





2 PARKS AND FACILITY INVENTORY

PARK CLASSIFICATIONS



POCKET PARKS

Pocket parks provide passive recreational opportunities to a concentrated population within an immediate proximity (e.g., a playground and/or picnic area in a residential area). Randolph Rec Center Park is a local example.

Typical Size: 1/4 to 1 acre

Service Area: 1/4-mile radius in immediate neighborhoods

Characteristics and Considerations: These parks generally range in size from 2,500 square feet to one acre and usually contain a playground and picnic area. They should be located within close proximity to medium/high density residential areas. They are often located at the street edge and should be safely accessible by pedestrians. These parks are often built by developers and can be operated and maintained by a homeowners association or the City.

Pocket parks can also be found in urban contexts. In these situations, they often include amenities such as shaded seating and gathering areas, enhanced plantings, and water features.



NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Neighborhood parks are the foundation of a well-balanced park system and provide the daily park experiences for residents. They serve as the social centers for residential districts in an active and passive capacity for a wide variety of age groups. Kruschel, Hope Hill and Heritage Parks are local examples.

Typical Size: 1 to 10 acres

Service Area: 1/4- to 1/2-mile radius

Characteristics and Considerations: These parks should be located in the center of neighborhoods with good public access. At least one side of the park should front a residential street. Sites should drain properly and be suitable for a variety of uses such as playgrounds, sports courts, trail access and areas for family functions. Safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle access is important. Locations in flood areas should be avoided.



COMMUNITY PARKS

Community parks are larger in size and serve a broader population than neighborhood parks. They are intended to meet the recreational needs of several neighborhoods. Park development should protect desirable natural amenities and include active and passive activities for all ages. White Rock Park is a local example.

Typical Size: 10 to 100 acres

Service Area: 1- to 3-mile radius

Characteristics and Considerations: Whenever possible, these parks should be adjacent to desirable natural resources and have amenities such as athletic fields, pools, playgrounds, sports courts, picnic areas, and restrooms. Community parks should be connected to citywide trail networks and be conveniently accessed by cars. Park programming should include adequate space for off-street parking.



REGIONAL PARKS

Regional parks are the largest type of park for a typical community's park system. The size varies depending on the purpose and character of the site. Regional parks provide recreational amenities for the entire community and even serve as a hub for surrounding communities. Fayette County Fairgrounds is a local example.

Typical Size: Varies from less than 10 acres to several thousand acres

Service Area: Up to 50-mile radius, depending on site features

Characteristics and Considerations: Regional parks often help to protect and showcase valuable natural resources such as habitat preserves or bodies of water. These parks include a very wide range of active and passive recreation opportunities and can be an economic generator through sports tournaments, ecotourism or hosting large events. Typical amenities include destination playgrounds, athletic courts and fields, trail systems, water activities, unprogrammed open space, and preserved natural areas. These parks can be located almost anywhere in the community. They should be accessible by car and connected to citywide trail networks.

OPEN SPACE OR NATURAL AREAS

Open space or natural areas refer to areas of land that are undeveloped, natural or minimally developed. These areas may include nature parks, nature reserves, meadows, forests, wetlands, riparian zones, greenbelts and other natural landscapes that allow public access. Open spaces and natural areas help preserve biodiversity, protect wildlife habitats and maintain ecological balance while allowing access to nature for residents. They provide an environment for native flora and fauna to flourish, thus, contributing to the overall health and well-being of the ecosystem. Northside and Buffalo Trail Parks are local examples.

Typical Size: Varies

Service Area: Varies

Characteristics and Considerations: The location of these areas varies based on available land and appropriate adjacent uses. Typical amenities include natural trails, observation points, picnic areas, restrooms and parking. Other amenities that are sometimes present include educational and safety signage, visitor center, campgrounds, and recreational facilities such as fishing, non-motorized boating, wildlife viewing, birdwatching, nature play or exploration, outdoor classrooms, etc. Lighting should be limited so as to preserve the natural darkness to the maximum extent possible, as light has a profound impact on ecosystem function and wildlife. Depending on site programming, safety and security can sometimes be an issue due to low visibility. Measures should be taken to minimize this effect.





GREENBELTS AND LINEAR PARKS

Greenbelts and linear parks are often located along linear natural (e.g., creeks) or man-made (e.g., utility rights-of-way) features. These parks often include hike and bike trails and connect two or more parks or points of interest in a city. They are also used to protect wildlife migration routes and natural processes such as floodways or stormwater drainage. La Grange has no greenbelts or linear parks.

