



# News Release

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### ***Doubletree Ranch Park Splash Pad to be Closed for the 2022 Season***

At the April 26 meeting, Council received a presentation from Parks and Recreation Director Phil Lozano regarding the splash pad at Doubletree Ranch Park. The surfacing of the splash pad has reached its useful life and is deteriorating and pulling away from the concrete causing a safety issue. City staff worked very hard to prolong the life of the splash pad through repairs and sealing and had secured for the replacement this fiscal year before the summer season. The surface is a petroleum based product and the manufacturer has notified staff they are experiencing a backlog due to COVID, supply chain issues, and the shutdowns from Winter Storm Uri. The date for delivery of the product and installation is not known, but projections provided by the manufacturer are towards the end of the summer season. In order to communicate with those who use the park for leisure or special events and to ensure the safety of all, the decision was made to close the splash pad for the 2022 summer season. Additionally, when the new surfacing is installed fencing will be placed around the splash pad area in an effort to protect the new surface and keep it for splash pad use only. Based on the projections of the manufacturer, every expectation is for the splash pad surfacing to be installed and the amenity ready for public use for the 2023 season.

"I know this is a popular park and everyone loves the splash pad," stated Mayor Wilcox. "If the surfacing product arrives in time of course staff will work to install it and open the splash pad for the season. As much as we all wish we could open the splash pad, closing it for the season and communicating this to our community will help everyone better plan their summer outings and events."

During the Mayor and Council comments proclamations were issued for Mental Health Awareness Month and Children's Mental Health Awareness Day. Also a presentation was given by DCTA on their upcoming public involvement opportunities.

The City Council early work session and regular session is available on HVTV (Frontier 43) and via website live streaming at [www.highlandvillage.org/hvtv](http://www.highlandvillage.org/hvtv) and on the City's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/highlandvillagetx](http://www.youtube.com/highlandvillagetx). The meetings are also available for on-demand viewing on the city [website](#).