



PARK CONCERNS

Q: Trees are dying in Raymond Rimkus Park, especially along Huebner Creek concrete. What is the plan to save them? Will the City hire a specialist to make an overall assessment with recommendations?

A: There are no sprinklers in that area of the park and the trees are watered by rain. Due to the drought and the watering restrictions, the trees are in deteriorated condition, along with numerous other trees in the park. Public Works could water these trees with a water truck. There is a recycled water line in the park that was not being used.

Note: Staff has turned on the sprinklers and scheduled appropriate sprinkling times in an attempt to save the trees.

Q: Residents on Linklea wish to thank Public Works for the upkeep of the baseball field and would like to put in a request for more sand to be placed in the infield.

A: The Public Works Maintenance Crew is happy to help out at any time! The softball field is due for more sand as a part of the park rehabilitation project. We will be fixing the fencing, adding some netting, and putting herbicide around the infield. When the weeds have died, we will order and install the new sand.

Q: What can be done to regulate the use of 4 wheelers and the noise they create near the park?

A: The City does not have the authority to regulate the use of 4 wheelers on private property. However, the City does have an ordinance to regulate noise. Section 8.07.002 states the following:

“Prohibited noise

a) Shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue, or cause to be made or continued any loud, or unusual noise that annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of others. In determining whether a noise is loud, unnecessary, or unusual, the following factors shall be considered: time of day; whether the noise is recurrent, intermittent, or constant; the volume and intensity; whether the noise has been enhanced in volume or range by any type of electronic or mechanical means; and whether the noise is subject to being controlled without unreasonable effort or expense to the creator thereof.

b) Shall be unlawful for any person to make, assist in making, permit, continue, cause to be made or continued, or permit the continuance of any sound that either exceeds the maximum

permitted sound levels specified in Section 8.07.004 of this article or otherwise unreasonably disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of others.

c) Shall be unlawful for the keeping of any animal, fowl, or bird which, by causing frequent or long continued noise shall disturb, injure, or endanger the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of others.

d) Enumerated in the following sections of this article, among others, are declared to be loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noises in violation of this article, but such enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive.

e) This article shall not apply to any public utility or public works.”

If a citizen feels this ordinance has been violated, that citizen may file charges against those in violation. Contact your police department to file a sworn complaint and then the police department will file charges under Section 8.07.002(a).