Typical Size: Varies based on surrounding environment

Service Area: Varies based on amenities

Characteristics and Considerations: Greenbelts and linear parks include amenities for walking, jogging, paddling, bicycling, and/or hiking. When property adjacent to creeks and floodplains is developed, floodplain property should be dedicated to the City. The City should not purchase floodplain property unless it provides an opportunity to preserve key natural resources and/or provide a link to another park. The City should also be careful in accepting dedication of linear parks unless they provide trail links or useful recreation. Acquisition of linear parks, if small in size, can burden maintenance budgets.



SPECIAL USE PARKS

Special use parks can have a wide range of uses but are parks where facilities are oriented toward a single purpose. Skate parks and dog parks are examples of special use parks. La Grange has no special use parks.

Typical Size: Varies

Service Area: Varies

Characteristics and Considerations: Special use parks serve varying user groups based on the programming. The location of the park within the community will vary based on available land and appropriate adjacent uses. Typical examples of special use parks include golf courses, skate parks, aquatic facilities, tennis complexes, ballfield complexes, nature centers or historic sites. These parks can be operated and maintained by the City.

LA GRANGE PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

La Grange's parks system includes a variety of community spaces that support recreation, health, and cultural enrichment for residents and visitors. The system features a mix of active and passive parks, ranging from small neighborhood playgrounds to large community parks and special use sites near the Colorado River. Parks are distributed throughout the city, with several located near schools, civic institutions, and neighborhoods, making them easily accessible for daily use.

Active recreation in La Grange's parks includes youth sports, playgrounds, walking trails, and community programming. Passive opportunities such as picnicking, birdwatching, nature trails, and river overlooks offer residents a chance to connect with the area's scenic landscapes. Several parks also host cultural or specialized uses, including the Randolph Recreation Center, Heritage Park near the public library, and Hope Hill Park with its nature-based learning features.

As La Grange continues to grow, many parks present opportunities for improvement, expansion, or redevelopment. Projects such as enhancing Buffalo Trail Park's riverfront amenities, expanding the trail network at White Rock Park, and reimagining the Fayette County Fairgrounds illustrate the city's long-term vision for recreation. Future trail connections, upgraded signage, and drainage improvements will further support a cohesive and accessible park system for all residents.

Ongoing attention to maintenance, safety, and user experience will ensure La Grange's parks remain welcoming and functional for residents of all ages. By supporting everyday recreation as well as unique cultural and environmental experiences, the city's parks system will continue to enrich community life for years to come.



#	Park Name	Address	Acreage	Classification	Active Recreation											
					Baseball Field (#)	Softball Field (#)	Standalone Backstop (#)	Soccer Field (#)	Football Field (#)	Multipurpose Practice Field (#)	Basketball Court (#)	Tennis Court (#)	Volleyball Court - Sand (#)	Pickleball Court (#)	Concession Stand (Y/N)	
1	Buffalo Trail Park	Boat Ramp Road	5.07	Open Space or Natural Area												
2	Fayette County Fairgrounds	Hwy 77 N.	129.39	Regional	1	2									1	
3	Heritage Park	855 S. Jefferson	1.27	Neighborhood												
4	Hope Hill Park	501 Hope Ave	6.20	Neighborhood							1					
5	Kruschel Park	480 W Colorado	4.71	Neighborhood	2						1				1	
6	Northside Park	Hanacek Road	2.16	Open Space or Natural Area									1			
7	Randolph Recreation Center Park	653 East Pearl St	0.81	Pocket												
8	White Rock Park	Mode Lane	23.09	Community	2			6					1		1	
Total			172.70		5	2		6			2		2		3	

Figure 2. Parks Inventory

								Water Recreation					Passive Recreation								Miscellaneous			
	Skate Park (#)	Disc Golf Course (#)	Walking/Biking Trail (miles)	Fitness Equipment (Y/N)	Pump Track	Adventure Park	Golf Course (public) (#)	Fishing Pier (#)	Canoe/Kayak Launch (#)	Boat Ramp (#)	Swimming Pool (#)	Splash Pad (#)	Dog Park (#)	Playground (#)	Horseshoe Pits (#)	Table/Picnic Tables (#)	BBQ Grill (Y/N)	Picnic Shelter/Pavilion (#)	Community Garden	Amphitheater/Outdoor Event Space (#)	Community Recreation Center (#)	Community Meeting Space (#)	Restrooms (Y/N)	Parking (Y/N)
								1	1	1														Y
		1	0.5													2				1				Y
														1		5		1						Y
			0.1	Y	1									1		4	1	1	1			1	Y	Y
			0.25											2		7	4						Y	Y
																6	4						Y	Y
												1		1		3			1		1	1	Y	Y
			0.85	Y		1		1	1					2		6	5						Y	Y
		1	1.7		1	1		2	2	1		1		7		33	14	2	2	1	1	2		

