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Reminder of rules, regulations and safety tips for Comanche Trail Park and Lake

Public reminder: No parking, driving on grass is ever permitted

(BIG SPRING, TEXAS)- The City of Big Spring's Comanche Trail Park is a favorite outdoor spot for many of our residents, and the warm weather makes it a great place to come with family and friends on the weekend. There are, however, things the public should keep in mind for everyone's safety year-round. These are some of the rules often overlooked:

- No swimming in the lake. There are no lifeguards on duty and swimming is not allowed. No boats with motors allowed on the lake.

City code states it shall be unlawful for any person to swim or operate a motor- or power-driven boat except for an electrical-powered trolling motor, upon that portion of the city-owned body of water being a part of the lake known as Cosden Lake (Comanche Trail Lake).

- No parking on the grass. There is also no parking or driving across any grassy area of the park. Stay on the roads and in the parking lots.

"Barriers are being placed today near where the former Dora Robert's Community Center was located," said Susan Himes, Director of Community Services. "People have been driving their vehicles across the grass and over the Rose Magers Trail to be closer to the lake, which is illegal."

Himes said people walking the trail and people playing and relaxing in the area need to be protected from motor vehicles. Driving on the grass also destroys it over time and degrades the quality of both the walking trail and shoreline.

- Do not use playground equipment for anything but its intended use. Do not use equipment you are not familiar with or unsure of how to properly use. Do not climb up the interior or exterior of slides.

“We have inclusive swings at the Dora Roberts’ All Abilities Playground so children with mobility or neurological issues can still enjoy the thrill of swinging,” Himes said.

“Unfortunately, we have had to take them down for repair and they will return with instructions for use. We ask parents to read those instructions and make sure they know how to properly open and close the safety harness before placing their child in an inclusive swing.”

Himes said citizens are welcome to call for further clarification on any rule or guideline. She also said additional signs would be going up in the park over the next two weeks to remind people of the rules and regulations.

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