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Celebrate the Summer Solstice with Parks and Recreation

New Braunfels, TX - The City of New Braunfels invites the public to celebrate the summer solstice with a series of events on Saturday, June 20th. Festivities will kick off with the Park Foundation Dos Rios 5K Run at Cypress Bend Park at 8:00 a.m., followed by a kid's 1K run at 9:30 a.m. At 1:00 p.m., ribbon cutting, tree planting and Art in the Park activities will be held at Gazebo Circle in Landa Park.

"We have partnered with Painting with a Twist to offer an Art in the Park painting session, celebrating the completion of the Landa Park River Front Rehabilitation Project." said Stacey Dicke, Parks and Recreation Director.

Participants will be given instruction on painting the refurbished Landa Park Gazebo and take home the commemorative painting. The cost is \$35 per person and the class is recommended for ages 12 and up. To sign up for the class, visit: <http://bit.ly/artinlanda>

The day culminates at 5:00 p.m. at Fischer Park with a ceremony, time capsule deposit, family activities, food trucks and movie in the park featuring "Grease."

Schedule of events for Cypress Bend Park:

- 8:00am Dos Rios Splash & Dash 5K
- 9:30am Dos Rios Splash & Dash Kid's 1K

Schedule of events for Landa Park:

- 1:00pm Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & Refreshments
- 1:45pm Tree Planting
- 2:00pm Art in the Park Class with Painting with a Twist

Schedule of events for Fischer Park:

- 5:00pm Ceremony at the Hilltop Pavilion
Time Capsule Deposit immediately following at the Nature Education Center
- 5:30pm Nature Inspired Art DIY Project at the Nature Education Center
- 6:30pm Seed Ball Making at the Nature Education Center
- 7:15pm Garden Talk & Walk and Lady Bug Release at the Butterfly Garden
- 8:30pm "Grease" Activities at the Amphitheater with New Braunfels Theatre Company
- 9:00pm "Grease" Movie at the Amphitheater

“These special occasions are the perfect opportunity for residents to celebrate the first day of summer,” Ms. Dicke noted. “We will be celebrating the completion of the Landa Park River Front Rehabilitation project as well as the opening of Fischer Park. We are thrilled to have the projects completed for the community to enjoy this summer and for generations to come.”

Fischer Park, a 62-acre hill top park, is located at 1820 Old McQueeney Road. The new park offers a wide variety of amenities including: hike and bike trails, playgrounds, a splash pad, two fishing ponds, picnic facilities, the Nature Education Center and an outdoor amphitheatre. The total construction budget for this project was approximately \$8.77 million dollars.

The Riverfront Rehabilitation Project was made up of several components, including the replacement of over 5,000 linear feet of stone retaining walls along the Comal River in Landa Park. Other significant features of this project include the armoring of the Landa Lake dam, construction of a spillway that flows into the old Comal River Chanel, replacement of the wading pool pedestrian bridge, and riparian landscape improvements and repairs to the Landa Park waterfront gazebo. The total budget for this project was just over \$6 million dollars, \$4.5 million of which was funded by the New Braunfels Industrial Development Corporation (4B Board) and \$43,000 by the New Braunfels Park Foundation.

For details on the Summer Solstice Celebration contact the City of New Braunfels Parks and Recreation Department at 830-221-4350 or visit www.nbtexas.org/parks.

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