BUFFALO TRAIL PARK

Buffalo Trail Park was severely impacted by Hurricane Harvey and is currently inactive. It is located near the Colorado River and a metal truss bridge that is being reconstructed by TxDOT. Historically used for river access and multi-day floats, the site is now poised for reinvention as a trailhead and outdoor recreation zone.

Location and Access

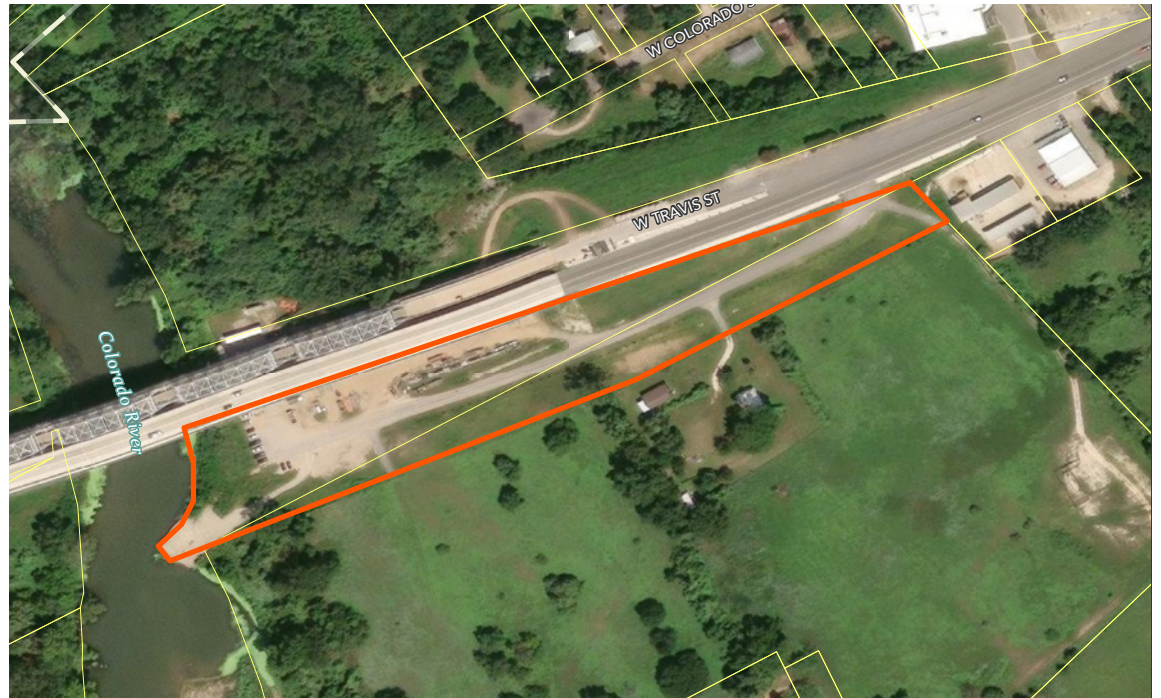
The park is situated at the City's edge near the Colorado River. Once construction is complete, it will be easily accessible via W Travis St and could serve as a riverfront gateway.

Existing Conditions

Currently inactive and used for TxDOT construction staging, the park lacks facilities and defined entry points. It once supported river recreation and temporary amenities like portable restrooms, which have since been removed.

Opportunities for Improvement

- Rebuild park and reopen public access
- Add decorative lighting under the bridge
- Provide river amenities (kayak launch, fishing, tubing)
- Reintroduce portable or permanent restrooms



Map 3. Buffalo Trail Park

About the Park

Park Type

Open Space or Natural Area

Park Size

5.07 Acres

Park Location

Boat Ramp Road

Park Features

- River Access
- Fishing Pier
- Boat Ramp
- Currently inactive due to Hurricane Harvey damage



FAYETTE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Situated near the Colorado River, the Fayette County Fairgrounds is a highly amenitized site that hosts large regional events. However, portions of the site, particularly those offering river access, remain underutilized. Building on its setting and heritage, the City envisions the site supporting hospitality, recreation and events that celebrate its views and cultural character.

