



### **Historical Events of the Parks and Recreation Department**

- 1973 First land dedicated for public park, Bear Creek Park, operated by Tarrant County (44 acres)
- 1989 Opening of Johnson Road Park (15 acres) in conjunction with the Keller Senior Center (4,350 sq ft) and Keller Public Library
- Parks and Recreation Board established
- 1990 Bear Creek Park under management of City of Keller
- 1991 City of Keller became one of first cities in Texas to pass an election for a 4B sales tax dedicated to parks and recreation capital improvements and establishes a 4B board, Keller Development Corporation
- 1992 City hires first Parks and Recreation Director, Kim McAdams, and began the creation of a Parks and Recreation Department
- 1993 Opening of city's first hike and bike trail, Big Bear Creek Greenbelt, Keller Smithfield Activity Node (22 acres) and Bear Creek Park renovations from Bear Creek Park to Keller Smithfield Road
- Opening of Bursey Ranch Park (1.73 acres)
- 1996 Opening of city's first public sports fields, Keller Sports Park (originally 101 acres expanding to 174 acres)
- Opening of Chase Oaks Activity Node (5 Acres)
- 1999 Opening of city's first multi-use equestrian arena at Keller Sports Park
- 2000 Opening of Willis Coves Open Space (4 Acres) to preserve wooded area within Willis Coves subdivision
- 2002 Opening of The Parks at Town Center (101 acres) in conjunction with Keller Town Hall
- 2004 Opening of city's first public recreation center and pool, The Keller Pointe, (84,000+ square feet) which resulted in the department becoming the largest city department
- 2005 Opening of city's first memorial park, Keller Veteran's Memorial Park (1.3 acres)
- 2008 Opening of Overton Ridge Park (originally 7.88 acres expanding to 20 acres)
- 2013 Renovations of the Keller Senior Activities Center including restrooms reconstruction and expansion of the kitchen and social area.
- Opening of city's first splashpad at The Keller Pointe.
- Opening of city's first outdoor fitness equipment at The Parks at Town Center playground and Johnson Road Park

*Please view opposite side for current facts about the department.*



### **Parks and Recreation Department Fast Facts**

- Department was created in 1992
- Mission Statement – Enriching our community through people, parks and programs!
- Parks & Facilities
  - 11 developed parks totaling 335.57 acres
  - 18.66 miles of hike and bike trail
  - The Keller Pointe, 87,940 square foot state of the art, operationally self sustaining recreation and aquatic center with over 10,000 individual members
  - Keller Senior Activities Center, 4,350 square feet
- Programs and Events
  - 28 special events annually with approximately 40, 000 participants
  - 2,800 programs with over 39,000 in attendance
  - 20 leagues with over 900 participants
  - 600 volunteers providing approximately 2,500 volunteer hours
  - 900 facility and pavilion reservations
- Check out our website for more information about our parks, trails, facilities, programs and events at [www.cityofkeller.com](http://www.cityofkeller.com) or contact us at 817-743-4050.

**For more information regarding the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan process, please visit [www.cityofkeller.com/kellerparksforward](http://www.cityofkeller.com/kellerparksforward)**