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Extended Hours for Obtaining Free Resident River Passes

New Braunfels – City of New Braunfels officials are encouraging residents to acquire their free River Resident Pass before the 2016 tubing season begins. New Braunfels residents, who reside inside the corporate city limits, can receive the Resident River Pass at no charge to avoid paying the new River Management Fee. The new fee will be implemented on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day.

In January, City Council approved a recommendation from the River Advisory Committee to implement a revised River Management Fee and collection procedures. The fee will apply only to non-residents. At the same time, a Resident River Pass was approved that allows New Braunfels residents to tube without paying the River Management Fee.

Residents must obtain, in advance, a Resident River Pass to avoid paying the River Management Fee when visiting the river during the above stated dates. Residents must provide a valid driver's license or current NBU bill to verify residency when obtaining their pass. Children without a valid photo ID or driver's license must come in with a parent or guardian in order to verify residency. Citizens who have Resident Swim Passes or Resident Family Swim Passes for the Landa Park Aquatics Center do not need to obtain the new pass, as their existing season passes will also serve as their Resident River Pass.

The Resident River Season Pass is good for one year and will be issued at the Landa Recreation Center, Parks and Recreation Administrative Office or the Parks Operation Modular building during normal business hours and on extended hours during the following dates:

MARCH

Wednesday, March 16th 8am-7pm Parks & Recreation Administrative Office

Saturday, March 19th 8am-2pm Landa Recreation Center

APRIL

Thursday, April 21st 8am-7pm Parks & Recreation Administrative Office

Saturday, April 23rd 8am-2pm Landa Recreation Center

MAY

Tuesday, May 10th 8am-7pm Parks & Recreation Administrative Office

Saturday, May 14th 8am-2pm Landa Recreation Center

JUNE

Saturdays, June 4-25 9am-4pm Parks Operation Modular

Sundays, June 5-26 9am-4pm Parks Operation Modular

Locations:

- Landa Recreation Center - 164 Landa Park Drive, New Braunfels, TX 78130
- Parks and Recreation Administrative Office - 110 Golf Course Road, New Braunfels, TX 78130
- Parks Operation Modular - 115 Elizabeth, New Braunfels, TX 78130

For information about the Resident River Pass visit www.nbtexas.org/riverpass.

NOTE: Why was the River Management Fee instituted and the free Resident River Pass created? The City is responsible for all of the costs associated with managing and maintaining the Comal River and the portion of the Guadalupe River inside the city limits. This includes Polices services, Park Ranger services, litter and trash removal, lifeguards in certain areas, maintenance, equipment and much more. The fee is for non-resident's only. It helps offset the City's overall expenses incurred in managing and cleaning the rivers, which are enjoyed by thousands of visitors each year, while exempting residents from this fee since they contribute to river management and maintenance through their property taxes. The free Resident River Pass is necessary to distinguish those two groups.

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