Location and Access

The site lies close to Downtown La Grange and river bluffs, with access via vehicular routes. It is strategically located within a TIRZ.

Existing Conditions

The site includes a mix of buildings some in need of renovation as well as an underused amphitheater and informal event spaces. Limited pedestrian access and aging infrastructure reduce current use. Parts of the park are managed by the Fayette County Fair Association and Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center. The baseball field is managed by the La Grange Optimist Club.

Opportunities for Improvement

- Develop trails with low-maintenance recreation and river access
- Incorporate a canoe/kayak launch
- Consolidate fairground structures and construct a rodeo arena
- Improve amphitheater



Map 4. Fayette County Fairgrounds

About the Park

Park Type

Regional Park

Park Size

129.39 Acres

Park Location

Hwy 77 N

Park Features

- Camping
- Amphitheater
- Livestock Show Areas
- Cultural Buildings and Event Space
- Baseball Field (Privately Run)
- Softball Fields
- Disc Golf Course



HERITAGE PARK

Heritage Park, also known as Library Park, is a small but vibrant space frequently used by families and library patrons. Despite its compact size, the park is well-loved for its programming, shade and central location.

Location and Access

Located adjacent to the public library, the park is easily accessible on foot and well-integrated into the surrounding residential and civic fabric.

Existing Conditions

The park lacks permanent restrooms and has limited open space for expanding programs. Recent improvements include a shade structure and a butterfly garden. Usage is high despite spatial constraints.

Opportunities for Improvement

- Add permanent restrooms for use when the library is closed
- Install more benches and musical play elements
- Introduce interactive and educational features
- Enhance shade and playground seating
- Improve signage and park visibility



Map 5. Heritage Park

About the Park

Park Type

Neighborhood Park

Park Size

1.27 Acres

Park Location

855 S. Jefferson

Park Features

- Butterfly Garden
- Musical Instruments
- Storybook Walk
- Gazebo
- Playground
- Picnic Areas
- Restrooms (Inside Library)
- Adjacent to Library



HOPE HILL PARK

Hope Hill Park is a nature-based park tied to a Hurricane Harvey recovery neighborhood. Its reuse of a former dairy barn and emphasis on ecology and education make it a unique asset for the community.

Location and Access

Located in Northeast La Grange, the park is accessible through the surrounding neighborhood and connects to future trail expansions.

Existing Conditions

The park has benefited from recent improvements, including new facilities and a lake, which have enhanced its overall appeal and usability. However, some areas remain underdeveloped, with opportunities to expand ADA infrastructure, complete trail connections, and further activate the park. Vandalism has recently affected the park, and further investment is needed to realize its full vision.

Opportunities for Improvement

- Repurpose barn into nature center and outdoor classroom
- Complete trail system and pollinator garden
- Develop ADA inclusive playground
- Install murals, fountains and interpretive signage
- Replace pump track with pickleball courts
- Enhance the pond with a fountain, walking trail and pier
- Relocate the pump track behind the pond



Map 6. Hope Hill Park

About the Park

Park Type

Neighborhood Park

Park Size

6.20 Acres

Park Location

501 Hope Ave

Park Features

- Trails
- Community Garden Beds
- Inclusive Playground
- Picnic Pavilion with Restrooms
- BMX/Bike Pump Track (Under Renovation)
- Historic dairy barn converted into meeting rooms
- Bike Racks
- Basketball Court
- Fitness Equipment



KRUSCHEL PARK

Kruschel Park, formerly known as Pool Park, is centrally located and frequently used for birthday parties and youth sports. The park once housed a community pool, which has been closed for over a year and is slated for removal.

Location and Access

The park is easily accessible due to its central location within the City. It is well-known and frequented by families and youth sports organizations, making it one of the more active parks in La Grange.

Existing Conditions

The park currently includes multiple athletic fields, playground equipment and restrooms. However, the pool area remains closed and the park is prone to flooding. Drainage issues persist, and mosquitoes are a common concern.

Opportunities for Improvement

- Remove existing pool and construct a new pool or other community aquatics facility
- Construct supporting pool amenities (e.g., pavilion, shade structures)
- Relocate existing baseball fields and convert into multi-use fields
- Resurface and restripe basketball courts
- Improve drainage infrastructure and crossings at W La Fayette Street
- Upgrade restrooms



Map 7. Kruschel Park

About the Park

Park Type

Neighborhood Park

Park Size

4.71 Acres

Park Location

480 W Colorado

Park Features

- Athletic Fields
- Restrooms
- Playgrounds
- Walking Trail
- Baseball Fields
- Picnic Areas



NORTHSIDE PARK

Northside Park serves a residential area on the edge of La Grange. Though the park is peaceful and well-situated for nature-based amenities, its remote location, frequent flooding and limited infrastructure have affected its use and perceived safety.

