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## **Harlingen Completes Construction of Sixth All-Inclusive Park**

**HARLINGEN, Texas**—When COVID-19 allows the re-opening of parks, Harlingen will have a brand new park where children with disabilities will also be able to play. The renovation of Hunter Park is now complete and Harlingen is the only City in South Texas with six All-Inclusive Parks.

Thanks to a CDBG grant, the City was able to create an improved park where children of all ages and abilities will be able to have fun. The park includes a new playground set with specialized ramping for wheelchairs, synthetic turf, and a sidewalk that connects the playground to the parking lot also for easier wheelchair access.

Mayor Chris Boswell explains the importance of having All-Inclusive Parks in the City. “Hearing a mother say that she would avoid driving past a playground because it made her son sad that he couldn’t join in the fun is pretty convincing evidence that we needed to make some changes. Every resident and taxpayer in Harlingen should be proud of our now sixth all-inclusive playground because of the simple joy now being offered to these children by inclusive play. It’s a pretty nice Christmas gift in a year when we need some extra Christmas!”

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The renovated two-acre park located at the intersection of 3rd & McGregor includes a small covered pavilion that was also revamped.

Hunter Park like all parks in the City remains closed because of COVID-19 and requirements imposed by state and county emergency orders that prohibit gatherings of 10 or more people. Walking trails are open as long as social distancing is practiced but here too, groups of 10 or more are not allowed.

City fields such as soccer, baseball, and softball also remain closed to the public while we deal with COVID-19.

The City of Harlingen remains abreast of the pandemic and will make changes accordingly. Meantime, we remind you to use the safety precautions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control of wearing a mask, social distancing, washing your hands, and staying home if you're not feeling well.



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