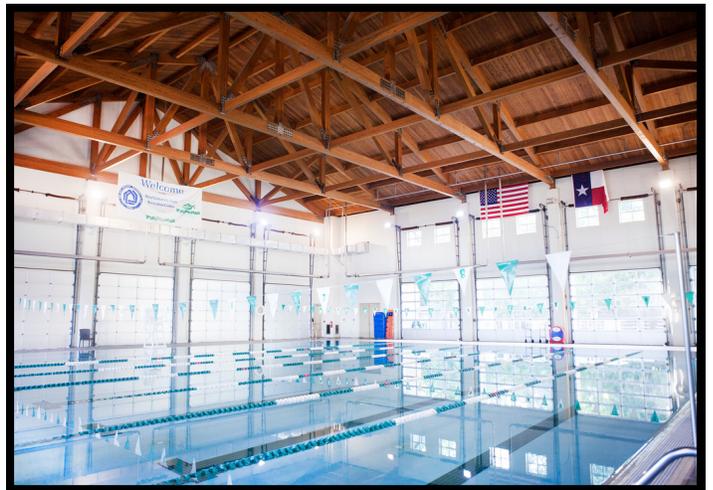
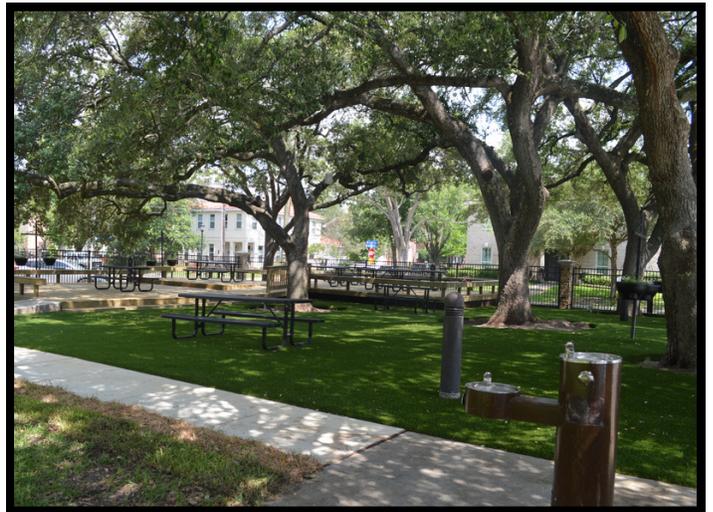




City of
**West University
Place**
Parks & Recreation



2022 Year in Review



West University Place, TX

Vision

West University Place Parks and Recreation Department strives to lead Texas as an active and healthy community.

Mission

The West University Place Parks and Recreation Department team offers quality programs, facilities, and services that encourage community participation and promote fun, physical activity and growth, in a safe and wholesome environment.

Values – West U Spirit

Serve the West U Community!

We are **Professional!**

We act with **Integrity!**

We produce **Results!**

We look for **Innovation!**

We work as a **Team!**

Parks & Recreation Department

Administration

Susan White, Parks & Recreation Director

Charlotte Herling, Administrative Coordinator

Donna LaMond, Friends of West University Parks Executive Director

Recreation

Brittany Bakes, Recreation Manager

Willette Middleton, Recreation Operations Supervisor

Lisa Cearfoss, Program Specialist - Aquatics and Recreation *Distinguished Employee Award Recipient*

James Browning, Program Specialist - Aquatics and Recreation

Parks Maintenance

Jeremy Veld, Parks Operations Manager

Jeremy Tucker, Parks Crew Leader

Rudolfo Villavechia, Parks Technician II *Spirit Coin Recipient*

Senior Services

Toby Brooks - Senior Services Manager

Patricia Noren - Program Specialist - Senior Services

Coordinators

Rob Cantu - Recreation

David Alvarado - Recreation

Jonnesicia Pellum - Recreation

Alondra Cruz - Aquatics

Alan Garza - Aquatics

Juan Urbano - Aquatics

Mary Sission - Senior Services

Summer Interns

Kaitlyn Roberts - Recreation

John Mark Padon - Aquatics



Parks & Recreation Department

Parks & Recreation Board

Will Berton, Chair
Brett Bingham, Vice Chair
Samantha Morrison, Friends Board Rep
Richard Cunningham
Amar Patel
Manish Agrawal
Evan Mintz
Stephen Damiani
Laura "Lu Lu" Lopez
Laura Turley
Arlene Wells

Senior Board

Ann Crowley, Chair
Candyce Beneke, Vice Chair
Diana Ayers
George Baker
Tom Brombacher
Selby Clark
Susan Davis
Allan Elkowitz
Teresa George-Hung
George Hilderbrandt
Joan Johnson
Karen Kenny
Gloria Nino Monacelli
Candace TenBrink
Mardi Turner

City Manager

Dave Beach

Friends of West U Parks Board

Samantha Morrison, Chair
Donna LaMond, Executive Director
Susan White, Ex-Officio
Judy Cheng
Mary Frances DuMay
Kimberly Eads
Dan Fertig
Matthew Foytlin
Kelly Beth Hapgood
Katie Hill
Kelly Hill
Michelle Huth
Jordan Jewett
Sarah Knysh
Christina Kuhl
Chandradev Mehta
Stephen Olson
Christine Parker
Mark Prescott
Mitra Woody
Christi Young

City Council

Susan Sample, Mayor
John Montgomery, Mayor Pro Tem
Shannon Carroll, Council Member
Melanie Bell, Council Member
John P. Barnes, Council Member

Friends of West University Parks Fund, Inc

The Friends of West University Parks Fund, (Friends) is a volunteer based 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to raising funds for development and improvement of parks and green spaces in the City of West University Place.



