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Dec. 2020 Parks & Recreation Newsletter



Celebrate the holidays safely this season across the City of Tyler Parks facilities.

- **A Victorian Christmas at the Goodman:** Step back in time and see the Goodman-LeGrand home dressed for the holidays. Located at 624 N. Broadway Ave. The museum is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Lights in the Garden:** Take a stroll through the Rose Garden and enjoy the lights. Enter through the Rose Garden Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Special holiday hours are as follows: Dec. 16 to 19, Dec. 23 and 26, Dec. 29 and 30 and Jan. 2 from 5 to 8 p.m.
- **Facilities Closures:** The following Parks facilities will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25 for the Holidays: Parks Admin, Rose Garden Center, Glass Recreation Center and the Goodman-LeGrand Museum.



Don't just toss your Christmas tree out this year! Recycle it! Each year the City of Tyler Solid Waste Department and Keep Tyler Beautiful provide two locations for Christmas tree recycling. Residents can drop off their undecorated, non-flocked natural Christmas trees in the designated areas at Golden Road Park and Fun Forest Park in Tyler.

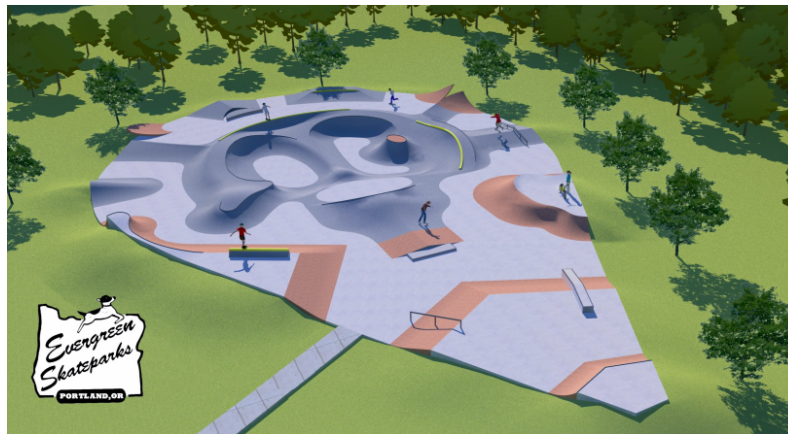
For more information, contact Belen Casillas, Keep Tyler Beautiful Coordinator at (903) 531-1335 or email bcasillas@tylertexas.com.

Golden Road Park is located at the intersection of McDonald Road and Golden Road. Fun Forest Park is located in the 900 block of North Glenwood Boulevard.

The trees at the parks are available for area fishermen to pick up and sink in nearby lakes to create fish habitats. Small fish eat the aquatic insects that find a home in the tree branches. The fish also use the trees as a hiding place. As a result, the fishing is improved around the "recycled trees" because more fish congregate in these areas.

Christmas trees will also be picked up at the curb for disposal at the landfill. Only non-flocked natural trees deposited at Fun Forest Park and Golden Road Park will be recycled. Flocking and tinsel may be hazardous to the fish and waterfowl. Flocking may also contribute to water pollution.

Christmas lights and other electrical type products are accepted at the recycling center located at 418 N. Bois D'Arc Ave. Metal Christmas Trees are **not** accepted at the recycle center.



Phase II of Faulkner Skatepark Approved

On Nov. 11, Tyler City Council awarded the bid for the construction of Phase II of Faulkner Skate Park to Evergreen Skateparks, LLC. The bid includes the furnishing of all necessary materials, equipment, superintendence and labor for an amount not to exceed \$350,000.

The 10,500 square foot skatepark concept features an expansive street terrain with ledges, rails, ramps and more. It will include all features requested by community leaders, including an easy-flow integrated with traditional street features, a lazy river-style skatepark in a circular shape and Jersey barriers.

The park will be great for users of all different skill levels and ages. The layout will create a tremendous amount of flow and speed lines throughout the park while accommodating multiple users at once.

Once construction is completed, the City's Faulkner Skate Park will have over 14,000 square feet of skating space.

Tyler Trees Committee Upcoming Events



Arbor Day will take place Jan. 16 from 8 a.m. to noon at Woldert Park, located at 701 W. 32nd St. Pre-Registration is required and spots are limited. The link will open soon, please visit the [Tyler Trees Committee webpage](#) for updates.

On Feb. 20, the Tyler Trees Committee will be hosting their annual Seedling Giveaway event at CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Hospital, South Tyler location starting at 8 a.m. until supplies are gone. Seedlings will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis.

Glass Rec. Center November Member of the Month

Glass Recreation Center wants to show our members how much we appreciate their patience and dedication while adjusting to the facility restrictions during this difficult time. **Our Member of the Month for November is Ms. Sandra Albright.**



Glass Rec. Outdoor Adventure Series



Families enjoyed a beautiful day learning about Birdwatching as part of our Outdoor Adventure Series program. The course introduced families to a variety of helpful topics such as identifying birds, field guides, binoculars and bird vocalizations. For more information about our programs, visit TylerParksandRec.com

The families that came out to our Animal Track Course had fun learning about different wild animal tracks! Ranger Boyd finished the day helping the kids make animal prints out of plaster. Visit TylerParksandRec.com to learn about our other programs.



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