Location and Access

The park is located in a secluded area with limited road visibility. The lack of signage, lighting and defined entryways contributes to its challenges with accessibility and safety.

Existing Conditions

The park suffers from outdated infrastructure, including deteriorated bathrooms and roads. Frequent flooding impacts both usability and maintenance, and past safety incidents including a fatal bee attack reduce its use. Despite these issues, the park's river views and waterfront location offer long-term redevelopment potential.

Opportunities for Improvement

- Address flooding and drainage
- Reconstruct park entry roads
- Install updated and accessible bathroom facilities
- Improve lighting, signage, and safety measures
- Enable river access
- Create waterfront overlooks, pavilion and viewing deck



Map 8. Northside Park

About the Park

Park Type

Open Space or Natural Area

Park Size

2.16 Acres

Park Location

Hanacek Road

Park Features

- Natural Setting
- River Access
- Restrooms
- Picnic Area and BBQ Grills
- Volleyball Court
- Targeted for nature-based redevelopment with trail and river access



RANDOLPH RECREATION CENTER PARK

This park is a hub for youth and family programming, anchored by the historic Randolph Recreation Center. It sees strong daily use through camps, after-school programs and neighborhood activities.

Location and Access

Located on E. Pearl Street, the park is embedded in a residential area and tied to the Recreation Center's ongoing programs.

Existing Conditions

The playground is ADA and sensory-friendly but requires surfacing repairs. The splash pad faces operational challenges, and there is no signage or security infrastructure. Amenities are aging but heavily used.

Opportunities for Improvement

- Repair splash pad and playground surfaces
- Add permanent seating and shaded pavilions
- Install security cameras and fans
- Improve signage and entry visibility



Map 9. Randolph Recreation Center Park

About the Park

Park Type

Pocket Park

Park Size

0.81 Acres

Park Location

653 East Pearl St

Park Features

- ADA Playground
- Splash Pad
- Community Garden beds
- Bathhouse with Restrooms and Showers
- Adjacent to the Multi-Use Recreation Facility



WHITE ROCK PARK

White Rock Park is one of La Grange’s largest and most active parks. Originally developed by LCRA, it hosts youth sports, community events and families across its many facilities.

Location and Access

Located near La Grange High School and residential neighborhoods, the park is accessible by car or by foot, though better connectivity to the school is a future goal.

Existing Conditions

The park includes a 1.1-mile walking trail, ballfields, a Gaga Ball pit, a popular playground and an adventure course. Lighting, shade and river access remain priority areas for enhancement. Coordination with LCRA is required for any park modifications.

Opportunities for Improvement

- Widen trails and enhance river access
- Install pavilions and shade structures to support passive recreation and community gathering
- Construct a full court basketball
- Reconfigure softball fields for adult recreation leagues or relocate and repurpose for soccer fields
- Develop a trail connection to La Grange High School
- Upgrade park lighting, furniture, signage and river safety features



Map 10. White Rock Park

About the Park

Park Type

Community Park

Park Size

23.09 Acres

Park Location

Mode Lane

Park Features

- Adventure Course
- Exercise Stations
- Walking Trails
- Sports Fields - Baseball and Soccer
- Gaga Ball Pit
- River Access with Kayak Launch
- Playgrounds
- Volleyball
- Picnic Areas
- Restrooms



RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS & FACILITIES

While the Randolph Recreation Center spaces have met many of the City's needs to date, the department has identified a need for additional funding and personnel to expand programming, support community events, and address growing interest in trails, aquatic facilities, and youth recreation. Staffing limitations and budget constraints have impacted the ability to implement new programs or update aging infrastructure across the parks system.

While there are no formal agreements, the City has various organizations that they partner with to host programs:

- Optimist Club – soccer, flag football, summer track
- La Grange ISD
- La Grange Little League
- La Grange Youth Football and Cheer
- 4-H & Fair Association
- Sheriff's Posse
- Texas Czech Heritage Society

Randolph Recreation Center

The Randolph Recreation Center, located at 653 E. Pearl St., is a multi-use facility for all ages, offering:

- Adult workout room
- Seniors game days & luncheons
- Meeting space for organizations/groups

- After School Programs
- Summer & Winter Camps for K–6
- Open Court (ages 8+)
- Pickleball, Tumbling, Gymnastics
- Conferences, Square & Round dancing
- Adult & Youth hobby classes

The building was originally built in 1934 to serve as a segregated Black High School. The gym was added in 1948 and the school remained in use until integration in the mid-1960s. It opened as the City of La Grange Randolph Recreation Center in 2004, named after Professor G.A. Randolph, who served as the original school's principal from 1910 (in their prior location) to 1941. The last round of building renovations concluded in 2013.

