Ivins City Parks & Recreation - Staff Report July 7, 2022

Fire Lake continues to be busy every day, not just on weekends. Staff keeps the bathrooms cleans, picks up trash and the dumpsters are now emptied twice a week to keep up with park visitors.

We will be doing a chemical treatment at Fire Lake during the last week of June to help control weeds and other potential problems. We plan to do the treatment in the evening so that we do not have to close the park.

Events/Activities

Tennis camp

Tennis camp for youth ages 5-14 was held June 6-9 at UNITY park tennis courts. There were 56 participants in three age divisions.

Heritage Days

Heritage Days this year will be September 9 & 10, 2022. We are working to get ready for it.

Flag Football

Registration is open now until August 12th.

Cemetery

There were 5 burials in June.

Parks

Parks and landscape areas, trying to keep ahead of the weeds, irrigation repairs and trying to maximize our water efficiency in all our parks.
Parks staff finished the police building landscape, it is very water and maintenance efficient.
Staff also completed the corn hole court update. We switched out the rock to a softer wood material.
Staff treated the water at Fire Lake for bacteria and vegetation on June 16.

Geese

There has been some concern about the geese at Fire Lake and how messy they are and concern that they may be increasing the bacteria in the water.
This is something we are concerned with all the time. Even though Fire Lake is an outdoor reservoir, fed from another outdoor reservoir, we have always tested the water to get an idea how much E. coli we may have. Information that I received from the health department indicated that the E.coli level should not be more than 206 MPN. The last test that we had done was on June 28, 2022 and our average E.coli level was 3 MPN, well below the maximum. When we do have higher readings, it is in the busy swimming time, so we feel like people are contributing to this more than the geese that are always at the reservoir.
We have tried several things to convince the geese to leave or at least stay in the other side of the reservoir, however, they do what they want and they seem to like people food.
We have chased them with blowers, we have called in coyotes at night, we have placed a feeding station on the north side of the reservoir. They seem to be smart creatures and if they do not perceive a threat, they just ignore what we are doing.

Benches

We had a request from a resident to place benches in landscape areas around the city. My thought was that if we are going to do this, that we should have a standard bench that we use.

This is one that I like, it can be placed about anywhere and cannot be tipped over by mere mortals. Please let me know what you think. This bench will allow for the city Logo and recognition of the donor to be put in place at the factory.



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