361-826-3199**; Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm.

Senior Companion Program is a national program of volunteers sponsored by the City of Corpus Christi and open to healthy adults 55+. Those who are income eligible receive a tax free stipend of \$2.65 an hour, a reimbursement for mileage and other benefits while on assignment duty. Senior Companions can make the difference that helps preserve an individual's dignity and ability to remain at home. They provide help to other older adults and adults with disabilities in many ways such as provide companionship, assistances with exercise and therapy, light meal preparation, accompany to appointments and recreational activities, and give respite to family caregivers. Services are at no cost to the clients they serve. The Senior Companion experience offers every volunteer the opportunity for personal growth and life enrichment. Senior Companions are a valuable resource in the community, and there is always a need for more to serve. **Call 361-826-3167** for more information.

PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- Leisure and Recreation
- Special Interest Classes
- Senior Advocacy
- Health, Wellness & Screening Programs
- "Matter of Balance" Fall Prevention Program
- Intergenerational Projects
- SeniorNet Technology Center
- Special Events
- Rental Facilities



**Call 361-826-3150 or visit
www.ccparkandrec.com
Enjoy Life — Promote
Healthy Aging**

Please Join Us!

October 2009

- Matter of Balance Program
- National Night Out Block Party

November 2009

- Family Caregiver Expo
- Walk for Memory

December 2009

- Holiday Dinner for all Senior Center Members*

March 2010

- Annual Fundraiser

May 2010

- Older American's Month

June 2010

- Coastal Bend Senior Fitness Day
- Ms. Coastal Bend Senior Pageant (Apply Online)

July 2009

- Corpus Christi's Greatest Generation (Nominations Online)
- Community Health Fair

**For more information,
call 361-826-3150 or visit
www.ccparkandrec.com**

*This event is only for registered members of City senior centers.



The City of Corpus Christi operates and maintains the following beaches along the Corpus Christi Bay and Gulf of Mexico:

Gulf Beach, North Padre Island provides endless recreational opportunities for visitors and locals. With the newly addition of Packery Channel, its boat ramp and parking lot, avid fishermen may access Gulf fishing even quicker. Beach parking permits are required on this beach.

McGee Beach is located downtown and is in walking distance of hotels and grand restaurants. Volleyball nets are located on this beach. A popular beach for kiteboarding and windsurfing, McGee Beach is a pedestrian beach only.

Corpus Christi Beach (also known as North Beach) is located on the north side of the Harbor Bridge (by the USS Lexington). Tourists may enjoy going to the beach right from the front door of their hotel.

Beach Parking Permits are required in designated areas of Gulf Beach, North Padre Island. The permits may be purchased at area stores (H-E-B, Stripes, Academy on SPID, the Country Store, Padre Balli Park Office, Texas Star, and the Corpus Christi Visitors Centers). For more information, call 361-826-3469 or visit www.ccparkandrec.com (click on "Outdoor Programs").



Gulf Beach Lifeguards Patrol Packery Channel!

As of Labor Day weekend, Gulf Beach Lifeguards patrol Packery Channel three days a week (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). For more information, call **361-826-4180**.

YOU CAN HELP PROTECT OUR WATERS



- Don't let leaves, soil or trash pile up on driveways, sidewalks or streets
- Don't use storm drains to dispose of trash, motor oil, antifreeze, paints, etc.
- Report unlawful dumping
- Volunteer to participate in the Storm Water Stenciling Program

HELP!
You won't believe what's swimming with the fishes!

Storm Water Hotline 826-3800



THE 4 STAGES OF THE DROUGHT PLAN



The City's first Drought Contingency Plan was adopted in 1996 to manage limited water resources during periods of prolonged periods of drought weather conditions. The four percentage levels are based on the combined reservoir level for Choke Canyon Reservoir and Lake Corpus Christi. The percentage level identifies actions that must be implemented by local and regional water users.



50% CITY WIDE VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION

- Municipal operations begin mandatory conservation

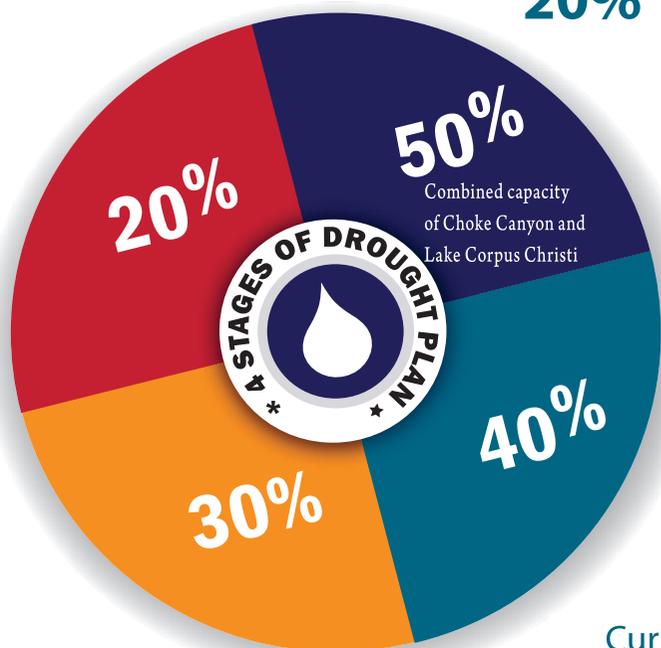
40% COMMUNITY-WIDE MANDATORY CONSERVATION

- No lawn or vegetation watering between 10 am to 6 pm
- Large parcels of land must obtain approval for watering plan
- Commercial nurseries must use hand held, drip or sprinkler system to irrigate stock
- Use of wastewater effluent permitted; sign may be posted on property

30% FIVE DAY OUTDOOR WATERING SCHEDULE IN EFFECT

- Irrigation of golf courses permitted at a minimum rate
- Suspend targeted inflows when reservoir below 30% of capacity

20% MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLD WATER ALLOCATION



You can help extend our water supply by conserving water every day. Nearly 500,000 people in the seven county Coastal Bend area are dependent on water from the Choke Canyon and Lake Corpus Christi Reservoir System and Lake Texana. Communities that buy water from the City of Corpus Christi include Alice, Kingsville, Port Aransas, Aransas Pass, Ingleside, Portland, Taft, Gregory, Rockport, Fulton, Odem, Mathis, Three Rivers, Banquete, Aqua Dulce, Bishop and Ricardo.

Do your part to save water.

Current lake levels can be found at WWW.CORPUSCHRISTIWATER.COM