Fayette Public Library, Museum & Archives

Despite the name, the Fayette Public Library, Museum & Archives is owned and run by the City of La Grange. It began construction in 1975 as an "affirmation of the heritage of its people" during the City's Bicentennial designation. The last round of building renovations concluded in 2005. The facility includes traditional library services, technology services (including free public wifi and computer use), community meeting rooms, study rooms, as well as exhibits and archives related to Fayette County's history. Both the library and the

museum host events and programs in their spaces.

Historic Casino Hall

Casino Hall, located at 254 N. Jefferson, was originally built in 1881 and over the years was used as a German social club, a school, the La Grange City Hall and Fire Station, and the City's Senior Center. It was restored and renovated in 2014 and now houses an event and performance space as well as offices for the La Grange Economic Development Corporation and La Grange Main Street and Visitors Bureau.



Figure 3. La Grange Events & Programming

#	Event or Program Name (City run or operated by other vendor on City property)	Age Group (check all that apply)				Location (Park and/or facility location(s))	Season (check all that apply)				Registration Fee
		<12 y/o	13-18 y/o	Adults	Seniors		Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	
Festivals/ Events											
1	La Grange Uncorked			X		Downtown La Grange		X			\$30-\$35
2	Historic Walking Tour			X		Casino Hall & Downtown		X		X	
3	Texas Burger Bash		X	X		Downtown La Grange		X			
4	Movie Nights on the Square	X	X	X		Downtown La Grange			X		
5	Fayette County Fair	X	X	X		Fairgrounds			X		
6	Oktoberfest			X		Downtown La Grange				X	\$30-\$35
7	Trick or Treat on the Square	X	X			Downtown La Grange				X	
8	Small Business Saturday			X		Casino Hall				X	
9	Schmeckenfest	X	X	X		Downtown La Grange	X				
10	Juneteenth Celebration	X	X	X		RRC - Juneteenth Comtee					
11	Farmers Market (weekly)			X		Downtown La Grange	X	X	X	X	
Recreational Programs											
12	City After School Programs	X				Randolph Recreation Center	X	X		X	\$30/week

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		<12 y/o	13-18 y/o	Adults	Seniors		Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	
13	City Summer Day Camps	X				Randolph Recreation Center			X		\$120/ week
14	Senior Citizens Game Days				X	RRC	X	X	X	X	
15	Tumbling/Gymnastics (M/T/W)	X				RRC	X	X		X	\$100/ week
16	Ladies - Tuesday Bridge			X	X	RRC	X	X	X	X	
17	Square/Round Dance Conf			X	X	RRC	X	X		X	Rental Based
18	Multi-Co Child Care Conf	X				RRC	X				Rental Based
19	Breakfast With Santa	X				RRC	X				City Recreation Dept
20	Annual Easter Egg Hunt	X				RRC		X			City Recreation Dept
21	Seniors Luncheons (LGSrOrg)				X	RRC		X		X	
22	LG Little League	X				All Ballfields					
23	LG Optimist Soccer	X				White Rock Fields					
24	LG Optimist Flag Football	X				White Rock Fields					
25	Adult Mens Soccer			X		White Rock Field					
26	LG Youth Football Assoc	X				White Rock Field					

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		<12 y/o	13-18 y/o	Adults	Seniors		Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	
27	Select Baseball & Softball	X				White Rock & Fairgrounds Flds					
Library Programs/Events											
28	Summer Reading Events - Weekly in June & July	X				Heritage Park			X		Free
29	Storytime - Weekly	X				Library/Heritage Park	X	X	X	X	Free
30	Craft Programs - Monthly			X		Library	X	X	X	X	Free
31	Family Movie Nights - Monthly	X	X	X		Library	X	X	X	X	Free
32	Computer Classes- Monthly			X		Library	X	X	X	X	Free
33	Harry Potter Event - Every other year		X			Library/Heritage Park				X	Free
34	Yoga & Sound Bath - bi- weekly			X		Library	X	X	X	X	Free
35	Annual Genealogy Lock In			X	X	Museum/Archives				X	Free