Parks Lovers' Ball Co-Chairs
Kimberly & Dimitri Ang
Kelly & Blake Hill



Fathers & Flashlights Co-Chairs
Katie & Chris Hill
Kelly Beth & Charlie Haggood
Sarah & Mark Knysch

In 2022, between Park Lovers' Ball and Fathers & Flashlights, Friends of West U Parks netted over \$330,000 for West U's parks and green spaces.



2022 Star Citizen Awards

2019, 2020 and 2021 Fathers & Flashlights Co-Chairs Michelle and Doug Huth
2022 Park Lovers' Ball Co-Chairs Kimberly and Dimitri Ang and Kelly and Blake Hill

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Parks Maintenance

Judson Park Improvements

Improvements included repainting the playground equipment, fence and log play structures, clean of the wooden deck, replacing the artificial turf in the 2-5yr old play area, topping-off the engineered wood fiber in the 5-12yr old play area, painting the post and gates on the tennis court, installing new windscreens and rally master backboard. New features include the addition of a gaga ball pit with artificial turf, solar lighting, a Mexican white oak tree by the 2-5yr old play area, corner bed landscaping and defining the decomposed granite pathway.

Thank you to the Friends of West U for their continued efforts in fundraising for our parks and green spaces. They provided up to \$137,500 for the Judson Park improvements.



Edloe Pathway Project

As a result of Winter Storm Uri in February 2021, over 150 old-growth Oleanders died in this record freeze. These Oleanders, and numerous scrub trees on Edloe from Albans to the property boundary at Tiny's #5, have since been removed leaving an opportunity to improve the aesthetics and enjoyment of this area. Staff consulted with Terralab Landscape Architects to explore opportunities for a pedestrian trail and enhanced landscaping in this area.

Improvements were approved after the February 28, 2022, council meeting and construction documents. Initially, only one bid was received for the project, and it was rejected. At the October 10, 2022 Council meeting, council approved rebidding the project. The City rebid the Edloe Street Pathway project in December 2022 and received nine (9) bids. The bids were more than anticipated primarily due to the rising cost of materials.

On January 23, Council authorized staff to enter into a contract with PMG Project Management Group, LLC, the low bidder, who also scored highest on the bid tabulation, to construct a pervious pathway along the east side of Edloe St. between Albans St. and Georgetown St.

Colonial Park Pool

Summer Aquatic Leadership

Jason Boue - Captain *Spirit Coin Recipient*

Kaleb Cole - Captain

Adeline Lasics - Captain

Max Melton - Captain

Seasonal Aquatic Staff

124

Member Visits

22,915

Memberships Sold

3,901

Daily Passes

6887



Aquatic Leadership Team



Summer 2022 Lifeguard Staff

Recreation

Memberships Sold

2485

Member Visits

39,879

Daily Passes

1039

Tennis Memberships Sold

142

Total Tennis Reservations

9685

Tennis Court Hours Used

13,822



Recreation Center Staff: Jose Cisneros, Abraham Venegas, Sarah Fiedorek

Recreation

Total Classes Offered

465

Total Class Participants

3460

Private Swim Lessons Taken

19,546



Wally's Pool School Instructor teaching a private lesson

Senior Services

Total Classes Offered

773

Total Participants

11,958

Transportation Services: Rides Given

1015



Seniors Chair Volleyball Team

Rentals

Scout House

252

Community Building

337

Decks (Off Season)

31

Decks (Peak Season)

80

Pavilion

143

Colonial Park Pool Exclusives

26



View from top of slide at Colonial Park Pool

Community Events



Easter Spring Festival

800
participants



Independence Day Bike Parade & Pool Party

1310
participants



Full Moon Fest

1600
participants



Christmas Tree Lighting & Laser Light Show

1200
participants

West U Parks & Rec

Thank you to our West U residents and supporters of the West U Parks & Recreation Department for giving us another successful year!

Need to Call Us?

Recreation Center: 713-662-7420

Senior Services: 713-662-5895

Friends of West U Parks: 713-662-7430

Colonial Park Pool: 713-662-7460

Need to talk to specific member of our team?

Visit www.westutx.gov/contactparks

Want to rent a deck or pavilion?

Visit www.westutx.gov/rentals

Want access to our Members Only events at Colonial? Get your membership now!

Visit www.westutx.gov/reg

Recreation
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Community Building/
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Colonial Park
Pool

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6104 Auden St.

4130 Byron St.