

Thursday,
November 21, 2019

City Administrator Report

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Road Projects

Completed

- Hidden Valley Gabions:
 - Awarded: October 3, 2019
 - Contractor: Myers Concrete
 - Budget: \$5,500
 - Cost: \$5,500
- Spoke Hollow Cattel Guard:
 - Awarded: October 3, 2019
 - Contractor: Hays County
 - Budget: \$7,495
 - Cost: \$6,960.84



Before



After

Hidden Valley



Before



After

Spoke Hollow Cattle Guard

Upcoming

- CR 1492 Guard Rails:
 - Presented: November 21, 2019
 - Contractor: Hays County
 - Quote: \$5,125
- Spoke Hollow Cattel Guard:
 - Presented: November 21, 2019
 - Contractor: Hays County
 - Quote: \$29,009

Pricing

- Little Ranches from Flight Acres up to Mockingbird
- River Road from RR 12 to Loma Vista (Asphalt & CS)
- Leveritts Loop from Rhodes Lane to River Road
- Rockwood Dr. from Lange Rd to Glenwood Dr (CS)
- Dobie Dr. from Lange Road to Cliffview Drive (CS)
- Meadow View RD. from Saddle Ridge to the end (CS)
- Spoke Hollow from the end of the State paving to the top of the hill

Developing Projects

- Old Kyle:
 - Hike & Bike Trail
 - Martha Knies Park Sidewalk Improvements
- RR 12 & Old Kyle:
 - Corner Improvements
 - Seating
 - Drainage
- Oak Dr. Parking Lots:
 - Paving Improvements
 - Tree Trimming
 - Lighting
- Wayfinding Signage

TxDOT

- www.DriveTexas.org
- Current Work on RR 12 is Repair, Not Overlay

Communication

Outreach

- New Wimberley Parks & Rec Facebook Page
- Park Nature Blog
- Downtown Advertising of Nature Trail Tours
- City Facebook Postings:
 - Employment Opportunities
 - Events
 - Agendas
- Website:
 - Use of Cover Page for Updates

Winters and fall in Central Texas may be more mild than those in northern latitudes, however November is still a wonderful time to get outside. November means pulling out our thicker jackets and turning on the heater, where it also triggers certain responses and behaviors in plants and wildlife that can only be seen in this short time.

Mating season for the White-tailed deer begins in October and concludes around December. In male deer, this period is referred to as "rut". Day length directly triggers bucks' testosterone levels, promoting antler growth and aggression. In this period, seeing bucks fighting, or "lekking", is a common but exciting occurrence. With a 6-and-a-half-month gestation period, mating in fall means newborn fawns are welcomed in the spring to longer, warmer days with plentiful food.



Recently, a Red-shouldered hawk family has taken up residence at the park. Red-shouldered hawks, like most raptors have sharp talons, which they use to capture a wide array of prey. The most common prey item for these hawks are small mammals such as rodents. However, reptiles and fish aren't in the clear. Not unlike other raptors, the Red-shouldered hawk is monogamous and highly territorial. Mating however won't begin until mid-spring with hatchings following shortly afterwards.



Along with the wildlife, vegetation has started to change colors and loose leaves. The Bald Cypress trees that give the Cypress Creek it's name are not immune to this change. In the fall, you can see these gargantuan trees lose their leaves and demonstrate their "bald" characteristic. While other plants are changing or dying, the fall aster begins to thrive. The American Beautyberry is also a characteristic plant, specifically the berries. Beautyberry blooms around the end of spring to around the middle of summer. However, these blooming flowers don't mature into their distinctive magenta berries until fall.



Spring is often thought of as the vibrant period with all shades of color and

prosperity. While it definitely does have those qualities, the fall isn't as bleak and barren as the word "fall" is often associated. In fact, many living beings prosper during this time. Not as many predators for some plants are active, making for a perfect time to sprout fruits in certain species. Many reptiles such as snakes have gone seeking shelter from the cold, meaning their prey are free to roam about.



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Events

Polar Bear Plunge

Blue Hole Polar Bear Plunge and Fun Run

JANUARY 1ST | WIMBERLEY, TX

5K & 1K!



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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (512)660-9111 AND TO REGISTER FOR THE FUN RUN, VISIT THE EVENT WEBSITE AT WWW.BLUEHOLEPOLARBEARPLUNGE.SPLASHTHAT.COM

Nature Trail & Preserve Tours

30-minute Nature Walks through the Cypress Creek Nature Trail and Preserve

FREE
Meet here at
every Saturday



Come learn about all Cypress Creek has to offer including Texas geology and native plants as well as our amazing riparian ecosystem led by a Texas Master Naturalist!

For more information, please visit the City of Wimberley website or call (512)660-9111



Questions?