

Public Service Announcement

Buda Parks and Recreation Department

March 10th begins Spring Break for area schools in the Buda Area. This usually means that many of the city parks will be used heavily, from open to closing. The Buda Parks and Recreation Department has been busy trying to make sure that grass has been maintained to a manageable level, playscapes inspected and facilities cleaned. We hope that you use our city parks but, please be aware that some hazards may exist.

Due to the intermittent rain and warm weather both mosquito populations and fire ant populations are increasing. Caution should also be taken when in the outdoors as there is also a population boom of wasps and bees. The Parks and Recreation Department tries to inspect area parks and facilities but, oftentimes cannot treat due to the weather or proximity to ponds or streams. We urge that you exercise care when you are outdoors because your experience should be enjoyable.

Things we suggest:

- Check park structures (includes tables and benches) before allowing your children or pets to use them. Make sure that the underneath of playscapes are free of stinging insects or nests. Make sure that there are no ant piles under swing sets or at the bottom of slides.
- Carry a first aid kit with an insect sting treatment in it.
- Carry plenty of water with you to keep hydrated.
- Don't forget to carry sunscreen and insect repellent. Remember that insect repellent should be applied to clothes rather than skin. Sunscreen should be reapplied during the day.
- Wear a hat and sunglasses. A thin long sleeve shirt and long pants are good. Closed toed shoes should always be worn.
- Pick up your trash and place in trash receptacles as sweet drinks, candy, and food attract insects that bite and sting.
- Report any pooling water or hazards to the Parks and Recreation Department at **512-295-7170**.
- Be courteous to other patrons in the park areas.

The City of Buda and the Buda Parks and recreation Department hope that your Spring break is enjoyable and memorable. Remember that exercising caution, using common sense and resolving conflict makes for a great day in the Outdoor Capital of Texas.