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Fischer Park Grand Opening Set for May 16th & 17th

New Braunfels, TX - The City of New Braunfels invites the public to attend the Grand Opening weekend of Fischer Park on Saturday, May 16th and Sunday, May 17th. Fischer Park is located at 1820 Old McQueeney Road, at the corner of County Line Road and Old McQueeney Road.

The celebration will kick off on Saturday with a ceremony and ribbon cutting at 9:30 a.m. at the Hilltop Pavilion and the depositing of the time capsule at 11:00 a.m. at the Fischer Park Nature Education Center. A variety of family friendly activities will be presented all day, throughout the park.

The schedule of events for Saturday:

- 9:30am Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting at the Hilltop Pavilion
- 10:00am Family Fishing Derby Begins at the Fishing Ponds
- 10:30am Garden Talk & Lady Bug Release at the Monarch Waystation
- 11:00am Time Capsule Deposit at the Nature Education Center
- 11:30am Dinosaur George at the Archeology Dig
- 12:00pm Family Fishing Derby Ends, Awards at the Nature Education Center
- 12:30pm Dinosaur George at the Archeology Dig
- 1:00pm Watershed Protection Presentation at the Nature Education Center
- 1:00pm H-E-B Health & Nutrition Demos at the Hilltop Pavilion
- 1:00pm Do-it-Yourself Nature Crafts at the Nature Education Center
- 1:00pm Interpretive Tours of Fischer Park on the hour from 1-5 p.m.
- 1:30pm Dinosaur George at the Archeology Dig
- 2:00pm Prairie Building & Seed Ball Making at Amphitheater
- 2:30pm Watershed Protection Presentation at the Nature Education Center
- 3:30pm Fishing Pond Talk & Walk
- 4:00pm Storybook Friends New Braunfels Theatre Company at the Amphitheater
- 6:00pm Last Chance Forever Birds of Prey at the Nature Center
- 7:30pm Prairie Animals Talk & Walk
- 8:30pm "Grease" Activities with New Braunfels Theatre Company at the Amphitheater
- 9:00pm "Grease" Movie at the Amphitheater

Sunday festivities will be a continuation of family activities and feature “Sunday Food Tuck Fun-day.”

The schedule of events for Sunday:

- 10:00am Bird Talk & Walk with Romey Swanson
- 11:00am Watershed Protection Presentation at the Nature Education Center
- 12:00pm Fishing Pond Talk & Walk
- 12:00pm Food Trucks at the Hilltop Pavilion
- 1:00pm Bird Talk & Walk with Romey Swanson
- 1:00pm Watershed Protection Presentation at the Nature Education Center
- 1:30pm Storybook Friends at the Amphitheater with New Braunfels Theatre Company
- 1:30pm Racing Pigeon Release at the Nature Education Center
- 2:00pm Kayak Talk & Demonstration
- 3:00pm Demonstration Garden Talk

“This special occasion is the perfect opportunity for citizens to explore our newest and largest park,” said Stacey Dicke, Parks & Recreation Director “We are thrilled to facilitate this substantial addition to the New Braunfels Parks system. Fischer Park will provide an amazing array of recreational opportunities for residents and will be a wonderful asset to our community for generations to come.”

A complimentary park and ride shuttle service from Walnut Springs Elementary School, located at 1900 S. Walnut Avenue will be provided on Saturday. The shuttle will run from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Residents who live who live in close proximity to Fischer Park are encouraged to walk to the park and walk-in participants will receive a surprise gift.

The 62-acre hill top park offers a wide variety of amenities including: hike and bike trails, playgrounds, a splash pad, two fishing ponds, picnic facilities, the Nature Education Center and an outdoor amphitheatre. The total construction budget for this project is approximately \$8.77 million dollars, \$5.07 million of which was funded by the New Braunfels Industrial Development Corporation (4B Board).

For details on the grand opening schedule of events visit <http://bit.ly/fischerpark>. For additional information about Fischer Park, contact the City of New Braunfels Parks and Recreation Department at 830-221-4350 or visit www.nbtexas.org/fischerpark.

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